

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA  
NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana, met in Regular Session on November 15, 2007, in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Edward Meyer, Ralph Guthrie, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, Attorney Dan Moore, Secretary Kristi James, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

**County Recorder Contract**

At the meeting of October 18, 2007, **County Recorder Richard Jones** made a request for the Board to approve contracts with **Manatron, Incorporated**, for computer software, implementation and training. Mr. Jones stated that the funding for the contracts is in place from the Recorder's Fund. At this time Recorder Jones submitted the two contracts for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to approve the contracts as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

**Joe Olson, Insurance Agent of Record**

At the recommendation of **Clark County Insurance Agent of Record Joe Olson**, Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve and sign a letter to **Humana Cobra Continuation Department** requesting survivorship benefits for **Sara Becher**, widow of **Michael L. Becher** per **Ordinance # 13-1997**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0.

## **County Assessor Vicki Kent Haire**

**County Assessor Vicki Kent Haire** attended the meeting to advise the Board she has interviewed several prospective vendors which would work to get the Assessor in compliance with the Auditor. The company that she has chosen is Xsoft Company, and Assessor Haire reported that it is an all inclusive contract that would cost one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000.00). Assessor Haire stated that in the future she would be requesting help to fund the contract. No action was needed at this time.

**County Assessor Vicki Kent Haire** made a request, because of their workload in her office, for one of her employees to collect one week of their vacation pay and work the same week for time and one half pay. The Board agreed to give Assessor Haire an answer in two weeks at their next meeting.

**County Assessor Haire** made a request for the Commissioner's to consider taking action in the future to require developers to provide subdivision plats on a digital format when they are brought in to be recorded. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

## **Approval of Claims**

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the payroll claims and found that they comply with the local salary ordinance established by the Clark County Council and the proper official has affixed a signature stating that the hours have been worked and the amounts are due. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0.

At the meeting of October 18, 2007, a claim was submitted for food provided for a staff meeting. The Board instructed Auditor Haas to notify the employee that it is not county policy to pay for food for staff meetings and more information is required when claims are submitted. The Commissioners did not receive a response from the employee regarding the claim before the meeting of November 1, 2007, or this meeting. Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to deny the claim as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0.

## **Employee Insurance Committee**

**Connie Kitts** spoke to the Commissioners representing the County **Employee Insurance Committee**. Ms. Kitts reported that the members of the committee are very happy with **Joe Olson, County Insurance Agent of Record**, and are happy with the Board's decision to follow the recommendation of Mr. Olson and contract with Humana at the one and one half percent increase with no increase in the employee contribution and pay the additional ten dollars on the retiree's contribution of the premium.

Commissioner Moore questioned whether the balance in the insurance reverting fund grows. Auditor Haas explained that the balance fluctuates by when the billing is done.

**Mike Harris, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz**, presented the Board with a proposed revision of a contract with **Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz**, for construction inspection services and a proposed revision of a contract with **Fuller, Mossburger, Scott and May (FMSM)** for preconstruction testing services. Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve the contract revisions and pay the increase out of the **Landfill Improvement Fund**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0.

## **Clark County Work Release**

**Steve Mason, Director Clark County Work Release Center**, and **Ryan McGregor, Director of Community Corrections**, submitted a contract with **Career Beginnings, Inc.** for the sixty days and out program for inmates and a contract with **William Clark** for computer labor in the work release facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve and sign the contract with Career Beginnings, Inc. to be paid out of the project income. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve and sign the Contract with William Clark to be paid from the project income. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Steve Mason, Director Clark County Work Release Center,** submitted a maintenance agreement between the **Clark County Community Supervision Program** and the Sheriff of Clark County for the third floor of the **Michael L. Becher Adult Correction Complex.** Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0. The Commissioners instructed **Steve Mason, Director Clark County Work Release Center,** to split the invoices in written form, for the utility bills with the Sheriff based on the percentage of the building housing the Work Release Center.

The Commissioners instructed Secretary Kristi James to contact the **Jail Nurse Practitioner Denise Brooks** and ask her to attend the Commissioner's next meeting to discuss a contract for **Juvenile Detention Center** that was sent to Commissioner President Meyer.

Auditor Haas reported that she is in possession of the **1782 Notice from the State.** A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie and seconded by Commissioner Moore to not appeal the Commissioner's budget cuts from the State. The motion was passed 3-0.

The Commissioners instructed County Engineer Hyun Lee to respond to a request by a representative of **Petroleum Traders** requesting information about the 2007 gasoline and diesel fuel bid and purchases.

Attorney Moore reported that he met with the **Health Department Administrator Mike Meyer** and its Attorney Jim Kaiser. He said **Mr. Kizer** would soon be presenting the Commissioners with an updated public safety ordinance. He said the Board would receive advance copies from Mr. Kiser.

**Melanie McNames, Assistant Manager Clark County Airport,** stated that the **Air Board** is not going to appeal their budget cuts from the State.

County Engineer Hyun Lee presented the Board with the list of the **Snow/Ice Control Equipment** for the **Clark County Highway Department** listing the individual trucks and description of the equipment.

At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to sign and approve a contract with **Bernardin, Lockmuller and Associates, Inc.** for the rehabilitation of **Bethany Road** between **State Road 62** and **State Road 403**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0. Mr. Ballard is Attorney for such road & Highway Projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meyer to ratify the agreement to snow plow and salt the roads in **Sunset Hills Subdivision**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

**Brian Dixon, Clark County Drainage Board**, gave a brief summary and a letter of his assessment and recommendations for the drainage issues in the **Sunset Hills Subdivision** and made a recommendation that to correct the problem easements will need to be granted. Attorney Moore advised that the Drainage Board be provided complete cost information including the surveyor information including time and materials need. Commissioner Moore offered to go door to door when it is time to acquire easements. Mr. Dixon agreed to get the information for the Commissioners and Drainage Board with a "not to exceed" cost.

**Mr. Don Perkins, 1329 Chapel Lane, New Albany, Indiana**, submitted a copy of an article that was published in the **Evening News and Journal** and a handout in support of the **Happel Family** regarding the **Clark County Airport**. He spoke in favor of Mr. Happel's work there.

The Commissioner asked Dan Moore to contact **Mapquest** to make them aware of a problem with their directions in **Charlestown**. The **Mapquest** directions guide semi trucks into a residential area that is not wide enough for the trucks and personal residential property is being damaged. Attorney Moore said he would make an attempt at this (but Commissioner Guthrie acknowledged how difficult this might be).

## **Plan Commission Workshop**

Attorney Moore reported that, as instructed, **Bernardin, Lockmuller and Associates** sent the latest **Microsoft Work File** for all three phases of **Clark County Zoning Ordinance, Clark County Subdivision Control Ordinance, and Clark County Comprehensive Plan** to **Robert Isgrigg** who is a member of the **Clark County Plan Commission**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Moore to appoint **Paul Coffman** to the **Clark County Board of Zoning Appeals**. The motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to sign and approve the **Petition Remonstrating Against the Annexation of Area B Into the City of Jeffersonville**. Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion and it passed 2-0-1 with an abstention by Commissioner Guthrie.

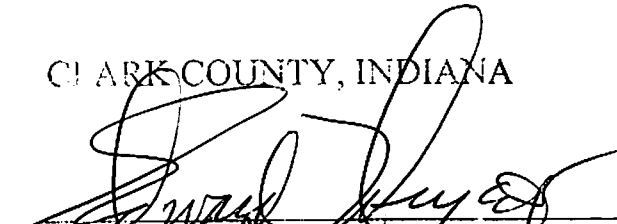
**Melanie McNames, Assistant Manager of Clark County Airport**, recommended that the Commissioners contact **Congressman Baron Hill's Office** regarding a military exercise that took place in the air above the **Sellersburg Area**. Ms. McNames stated that the airport received numerous calls from residents who were scared because it was so loud and they flew so low.

To the extent the Board held an executive session of any type under (I C 5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby certifies that no subject matter was discussed therein except that posted in the notice for session or meeting (I C 5-14-1.5-6.1).

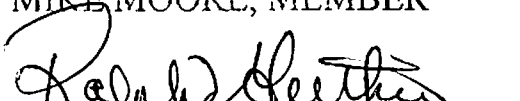
There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie and seconded by Commissioner Moore to adjourn. The motion was passed 3--0.

**BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

  
EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

  
MIKE MOORE, MEMBER

  
RALPH GUTHRIE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

*Dec 13, 2007*

ATTEST:

  
BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS  
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR