

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 3, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on September 3, 2020, at 5 p.m. in Room 418, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Jack Coffman, Bryan Glover and Connie Sellers, County Attorney Scott Lewis, County Engineer Brian Dixon, Commissioners’ Assistant Allison Ruddell, Auditor Danny Yost.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Vissing and the prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the August 6, 2020 and August 20, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Auditor Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll for September 9, 2020. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Administrative Agenda

A. Commissioner Coffman opened a public hearing for the joint meeting between the Clark County Commissioners and the Jail Holding Corp.

Brian Lenfert opened the meeting for the Jail Holding Corp. Jail Holding Corp members present at the meeting included Brian Lenfert, Jeremy Snelling, Dennis Hill, Brian Jones, and Kevin Vissing.

Brian Lenfert motioned to approve the March and May Jail Holding Corporation Meeting Minutes. Kevin Vissing seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Attorney Scott Lewis presented the Lease Agreement. The Jail Holding Corporation is in the process of refunding outstanding bonds for the Clark County Jail. The Jail is owned by the Jail Holding Corporation and the County leases the Jail from the Holding Corporation. The lease payments from the County to the Holding Corporation are used to pay the bond payments. The refunding of the bonds will create savings, the savings will be used for infrastructure improvements at the jail.

Procedurally, to move forward, two separate motions need to be made: one to approve an amended, restated, and consolidated lease agreement between the Clark County Jail Holding Corporation (as the lessor) and the Clark County Indiana (as the lessee) and a second to approve a Resolution approving the form of a lease with the Clark County Jail Holding Corporation and taking certain other actions regarding the lease and the issuance of bonds.

Landon Baird, a financial advisor of the County, explained that the 2007, 2013, and 2013 refunding bonds will be consolidated into one lease, along with the funding for the boiler project. The savings from refinancing the 2007 and the two 2013 bonds will amount to \$275,000-\$300,000 in interest reduction. The additional interest from the new boiler project is around \$100,000. The debt levy will remain the same as it has been in recent years. The Jail Holding Corporation Debt is expected to be paid off in the next 6 pay years. The expected borrowing cost is below 1%.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the Resolution 6-2020, a Resolution approving the form of a lease with the Clark County Jail Holding Corporation and taking certain other actions regarding the lease and the issuance of bonds. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve an amended, restated, and consolidated lease agreement between the Clark County Jail Holding Corporation

(as the lessor) and Clark County Indiana (as the lessee). Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Kevin Vissing, of the Jail Holding Corporation, motioned to approve Jail Holding Corporation Resolution 1-2020. Jeremy Snelling seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Commissioner Sellers motioned to change Monty Snelling to Jeremy Snelling as a member of the Jail Holding Corporation, listed in the resolution. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Since no other action was needed, Commissioner Coffman closed public hearing of the Joint Meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners and the Jail Holding Corporation.

Brian Lenfert, of the Jail Holding Corporation, presented the energy savings agreement for mechanical upgrades in the jail. Items that will be upgraded included air handlers, chillers, boilers, and control systems. Jeremy Snelling motioned to approve the energy savings contract. Denny Hill seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Brian Jones motioned to adjourn the Jail Holding Corporation meeting. Kevin Vissing. Motion approved 5-0.

B. Commissioner Coffman presented the bid opening for the Salt Storage Building at the 403 Garage.

Attorney Scott Lewis stated that 3 public sealed bids were received. Each of the three bids included the required bid bond, pursuant to Indiana law. The first bid, in the amount of \$151,000, was from Etheridge Construction LLC, located at 2606 Bennett Ave, Jeffersonville, Indiana. The second bid, in the amount of \$197,445, was from Haire construction LLC, located at 11214 Decimal Drive Louisville, KY. The third bid, in the amount of \$169,150, was from central Structures, located at 6724 Hogpath Road Greenville, OH. Commissioner Glover motioned to take the bids under advisement, for review by County Engineer Brian Dixon. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

C. Judge Vicki Carmichael of the Security Committee, presented the quote from Orion for Fiber Cabling for the Camera System. This fiber cabling, in the amount of \$4,091.55, will allow the Sheriff's department to have access to the security camera system. The cameras could then be monitored 24/7. There is cash available in the IT Fund, but it may need to be appropriated by the County Council. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the quote from Orion for the fiber cabling for the camera system, contingent upon Council approval of an additional appropriation, if needed. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

D. Doug Bentfield, with the Health Department, presented Ordinance 16-2020, an ordinance establishing the Epidemiology and Laboratory capacity for infectious diseases grant fund, #8901. The State is currently running the Clarksville Testing site, but it is unknown how much longer this will last. The state is giving the county \$200,000 to start operating a county-ran testing site. Clark Memorial and Lifesprings will be doing testing for the county. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve Ordinance 16-2020. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Jonie Stricker, who lives at 816 County Road 160 Charlestown, Indiana, discussed an animal control issue. She would like to know the policies and procedures that the Clark County Animal Control would take after bringing in a dog. She had done extensive research to find the information, but cannot find it for Clark County. Every other county in Indiana has this information listed. Attorney Scott Lewis presented her with the Animal Control Ordinance, 3-1989. This must be read in conjunction with the policies and procedures of the J.B. Ogle Animal Shelter, since Clark County does not own their own animal shelter.

Mrs. Stricker stated that the ordinance states, "if by license, tag, or other means. the owner can be identified, an attempt should be made to contact the owner by telephone". Her dog is microchipped and she never received a call about her dog. She contacted the shelter many times. Her dog never made it to the shelter, it was held in a barn on Highway 62 for 7 to 8 days, which was detailed in an investigative report. Commissioner Coffman stated that each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the HR Director have reviewed the report. Since this is a personnel issue, it is confidential, and the County is

reviewing what action to take. Commissioner Sellers stated that it is her understanding that the Shelter was closed at the time the dog was brought in. This is upsetting because the county is paying for use of the shelter. Mrs. Stricker says that many of the people who are mentioned in the report contradicted themselves. She called the shelter herself and they stated that they were closed to the public, but not to animal control. Mrs. Stricker stated that she does not feel comfortable with the current animal control employees and she believes their licenses should be revoked.

F. Matters tabled from prior meeting:

Attorney Scott Lewis presented Ordinance 17-2020, an ordinance vacating a portion of existing Camp Creek road a public way. Nugent Sands was able to come to an agreement with the adjoining property owner about the easement. A public hearing on the matter was completed at the last meeting, but the ordinance was tabled until both parties were satisfied with the terms of the easement. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve Ordinance 17-2020. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

G. Sheriff Business: The current jail population is 342.

H. Auditor Reports/Comments: None.

I. Attorney Scott Lewis presented the Plan Commission Contract. Stacia Franklin, the Executive Director of Planning and Zoning, is leaving her position on September 27th to accept a different position. The Plan Commission would like to hire Stacia as a part-time contracted consultant starting September 28, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This would be paid for out of the Planning and Zoning Non-reverting Fund and any contracts that are being paid out of this fund, must be approved by the commissioners. The contract would pay Stacia \$2,000 per month for her services. Commissioner motioned to approve the Plan Commission Contract to pay Stacia Franklin as a part-time contracted consultant out of the Planning and Zoning Non-reverting Fund. Commissioner seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Attorney Scott Lewis presented the GIS Contract. For many years the County has had a contract with Elevate for GIS services. Elevate was recently purchased by Schneider Geospatial and the county's current contract expires this year. The new proposed contract with Schneider Geospatial locks in the rate of \$52,476 per year. This is paid for by subscription fees. Commissioner motioned to approve the GIS Contract with Schneider Geospatial in the amount of \$52,476 per year through December 31, 2025. Commissioner seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Attorney Scott Lewis presented the MOU for the extension of the Lease Agreement for the Community Corrections Building. Community Corrections currently rents a space located at 1458 E. 10th Street in Jeffersonville. Their current lease expires soon. The proposed lease extension would be from 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2020 at \$2,472 per month. This is a 3% increase from their current lease. Commissioner motioned to approve the MOU for the extension of the Lease Agreement for the Community Corrections Building to be paid for by the Commissioners from Cum Cap. Commissioner seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

J. Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting: None.

K. Ratifications and Approvals: None.

L. Appointments: None.

II. Technical Agenda:

Brian Dixon presented the INDOT Extension Agreement for Bethany Road. Since Bethany Road is still under construction, contracts need to stay open. This is just an extension of dates to comply with INDOT, there is no money involved. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the INDOT Extension Agreement for Bethany Road. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Brian Dixon presented the Lochmueller Group Amendment #8 for Bethany Road. This is for bridge review, in the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the Lochmueller Group Amendment #8 for Bethany Road. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Brian Dixon presented the United Consulting Supplemental Agreement #1 for Bridge Inspection in the amount of \$11,988.15. A few bridges require inspections every year, instead of every two years. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve Supplemental Agreement #1 for Bridge Inspection. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

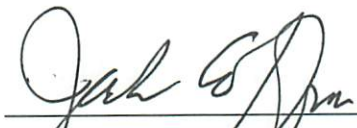
Brian Dixon presented Duke Energy's request to cut down some trees near the Brown Station Way, McCullough Pike, and Lewis and Clark intersection near Bridge 160. Most of the trees they are wanting to cut down are Ash trees that have died. In order to cut down the trees, Duke energy needs authorization to be on the right of way. Brian Dixon said that he will ask that they haul the trees away after they cut them down. Commissioner Glover motioned to authorize County Engineer Brian Dixon to authorize the removal of the trees by Duke Energy in the requested area. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Public Comments: None.


Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Glover 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 hereby 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



JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT



CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



BRYAN GLOVER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY September 3, 2020
ATTEST: 
DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR