REGULAR MEETING

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15th, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on August 15th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 103, Clark County Government Building, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bryan Glover. Prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the August 1st, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll for August 15th, 2024. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked for any amendments to the agenda. There was one amendment. Removing Item A of Old Business as it is to be tabled. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Public Comments:

Kelly Khuri – Kelly was here to speak about the Solar Board, "This subcommittee that was appointed by the Plan Commission has been meeting to talk about the parameters of Solar. I tried to attend but you have designated this as a closed meeting. There is a body that is deliberating and receiving information to negotiate between the Solar companies. There are some proposals that I have been told. It affects all citizens within the County. It should not be closed, and it goes against the open-door law."

Commissioner Glover responded to Kelly Khuri, "There is no negotiating taking place. There are three members that are landowners that are for Solar, there are three members that are landowners that are not for Solar. We are trying to come up with certain Resolutions that we can present to the Planning & Zoning Commission to strengthen or restrict the UDO. The Solar Companies that are there are not allowed to be involved in any of the conversations unless they are called upon. I understand your concern. House Bill 1338 says we can do that and everyone in the Committee has voted unanimously to keep it closed." Kelly thanked Commissioner Glover for the clarification.

Neil Spencer – Neil was here to speak about Solar and issues with some County roads, "I brought in some information a couple of months ago about BriteNite. Supposedly they are a corporate credit facility. I do not see a single American institution involved with this. Solar is going to break up many people's livelihoods. I'm against it. Also, the Amish have caused many issues with horse manure on the roads. It appears that we have went back to the 1800's and I would like an abatement if I have to live up there and deal with it."

II. New Business:

- A. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Ordinance Establishing the IRACS Grant Fund for the Sheriff's Office. This is Ordinance 17-2024. The grant fund will be established as 9134. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Ordinance Establishing the IRACS Grant Fund for the Sheriff's Office. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 3-0.
- B. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the CSI Property Fraud Alert & Prevention Agreement for the Recorder's Office. No cost to County. This is a protection for taxpayers against fraudulent transfers of deeds. The cost for a property owner to enroll is \$279.99 plus recording fees and tax. However, With the County signing up for this service the cost for a property owner is \$149 plus tax. It is a 1-year term. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the CSI Property Fraud Alert & Prevention Agreement for the Recorder's Office. Seconded by Commissioner Coffman. Motion approved 3-0.

C. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Wright Implement Financing Proposals for the Highway Department. The lowest total cost out of the banks that provided financing was Crossroads Bank. The three banks were Crossroads Bank, New Washington State Bank, and Republic Bank. Crossroads Bank came back with the best terms with 4.9% on a 3-year term with annual payments. The total amount financed is \$430,672.89. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to approve the Wright Implement Financing Proposals for the Highway Department with Crossroads Bank for a 3-year term with annual payments. Seconded by Commissioner Coffman. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business: None.

IV. Reports:

A. Auditor: Danny presented the Treasurer's Report to be entered into the record.

B. Attorney: None.

C. Highway Department: Brian Dixon – "Wright Implement has two tractors ready and are waiting on the mowers that should be ready in September. The Culvert on Lewis & Smith is in the ground. We are leaving the road open with a gravel top to let it settle. Stacy and 403, MAC is preparing to start October 1st which is the first date that they can begin removing trees. Indian American Water is still doing designs on the relocation of their waterline. It was supposed to be finished in June, and it is now August. I don't have any issues yet but there will be if they begin to delay my contractor. Their existing waterline was too shallow, so it must be moved. INDOT has told me they can't enforce anything with Indian American Water with delaying the project. Bridge 400, E&B is starting next week. Indian American Water is out there moving their waterline so there should be no delays. They are scheduled to be done by Christmas of this year which is before the 210 days mark. The bridge will not be shut down at all for traffic. We discussed an alternate route, and we are trying to work on something just in case something happens. Patching will start on High Jackson tomorrow. They are starting on the 403 side and will be moving towards 62."

- **D.** Sheriff: The current jail population is 473, 34 are Federal Inmates.
- E. Elected Officials & Department Heads: None.
 - V. Other Business: None
 - VI. Public Comments: None.
- VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Glover entertained the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT

CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT

MEMBER JÁCK COFFMA

SIGNED THIS DAY August 29, 2024

ATTEST: __

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR