

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
FEBRUARY 26, 2004**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on February 26, 2004 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Vicky Kent Haire, David Lewis, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Scott Lewis, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the payroll claims and found they comply with the local salary ordinance established by the Clark County Council and the signature of proper officials is affixed stating that the hours have been worked and the amounts are due. However, there is no approved appropriation against which to charge the amount and there is no approved levy from which to pay claims. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the attached list of vendor claims and found that a properly itemized invoice or contract is attached and that the proper official has affixed a signature stating that the services have been provided. However, there is no approved appropriation against which to charge the amount and there is no approved levy from which to pay claims. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the vendor claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

Ms. Jill Saegesser and **Ms. Melissa Woods** were next on the agenda and addressed the Board in regard to **The Center for Lay Ministries**. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve invoice # 1 on project # CF-02-132 dated February 20, 2004, in the amount of twenty three thousand dollars to **River Hills Economic Development District** for an environmental review, administrative services and labor standards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

At the request of **Ms. Joan Kemper, Lifespring Mental Health Services**, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve and sign a letter of intent to begin the process of a CFF Grant application for renovation and expansion of facilities, for substance abuse, at the intersection of **Sharon Drive** and **Tenth Street, Jeffersonville**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

Ms. Jill Saegesser, River Hills Economic Development District, reported that she spoke with someone at the **Clark County Health Department** and they are proceeding to see if they are eligible for grant funds for improvements to **Utica-Sellersburg Road**.

Planning and Zoning Resolution 2-2004 (Steve & Terri Goode) to reclassify from B-3 to R-1 was called for public hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to follow the recommendation of the Plan Commission and approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and it passed 2-0.

Planning and Zoning Resolution 9-2004 (David Jerome Schuler Jr.) to reclassify from B-2 to R-1 was called for public hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to follow the recommendation of the Plan Commission and approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and it passed 2-0.

Planning and Zoning Resolution 12-2004 (James & Evelyn Burton) to reclassify from B-3 to M-1 was called for public hearing. Mr. & Mrs. Burton appeared before the Board to answer questions and requested approval from the Board. The recommendation by The Plan Commission was for approval. Commissioner Lewis reported that he is a member of the Clark County Plan Commission and voted against the rezoning because of the truck traffic that this would create. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to table this request until the meeting of March 15, 2004 at 8:30 A.M. Commissioner Haire seconded the motion and it passed 2-0.

Mr. Jeremy Mull appeared before the Board with a request to transfer fifty five thousand eight hundred ninety nine dollars and thirty two cents (\$55,899.32) from **the Indiana Drug Free Communities Fund** into Drug Prosecutor Fund (#515), for Drug Prosecutor Salary. As per statute Mr. Mull intends to take the request to the County Council after approval from the Commissioners. Mr. Mull reported that as of February 26, 2004 the balance of the Indiana Drug Free Communities Fund is two hundred forty thousand nine dollars and eighteen cents (\$240,009.18). A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

At the request of the Commissioners, **Mr. Todd Booker, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz**, appeared before the Board along with **Louie Greenwell** and **Matt Wagoner, FMSM Engineers** with an update on the County's **GIS System**. Mr. Greenwell and Mr. Wagoner specialize in county GIS systems. Mr. Greenwell reported that **County Auditor Barbara Haas, County Recorder Shirley Nolot, Clark County Health Department, County Surveyor's David Blankenbeker** and **Robert Ingrigg** worked together to get funding for this project. **The City of Jeffersonville, Town of Clarksville** and **Silver Creek Water Corporation** provided imagery. The Clark County Commissioners purchased a large program format plotter. Mr. Greenwell also reported that so far the system includes county wide parcel layers, subdivision boundary and maps, surveyor grant corners and wide aerial photography, and county wide 911 address layers for quick identity and reference. County Engineer Hyun Lee stated that he did not recommend that the County Highway Department join with the County Auditor, County Recorder and County Surveyor in working to fund the County's GIS System. He stated that he would rather the Highway Department have a separate GIS System. **Mr. Phil Melton**, who is a member of the subdivision committee, stated that among other things, the GIS System will improve the process of entering subdivisions digitally for tax purposes instead of a hard copy. Commissioner Lewis volunteered to try and coordinate the project.

Mr. John Kilmer and **Mr. Bruce Carter, Bruce Carter Associates**, appeared before the Board with an update on the **New Washington Garage** underground tank project. **Mr. John Kilmer** introduced **Mr. Jeffrey D. Fetherstun, Plews, Shadley, Rachel & Braun** who addressed the Board with a presentation in regard to the rapidly declining **ELTF fund**. The ELTF fund is the **Indiana's Underground Storage Tank Excess Liability Trust Fund** in which the County has received and expected to receive reimbursement for the New Washington garage underground tank project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign **change order # 2 on Bridge # 11 Bethany Road over Pleasant Creek**. County Attorney Scott Lewis advised that the amount of the order complies with the statutory requirements by being less than twenty percent of the original contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0. (See a copy of the order attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to sign and approve payment of a claim in the amount of two thousand seven hundred nine dollars (\$2,709.00) for professional engineering services on the **Star Hill Road Design Project**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve a **contract** between the **Clark County Plan Commission and S & H Inspections, Incorporated** for inspection services beginning March 1, 2004 and expiring December 31, 2004. The appropriation is in place through the Plan Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0. (See a copy of the contract attached.)

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve and sign an application for **Federal Funding** from the **Indiana Criminal Justice Institute**. County Attorney Scott Lewis advised that this is a pass through grant for the **YMCA** and does not require taxpayer funds. Also, he stated that this application would not interfere with any future grant applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

The Clerk's monthly report ending January 31, 2004 was submitted for the record.

The Treasurer's monthly report ending January 2004 was submitted for the record.

County Auditor expressed her appreciation to Commissioner Lewis for volunteering to champion the GIS system project for the County and suggested a meeting in the near future of the persons involved.

In regard to the **County Employee** who was called up for active military duty and the County continued to pay the employee cost of the family **voluntary insurance policies**. County Auditor Barbara Haas suggested that the Commissioners discuss the situation with the employee. County Attorney Scott Lewis advised that there isn't a requirement that the County pay the voluntary insurance policies for an employee who is called to active duty. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to allow the employee to reimburse the County in payments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0. The Commissioners requested that Country Auditor Barbara Haas discuss this decision with the employee and report back to the Board with his response.

Commissioner President Haire reported that a **Highway Department Employee** has requested a medical leave of absence until July 30, 2004. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the leave and instruct the employee to contact the **HIPPA Representative** that will be appointed later in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to appoint **Mr. Edward Culpepper Cooper** as the **County HIIPI Representative** at no cost to the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to table the appointment to the **Monroe Township Fire Protection District** until the meeting of March 15, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

Mr. Johnny Nasby attended the meeting and questioned the Board about the new vehicle wheel tax. The Board advised Mr. Nasby that the County Council imposed the **wheel tax** pursuant to I.C.6-3-5 and suggested that he direct his questions to them.

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Haire, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

VICKY KENT HAIRE, PRESIDENT

RAMOND PARKER, MEMBER

DAVID LEWIS, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR