

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 23rd, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on May 23rd, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 103, Clark County Government Building, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Connie Sellers and Jack Coffman, County Attorney R. Scott Lewis, Auditor Danny Yost and Commissioners’ Assistant Sabrina Corbin. Bryan Glover was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Bentfield. Prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the May 9th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll for May 23rd, 2024. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Commissioner Sellers asked for any amendments to the agenda. There was one amendment. Clark-Floyd Landfill Piezometer Installation Agreement with Eagon will be added as Item J. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

I. Public Comments:

Kelly Khuri – Kelly wanted to discuss the Clark County Employee Handbook. “I noticed that in the new handbook that FMLA has changed. In order to receive FMLA, you have to be in a facility to care for your loved one. Years ago, I took FMLA to take care of my mother in her home because it was the best thing for her situation. I’m curious as if the law as changed or if you all would consider revising that section of the handbook.” Kelly thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Kaitlyn Blessitt – Kaitlyn was here to discuss about the Board of Health Appointments. “I was happy to see Bryan Glover at the EMS committee. I understand that we have to fill some Health Board positions. They have struggled to operate efficiently. I just had a little input there. I do not believe that Ron Grooms is the appropriate appointment.” Commissioner Coffman stated, “Ron is not eligible for the board.” Kaitlyn resumed her public comment, “I don’t know much about the other two candidates. Kathleen seems very impressive. We have a lot of need to get up to speed with policies so somebody who is running larger administrative processes at the hospital would be a good selection in my opinion.” Kaitlyn thanked the Commissioners for their time.

II. New Business:

- A. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the TEFRA Public Hearing for Landfill Bond Issuance. Tax exempt bonds have a procedural requirement where there must be a public hearing concerning the financing. Commissioner Sellers opened a public hearing.

Linda Van Hook – “I live directly across the mountain of the Landfill. I don’t understand if they are using this bond to expand but it’s pretty interesting to me to see who uses the Landfill and how large it is growing. When does the County think it’s going to be enough in terms of size of the Landfill? I have in my possession the class action lawsuit settlement. This is the second time that I am aware of a lawsuit. I am also eager to understand if the Landfill is being used by River Ridge. I am concerned that the Clark County Landfill may double in size before the expansion is over with.” Linda thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Kelly Khuri – “Listening to Linda speak brought to mind some things for me. I talked to Bob from the Landfill, and he said all of River Ridge is going there. The revenue from the landfill that are coming in now, what do those look like? Are they paying off the bond with revenue? What is our ratio on that bond with our debt? Are we getting enough revenue to pay it off and when do we pay it? I’d like to have some answers and I understand this is just a comment period.” Kelly thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Commissioner Sellers closed the public hearing.

- B.** Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer, presented the Syringe Services Program Renewal for the Health Department. The program had over a 95% return rate. This is the one place where some Clark County residents can count on access to healthcare. The Health Department has done over 700 HIV tests, 270 Hep-C tests and have started testing for Syphilis. They gave over 850 Narcan doses to our citizens through the program. Several thousand referrals for treatment. 44% of our patients in the program report being in some other type of treatment program. The Program Renewal will be a two-year period that expires on June 9th, 2026. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Syringe Services Program Renewal for the Health Department. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.
- C.** LeeAnne Howe, Director of Human Resources, presented the County Employee Handbook Revisions Approval. The Handbook and all of the policies are FMLA compliant. Budget Printing will print the County Employee Handbook with a not to exceed amount of \$1,500.00. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the County Employee Handbook Revisions. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.
- D.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Bid Award and Agreement for Salem Noble Road / High Jackson Paving Project. E & B Paving was the low bidder in the amount of \$612,900.00 for the base bid and with an alternative bid of \$21,764.00. Motion by Commissioners Coffman to approve the Bid Award and Agreement for Salem Noble Road / High Jackson Paving Project with E & B Paving based on the recommendations of the County Engineer. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.
- E.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Approval of Right-of-Way Encroachment at 13710 Deer Field Crossing. Jason Copperwaite was here to represent The Point at Memphis LLC. One of the buildings on the property does not provide enough space for sufficient parking. Jason passed out a detailed map of Deer Field Crossing and how the parking lot slightly encroaches the right-of-way. The BZA approved the encroachment before it came to the Commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Right-of-Way Encroachment at 13710 Deer Field Crossing. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

F. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Integrity One – Annual Records Software Renewal for the Clerk’s Office. The total cost for the yearly renewal is in the amount of \$7,822.59. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Integrity One – Annual Records Software Renewal for the Clerk’s Office. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

G. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Quadient Purchase Agreement with Central Business Systems Meter Rental Agreement for Clerk’s Office. This is for the purchase of a new mail machine for the Clerk’s Office. The total cost of the machine is in the amount of \$21,302.50. Meter rental is in the amount of \$77 per month. A yearly maintenance fee is also required in the amount of \$3,912.00. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Quadient Purchase Agreement with Central Business Systems Meter Rental Agreement for Clerk’s Office. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

H. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Traffic Control Ordinance Amendment for the Installation of Stop Signs. This is Ordinance 11-2024. Based on the recommendation by the County Highway Department that the 3-way stop at Early Sunset Dr and Serenity Dr in Memphis around Sunset Hills. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve Ordinance 11-2024 for the Traffic Control Ordinance Amendment for the Installation of Stop Signs. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion Approved 2-0.

I. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Board of Health Appointments. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to appoint Dr. Arthur Boerner to the Board of Health. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

Motion by Commissioner Coffman to appoint Josh Hillman. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

J. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Clark-Floyd Landfill Piezometer Installation Agreement with Eagon. The total cost for the installation of six

piezometers is in the amount total of \$28,475.52. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Clark-Floyd Landfill Piezometer Installation Agreement with Eagon. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

III. Old Business: None

IV. Reports:

A. Auditor: None.

B. Attorney: None.

C. Highway Department: None.

D. Sheriff: The current jail population is 444, 42 are Federal Inmates.

E. Elected Officials & Department Heads: Commissioner Coffman wanted to invite everyone to the Star Valley Strawberry festival from 10 a.m to 9 p.m on Saturday the 25th of May.

V. Other Business: None.

VI. Public Comments: None.

VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Sellers entertained the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

Absent

BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT

Connie Sellers

CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT

Jack Coffman
JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY June 6, 2024

ATTEST: Danny Yost

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR