

REGULAR MEETING

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 4th 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on August 4th, 2022, at 5 p.m. in Meeting Chambers, Room 103, Clark County Government Center, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Bryan Glover and Connie Sellers, County Attorney Scott Lewis, Commissioners Assistant Sabrina Corbin, Clark County Engineer Brian Dixon, and Auditor Danny Yost.

Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer were led by Commissioner Glover.

Commissioner Glover introduced Sabrina Corbin, new Administrative Assistant to the Board of Commissioners and the County Attorney, and welcomed her to the team.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the July 21st, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0. Commissioner Glover noted that Commissioner Coffman was absent, due to being under the weather.

Auditor Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll, as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Commissioner Glover asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. There were none. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

I. Public Comment: None.

II. New Business

A. Judicial Center Renovations – Bid Award was presented by County Attorney Lewis. A public bid opening was held on Tuesday, July 26th. A Bid Tabulation

was included in the meeting packet. Three bids were received: Koetter Construction; AML Construction; and Parco Constructors Group LLC. The bids included a Base amount, Alternative 1; and Alternative 2. Amanda Hunsucker and Hal Kovert, architectural consultants, who designed the renovations, with TowerPinkster, recommend accepting the bid of AML Construction, the lowest responsive bidder, in the Base amount of \$998,000; Alternative 1 in the amount of \$621,000 (4th floor renovation) and \$22,500 (security desk removal), for a grand total of \$1,641,500. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to accept the bid of AML Construction in the amount of \$1,641,500, which includes the base and 2 alternatives. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

B. Ordinance (No. 15-2022) Establishing Health Department Grant Fund was next on the agenda. Doug Bentfield, with the of the Clark County Health Department, said Fund 8237, was from the Corona Virus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The gist is to buy a lead testing machine for children. Right now, it requires a finger prick; placing a sample on five different index cards; mailing them to the State; and waiting for two weeks to get the results. It was a nightmare in the first place (hard enough to prick the kids' finger). The proposed machine would provide the test results right away, and if there was a high lead level, the treatment could start sooner. The cost of the equipment was the majority of the grant. The second component was educating the community about lead sources, such as in the home, lead paint, and to identify other sources where children may be exposed. This was the nuts and bolts of the grant. Commissioner Sellers asked what the grant name was. Attorney Lewis said the source of funding was money from the Corona Virus State Fiscal Recovery. However, the actual program name was Health Issues and Challenges Grant Fund. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the program, Health Issues and Challengers Grant Fund (#8287), Ordinance 15-2022. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

C. Karen Goodwell, Director of Human Resources, presented the Health Insurance Plan Documents, which she and Carolyn Steward of Assured Partners had reviewed. First was the Amendment to Plan Management Agreement, signature page 5, and followed by attachments for pharmacy management. Attorney Lewis said these were routine amendments, which he had reviewed and approved. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the Amendment to Plan Management Agreement, and allow the Board of

Commissioners President to sign. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Second was the Amendment to Group Stop-Loss Policy. Karen said she and Carolyn Steward of Assured Partners had also reviewed this document, which is Amendment No. 9, effective August 1, 2022. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve Amendment No. 9, effective August 1, 2022, for the Group Stop-Loss Policy, and allow Bryan Glover, as President to sign. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

D. Professional Engineering Services Agreement – Bridge No. 24 was presented by Brian Dixon, County Engineer. He said the bridge was on Hebron Church Road, and after the April inspection received a Superstructure Deficiency rating of 4 (poor). Therefore, the bridge needs to be considered for removal and replacement soon. The Engineer said he is recommending U.S.I. for the Professional Engineering Servicing Agreement, in the not to exceed amount of \$40,000. The project needs to be designed, in order to prepare an estimate for the project. Commissioner Glover asked if there is a good detour, if the bridge is removed. Brian responded, not really, as it would add a few miles around this particular bridge. Brian said the new load rating, based upon the Indiana Dept. of Transportation instructions, has been posted. The Engineer said he had already been contacted by Mark Furnish, who is responsible for the local fire department. Mr. Furnish said their firetrucks would likely exceed the load limit. Attorney Lewis said the agreement was proposed at an hourly rate, not to exceed \$40,000. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the Professional Engineering Services Agreement – Bridge 24, with U.S.I., in the not to exceed amount of \$40,000. Commission Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

E. INDOT Report of Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance – Bethany Road was next on the agenda. County Engineer Dixon said the final Bethany Road inspection was conducted on November 8, 2021, with a few minor last minute items, such as grass growing, remaining. INDOT has said everything is now acceptable. Mr. Dixon requested approval of, and signatures on the Recommendation for Acceptance. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve and sign the Bethany Road Acceptance document. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

F. Attorney Lewis presented the State FSSA Contract for Adult Protective Services. He said this was an annual contract between the State of Indiana, the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and the Board of Commissioners. The State FSSA, Division of Aging, funds the Adult Protective Services, in the amount of \$238,921.13. As the executive, the Board of Commissioners is required to join in with the Prosecutor for this particular contract. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the contract between the State of Indiana, Clark County Prosecutor, and the Clark County Board of Commissioners for Adult Protective Services, in the amount of \$238,921.13. Commission Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

G. (a) ARPA Subrecipient Agreements were presented by Attorney Lewis. The Commissioners had previously pledged \$290,000 for the Marysville-Otisco-Nabb Water Corporation 8" water main extension project. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement and allow Bryan Glover to execute the document. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

(b) ARPA Subrecipient Agreement with Town of Borden was next. Attorney Lewis said the Commissioners had recently pledged \$1,000,000 to the Town of Borden, specifically for sanitary sewer extension to the Starlight geographic area (up the hill). Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with the Town of Borden. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

III. Old Business: None

IV. Reports - Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting

A. Auditor: None

B. Attorney: None

C. Highway Department:

Brian Dixon, County Engineer, presented the following:

1) The Commissioners should have a copy of the brief summary of the inspection findings from the April bridge inspections. Clark County has received above average marks on every metric used to evaluate the bridges overall. However, there were four bridges identified as needing some attention. Bridge #89 is done. A contract was just signed for Bridge #24. Bids are scheduled to be received tomorrow (August 5th) for Bridge #35. The County is moving forward on three of the four identified bridges. He was waiting to address the fourth bridge (#59), until probably November or December, to give contractors an equal opportunity to bid/participate on the project.

The County was told to post signs, based upon load limits. Signs were placed, and the County was told to put up extra signs. The County has until August 31st to complete the postings. Commissioner Glover asked how many bridges were in the County. Mr. Dixon responded 147, and the State took issue with 4. Commissioner said only 4 out of 147, is pretty good. Mr. Dixon agreed: 1 done; 1 under contract; 1 receiving bids on August 5th; and one deferred until November or December.

D. Sheriff: The current jail population is 569.

E. Elected Officials:

Susan Popp, Clark County Clerk, and William Vissing, Technician for election equipment, addressed the Commission. Clerk Popp said she previously talked with Attorney Lewis about purchasing new election equipment, even with a touch pad, etc., really doing an overhaul of what the County now has. She thanked the Commissioners for their previous approval of the poll pads, which changed everything. They have been fantastic, and they're able to do so much more. However, during her research, she learned the M100s, scanner and tabulator, (the County's current equipment) are no longer for sale and cannot be marketed. The next generation of M100s is the DS200. She also learned that Clark and Crawford Counties are the only two counties left using the M100. Research indicated the County could stay with their current system and move to the next generation DS200, 40 new machines at a cost of \$255,000. The estimated cost to move to Express Vote was \$1.3 million. Express Vote would provide a ballot. Then there would be two types of ballots at the polls, and given the current environment, this could create more suspicion of the voting system.

Mr. Vissing said there were a lot of problems last year with the M100s. The public test was a nightmare, and a lot of people were at the polls one or twice, and the machine would not work. He said he doesn't trust the machines (M100), and they break down so easily. He said the machines are tested prior to the election; moved to the polls; then they fail and have to be swapped/exchanged out.

Commissioner Glover asked if the 40 machines were wanted for the mid-term election. Clerk Popp responded yes.

Commissioner Glover said since the DS200 is similar to the M100, how will this affect the learning curve. Clerk Popp said the DS200 is actually easier, as it has prompts through the entire process.

Commissioner Glover asked if the pictures/scans of the ballots are stored locally or transmitted. Clerk Popp said they were not transmitted, and stored on media. She said the scanner/tabulator is separate from the poll pads. The poll pads, with internet, are required to transmit data to the State of Indiana, to ensure no one votes twice.

Commissioner Glover asked if this would eliminate all the M100s. Clerk Popp said per state law, two types of machines cannot be used at the same time.

Commissioner Glover asked, for storage purposes, if the DS200 is smaller than the M100. Mr. Vissing responded, not really.

Commissioner Sellers asked if funding was in the budget. Attorney Lewis said funds were available in the Polling Location budget, which includes salaries and equipment. Also, if the cost had been under \$150,000 then quotes would have been sufficient. However, since the cost is over \$150,000, a Request for Bids, must be published, and the Bids must be sealed.

After further discussion, Commissioner Sellers made a motion to authorize Attorney Lewis to proceed with the publication of Notice to Bidders, and all necessary actions to receive sealed bids for the purchase of new election equipment. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Clerk Popp said that it was essentially an upgrade, versus a whole new system. Therefore, it might be difficult to receive more than one bid. Commission Glover said that since the County Council meets on Monday, the 8th, fund availability can be confirmed.

Commissioner Glover asked if there was anything else? Mr. Vissing said he would prefer to receive bids for 45 voting machines. This would provide a buffer if locations were busy, or equipment failed. Clerk Popp agreed.

V. Other Business: None

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

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



BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT



CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY September 1, 2022

ATTEST: 

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR