

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 6th, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on June 6th, 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 Chris Fox. Prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the May 23rd, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll for June 6th, 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 were no amendments. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

I. Public Comments:

William Fehribach – William owns a building in Henryville with an address of 104 North Ferguson Street. William gave a brief history of Dean Alley in Henryville. William has faced many challenges since owning this property. He has been continuously harassed. He asked the Commissioners to maintain the road or to vacate it.

Kelly Khuri – Kelly was here to provide some information on the Utica Fire Protection District. “There will be no movement on that board. There has been discussion with other fire departments about the contract. We need to discuss about

appointing two other people. I've been looking for people but it hasn't been too serious because I'm not sure if there are other arrangements. I would like to see the Commissioners and the County Attorney, call a meeting with the board members and to see how we can proceed from there." Kelly thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Larry Mahaney – Larry was here to provide his concerns with the EMS contract. "I know New Chapel has had the contract since I believe 2020. The terms were six ambulances for 911 coverage at all times. I know that you have said you haven't received any complaints with the response times. To me, you are not doing your jobs if you are waiting for a complaint in order to mitigate a known problem. I'm wondering why no effort was put into investigating why there were no response issues. I'd like to know why the Commissioners who issued the contract have done nothing to enforce the terms of the contract." Larry thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Neal Spencer – Neil was here to provide some information on Solar with a handout of a packet and his concerns on Tunnel Mill Rd. "I feel like there has been a lot of misinformation going around so I wanted to clarify a few things. The packet I handed out is for you all to go over. My second issue is the horse manure up on Tunnel Mill Rd. I got into church one Sunday and smelt horse manure. I thought it was someone else but when I looked down, it was on my pant leg. I must've got it on my leg when getting out of the car. There is a slurry of horse manure up on that road that is coming from the Amish. There were fourteen piles on that road and you can vaguely see the yellow line on that road." Neal thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Dr. Eric Yazel – Dr. Yazel was here to provide some clarity on the Health Department and issues with New Chapel EMS. "We want to make sure we are transparent with our community. New Chapel has experienced some shortages but they are doing things to help their capabilities to respond. There is a perception that if you call 911 then someone may not show up. We are increasing our transparency with the response times. We will receive a report every month that we will post online. The response times have been consistent the past few years, give or take a minute in each direction. We put more of an emphasis on Jot forms which are individual run reports. We want to reassure the public that there is oversight going on and that we are working for not just short-term but long-term solutions." Dr. Yazel thanked the Commissioners for their time.

II. New Business:

- A.** John Launius, Vice President and Director of Economic Development for One Southern Indiana, presented the One Southern Indiana – Economic Development Update. John highlighted many important statistics and insights on the growth of Clark County. One Southern Indiana specializes in attraction of new businesses, expanding existing businesses, and retaining existing businesses. The last few years have shown tremendous growth in the trends of Economic Development. The requested building size and the acreage size of projects have grown exponentially. There is a need for much larger buildings and acreages for projects compared to the past five years. There were 130 new economic development projects in 2023. That number is up 16 from the year prior. The efforts in 2023 have produced 2,505 new jobs, over 1 billion dollars in new capital, and \$134 million for added payroll in Clark County. The average wage in Clark County has increased from \$23.00 in 2022 to \$24.44 in 2023. One Southern Indiana boasts a \$397.39 ROI for each \$1 invested. \$9,695,776 Investments received to over \$4,184,453,231 in new capital created. For each \$1 received, they also have created \$89.16 in new payroll annually.
- B.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Elevator Maintenance Agreement for Judicial Center. Marion has renegotiated the contract with Kone which is a reduction of what is currently being paid. This is a 4-year agreement in the amount of \$490.00 per month. The contract if approved is effective as of today's date of June 6th, 2024. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Elevator Maintenance Agreement for Judicial Center. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.
- C.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Quote for Auditor's Office Lobby Area. The contract is with New Direction Construction LLC. This will provide much needed security for the Auditor's office. The total renovations will cost an amount total of \$13,881. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Quote for the Auditor's Office Lobby Area. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

- D.** Gavan Hebner presented the Pledge of ARP Funds to Purchase New Outdoor Warning Sirens. The city of Charlestown is not going to do the 50% match but Sellersburg has pledged two 50% matches so the project will overall proceed accordingly. This is a partnership for new outdoor warning sirens. The project will install six sirens for different locations throughout Clark County. The total cost is \$240,000.00. The ARP pledge by the County is in the amount of \$160,000.00. The municipal contributions are in the amount of \$20,000.00 each by Utica, Jeffersonville, and Sellersburg twice. Motion by Commissioners Coffman to approve the Pledge of ARP Funds to Purchase New Outdoor Warning Sirens. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.
- E.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Annual Operations Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges for 2023. This report has been prepared by the County Highway department and it fills the requirement of SBOA for the annual report. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve Annual Operations Report of Local Roads and Streets and Bridges for 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.
- F.** Commissioner Coffman presented the Third Street Pentecostal Church VBS Fundraiser Intersection Request. This is a fundraiser to help fund their vacation bible school. They are asking if they can setup a collection site at the intersection of Highway 60 and Ferguson Lane in Henryville. This will be held on Saturday June 22nd, 2024 or Saturday June 29th, 2024 from 7am to 4pm. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Third Street Pentecostal Church VBS Fundraiser Intersection Request. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 2-0.

III. Old Business: None.

IV. Reports:

- A. Auditor:** Danny Yost had a few things to add, "I wanted to thank you all for the movement on the quote for the Auditor's Office. It has been a concern for our office so I appreciate you all getting that approved."

- B. Attorney:** None.

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C. Highway Department: None.

D. Sheriff: Major Mobley was here to provide the Jail Count and to give thanks for the support during this time of grieving for the Sheriff's Office. "I wanted to thank you for the support for our Officers that we lost last week. We lost Sergeant James Thomas Raney III and Corrections officer Charles Wimberly Jr. We have had a lot of outpouring support and we thank you all for that." The current jail population is 436, 43 are Federal Inmates.

E. Elected Officials & Department Heads: None.

V. Other Business: None.

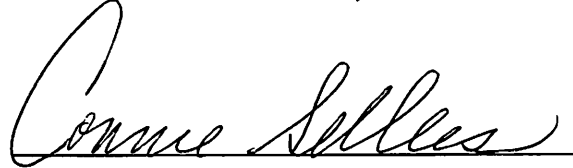
VI. Public Comments: None.

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

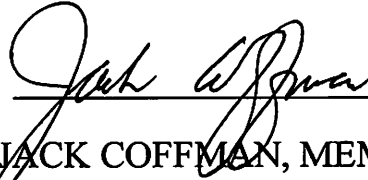
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BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT

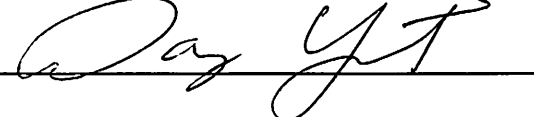


CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY June 20, 2024

ATTEST: 

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR