

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
APRIL 8, 2004**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on April 8, 2004 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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

The minutes for the meetings of February 26, 2004 and March 15, 2004 were sent to County Attorney Scott Lewis and each of the Commissioners for their review prior to the meeting. In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the payroll claims and found them to comply with the local salary ordinance established by the Clark County Council and the signature of the proper official 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 the claims. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

In the next order of business County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas submitted the proof of publication on bid opening for bridge # 12. The bids were opened and reported by County Attorney Scott Lewis as follows:

American Contracting & Services Inc.	\$389,768.80
Team Contracting LLC	\$286,000.00
Temple & Temple Exc. & Paving Inc.	\$414,230.00
Gohmann Asphalt	\$276,590.45

Commissioner Parker made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award the bid at the meeting of April 22, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Ms. Melissa Woods, River Hills Economic Development District, was next on the agenda and presented the necessary documents for the Center for Lay Ministries Expansion Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign the claim vouchers for Upton Pry, Inc. on the Center for Lay Ministries Expansion Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve change order # 1 of the Center For Lay Ministries Food Bank Center general construction project increasing the contract sum (\$30,850. 95) three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars and ninety five cents which changes the amount to four hundred twenty six thousand five hundred fifty dollars and ninety five cents (\$426,550.95).

Planning and Zoning Resolution 16-2004 having been called for public hearing on March 25,2004 and tabled until this meeting was then called for public hearing. Mr. Everett (Sonny) Sprigler, the developer of this proposed project, addressed the Board regarding the question of providing funds to widen Memphis-Blue Lick Road. After discussion Mr. Sprigler agreed to the conditions requested by the Board and recommended the approval of this resolution. Commissioner Lewis moved to follow the recommendation of the Plan Commission and approve Resolution 16-2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Mr. Mike Meyer, Clark County Health Department, was next on the agenda, but did not attend the meeting.

Ms. Sharon Wilson, S. K. Wilson, was next on the agenda, but did not attend the meeting.

Dr. McClain and Ms. Weber, EmployeeCare Occupational Health, appeared before the Board with a proposal for drug/alcohol testing of the Highway Department Employees. Ms. Weber reported that they are willing to go to the site to do the testing at no extra cost and they do not require a contract. At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, a motion was made by Commissioner Parker to give approval for Mr. Lee to use the services of EmployeeCare Occupational Health for the Highway Department Employee drug/alcohol testing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Mr. Bruce Rappe and Mr. Mark Rappe, Seico Engineering, appeared before the Board in regard to the New Washington Garage Underground Tanks. At the meeting of February 26, 2004 Mr. John Kilmer and Mr. Bruce Carter, Bruce Carter Associates, appeared before the Board and at that time **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**. Because the Contract with Carter Associates has expired, the Board instructed County Attorney Scott Lewis to review the information provided by Seico Engineering in this presentation.

Mr. Scott Adams, Chairman of the Land Use Committee, Homebuilders Association of Indiana, appeared with a report on the Committee's meetings to review and critique the proposed new county subdivision ordinance. Mr. Adams reported that they are making positive progress in the meetings. Mr. Adams reported that they plan to have a meeting on April 29, 2004 and offered a choice of locations. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Adams to move forward with plans for meeting. Due to the unexpected attendance, it was agreed to plan the meeting at IUS Southeast location.

At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the request for proposals for engineering services on the Salem Noble Road Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

County Engineer Hyun Lee presented the Board with the 2004 Preliminary Road Paving List for the Clark County Highway Department. County Attorney Scott Lewis advised that a motion was not necessary on this procedure.

Commissioner Lewis reported that he spoke with Jim Snook, Juvenile Detention Director, who reported problems with a door locking device. Commissioner Lewis asked Mr. Snook to speak with the Estopinal Group regarding an estimate to repair the problem.

Under Auditor's Comments, Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Auditor asked the Board if a contract with the City of Jeffersonville regarding leasing of office space in the City-County Building had been completed. The City of Jeffersonville, having sold its lease to Clark County planning to vacate the premises on December 31, 2003. Ms. Haas advised the Board that anticipated revenue from rental of office space in this building was included in the budget numbers for the 2004 budget. She further stated that unless a contract was completed when the 2004 budget was reviewed by the Department of Local Government Finance, she would need to reduce the anticipated revenue and the budget would be reduced accordingly. Auditor Haas asked the Board to advise her if her office needed to invoice the city to rent. County Attorney Scott Lewis stated that he will contact Les Merkley Attorney for the City of Jeffersonville regarding this matter.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas reported that the problem of the employee who owed insurance premiums has been resolved.

The Auditor reminded the Board about the information that she presented to them on December 30, 2003 and February 12, 2004 pertaining to GASB 34 (A requirement regarding the value of infrastructural and the County's assets) and reported that the Auditor's Office is being audited at this time and the State Board of Accounts has mentioned it to her. The Board gave no direction at this time.

Also under Auditor's comments, Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Auditor, reported that it is necessary to re-establish Cumulative Funds in a year of reassessment and asked the Board if it wanted he to proceed with the notice to taxpayers to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund at the maximum ten cents (\$.10) and the Cumulative Bridge Fund at the maximum ten cents (\$.10). A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to direct the County Auditor to give notice to taxpayers for a public hearing on May 20, 2004 for the re-establishment of both Cumulative Funds as stated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Lewis reported that there was a meeting on the County GIS System and it was agreed at that meeting that they would present an ordinance at the next Commissioners meeting that will establish a GIS Board of Directors comprised of representatives throughout the Courthouse. This ordinance will give them authority to set a fee schedule allowing them to charge subscribers a fee for access to the GIS when it is up and running.

Due to the resignation of Loren Christman on the Drainage Board it is necessary to make a new appointment. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to table this appointment until the meeting on April 22, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Parker moved to appoint Jerry Adams to fill the unexpired term of Al Kamer to the Tri-Township Fire District Board. Said term will expire on the first Monday in January, 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Mr. Mike Harris, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, appeared before the Board with a letter of intent for Landfill Gas Utilization at the Clark County Landfill which confirms the agreement between Ameresco, Inc. and the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Harris also presented the Board with an independent Accountant's Report on applying agreed upon procedures. No action was taken by the Board.

Ms. Connie Kitts, ACE (Alliance of County Employees) Representative, presented the Board with a list of suggestions from the Employee Insurance Committee and offered the committees help to the Commissioners. (See a copy of the list attached.)

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas reminded the Commissioners that because the amount withheld from the employees for health insurance in May is to pay for coverage in June it presents a problem when the renewal date is July 1. Unless you know the amount due for July in June, how do I know the amount to withhold in June? The Board gave no direction.

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, 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