

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

August 1, 2013

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on August 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Jack Coffman, Rick Stephenson and John Perkins, County Attorney Jacob Elder, County Auditor R. Monty Snelling, Commissioners’ Secretary Allison Richey and Payroll Clerk Mischell Settles.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Stephenson and prayer was led by Auditor Snelling.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the July 24, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**Amendment to the Agenda**

Commissioner Perkins made motion to add a statement by County Attorney Elder after item D. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

County Attorney Elder read the following statement “I have been asked to prepare and read a statement concerning Mr. Jim Ross and the host fees. The Commissioners nor I will be entertaining any questions after the statement is read as there are current inquiries ongoing.

Jim Ross is an employee of Clark County, Indiana and was following orders when he filled out a 1099 and received monies from the Clark-Floyd Landfill from the previous administration. Let us be clear that Jim’s actions are not in question and the current Commissioners are pleased with his performance as Operations Manager.

Furthermore, the Commissioners knew Jim was being paid by the landfill, but did not know the money was County money. They believed Jim was contracted

by Clark-Floyd Landfill LLC, as an employee of the landfill, in addition to being employed by the County just like many County employees hold second jobs. At no time did the Commissioners have knowledge that the monies Jim received from the landfill were a supplement to his County salary income. Once this became known, the Commissioners stopped any additional payment from the landfill to Jim.”

Commissioner Perkins made motion to enter the statement into record. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

### **Approval of Claims/Payroll**

**County Auditor R. Monty Snelling** presented claims and payroll for August 1, 2013 for approval as submitted by the officeholders and department managers stating all figures had been signed, verified and funds are available. Commissioner Perkins made motion to approve claims and payroll. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

### **Public Comments Relating to the Agenda – None**

#### **I. Administrative Agenda**

**A. Pam Thompson, Clark Memorial Hospital** appeared before the Board to get approved on Ordinance No. 9-2013 An Ordinance Authorizing Clark Memorial Hospital’s Sale of Real Estate. Commissioner Stephenson made motion to approve Ordinance No. 9-2013. Commissioner Perkins seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**B. David Reinhardt, County Treasurer** appeared before the Board to ask them to reconsider a motion that was passed at the last meeting that appointed Attorney Rebecca Lockard as tax sale attorney. Treasurer Reinhardt stated at the beginning of the year Attorney Elder was supposed to do the tax sale but it was later decided a separate attorney was needed for tax sale. He stated at that time he thought Laura Harbison was supposed to handle the tax sale. Treasurer Reinhardt stated Ms. Harbison has been through training. Commissioner Perkins made motion to take Treasurer Reinhardt’s under advisement. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0. Treasurer Reinhardt asked what to do in the interim. Commissioner Perkins stated the motion stands and he should consult Rebecca Lockard until a decision is made at the next meeting.

#### **C. Matters tabled from the prior meeting**

**1. Edward Culpepper Cooper and Barbara Swank Gallegos, Neace Lukens** appeared before the Board to get approval on the Worker's Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance renewal. Commissioner Perkins made motion to approve the renewal on the Worker's Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance with Neace Lukens. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-1. Commissioner Stephenson opposed.

**D. Sheriff's Business - None**

**E. Auditor Report/Comments** Auditor Snelling submitted the Monthly Clerk's Report. Commissioner Perkins made motion to enter into record. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**F. Attorney Report/Comments - None**

**G. Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting**

Steve Mason, Community Corrections appeared before the Board to give an update on the Community Corrections programs. Mr. Mason also stated the time clock is working and employees are using it.

Councilperson Kelly Khuri asked if the charge for the insurance commissions was discussed earlier. Commissioner Stephenson gave her a copy of what was passed regarding commissions. She also asked why the insurance lapsed. Commissioner Stephenson stated that Mr. Culpepper Cooper stated the insurance would extend through August 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilperson Khuri asked if the County has to have an agent of record for insurance. She stated it isn't fiscally responsible to pay these commissions. Commissioner Stephenson stated he has talked to Neace Lukens and they stated we don't have to have an agent of record but the County would have to pay a fee for services not to exceed 5%. Commissioner Coffman stated the commissions listed are split between the agent of record and Neace Lukens. Commissioner Coffman also stated the Commissioners are having a meeting with Neace Lukens to discuss commissions and agent of record. Commissioner Coffman also stated there is a contract in place with Mr. Culpepper Cooper. Councilperson Khuri asked if it is normal to have contacts such as his. Commissioner Perkins stated it is normal for cities and counties in the state of Indiana to have personal services contracts and agents of record for insurance. Councilperson Khuri then asked if it has been past practice for Clark County to have extensive contracts. Commissioner Perkins stated that it is normal. Commissioner Coffman stated that in 2007 there was a three contract with Joe

Olson the County's previous agent of record. Councilperson Khuri stated she hopes if the County can get services for insurance without an agent or record with commissions she hopes the Commissioners will consider it.

Also present were Councilperson Brian Lenfert, Councilperson Steve Doherty and Judge Carmichael.

## **H. Ratifications and Approvals - None**

## **II. Technical Agenda**

### **A. Matters tabled from prior meeting –**

1. Attorney Elder presented the BLN Airport Road Study Contract for signature. He stated the contract amount is \$111,600.00. Commissioner Perkins made motion to approve. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

2. Commissioner Coffman requested the approval of installation of stop signs at Indiana Ave. & Clark St. in Speed. Commissioner Coffman stated that it has become a safety issue especially with school in session. Commissioner Perkins made motion to approve. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**B. Commissioner Perkins** made motion to approved Ordinance No. 10-2013 An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Clark County Zoning Map On Recommendation By The Clark County Plan Commission. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**C. Commissioner Stephenson** made motion to approved Ordinance No. 11-2013 An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Clark County Zoning Map On Recommendation By The Clark County Plan Commission. Commissioner Perkins seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

## **III. Public Comment**

**Martina Webster** asked Commissioner Stephenson if after his investigation of the County's insurance if the thought the County was getting the best deal. Commissioner Stephenson said "No."

**Tanya Stephenson** stated the new Commissioners were elected to change the system that we have. She stated the insurance agents that we have were put in power by the good ole boys system. She stated we know this isn't correct because Commissioner Stephenson has already stated earlier in the meeting that we could have gotten a better deal. She stated it seems that their hands are tied by the old Commissioners and Mr. Perkins knows what that means. Ms. Stephenson stated there were agents present today that were ready to present quotes and they didn't get a chance to speak. She stated that she feels that is a crime.

**Jim Williams** stated this is the first meeting he has attended and he plans on attending more meetings.

**Sandra Scott** 201 Meadow Dr., Sellersburg stated that feels want the taxpayers are wanting transparency, honesty and integrity in our government. Ms. Scott stated that Judge Carmichael should not have had any input on changing or altering someone's timecard. She stated that isn't a job of a judge. Ms. Scott why should a taxpayer want to give more money when money isn't being used properly.

Commissioner Perkins made motion adjourn. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

To the extent the Board held an executive session of any type under (IC-5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board thereby certified that no subject matter was discussed therein except that posted in the notice for sessions or meeting (IC-5-14-1.5-6).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

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JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT

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RICK STEPHENSON,  
VICE-PRESIDENT

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JOHN PERKINS, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

R. MONTY SNELLING,  
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR