

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 24, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on October 24, 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, Attorney Scott Lewis, Deputy Auditor Angela Noonan 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 motioned to approve the October 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Deputy Auditor Angela Noonan presented the claims and payroll for October 24, 2024. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Public Comments:

Sandy Basham- Sandy was present to discuss solar. She explained that originally residents requested 1000-foot setback from their homes. There is currently a 650-foot setback and that makes most residents relieved. It is being discussed that this may be reduced. She shared an excerpt from a solar leasing contract that requires the landlord to acknowledge that the operation of solar energy facilities may result in nuisance. She stated landowners should not have to put up with this nuisance.

Kelly Khuri- Kelly thanked the Commissioners for their prayer for Barbara Hollis. She was there to speak about semi-trucks going down Charlestown Pike and taking a right on Salem Noble Road towards Highway 62. Semis are getting hung up by

doing so, since there is not proper signage. She is aware this may be the responsibility of the City of Jeffersonville, but she was hoping there is something the county could do.

II. New Business:

- A.** Commissioner Glover opened a public hearing regarding Ordinance 22-2024, an ordinance approving an amendment to the Clark County Zoning map on recommendation by the Clark County Plan Commission. The petitioner, Luke Sleepe, explained that the proposed amendment would rezone his property located at 1120 Newlon Rd, Pekin IN from AG-Agricultural to AI Agricultural Intensive. This would allow him to continue poultry farming. There were no members of the public present to speak against the rezoning. Commissioner Glover closed the public hearing. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve Ordinance 22-2024, an ordinance Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- B.** Gavan Hebner, Director of Emergency Management, presented Ordinance 23-2024, an ordinance establishing the EMA Enduring Needs Grant Fund, 8163. The grant in the amount of \$149,000, received from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, would be used to purchase an unknown gas identifier and multi-gas radiation meters. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve Ordinance 23-2024. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- C.** Gavan Hebner, Director of Emergency Management, presented Ordinance 24-2024, an ordinance establishing the EMA Community Access to Emergency Alerts National Priority Grant Fund, 8164. The grant in the amount of \$149,950, was received from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security would be used to purchase weather radios for community emergency alerts. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve Ordinance 24-2024. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- D.** Gavan Hebner, Director of Emergency Management, presented Ordinance 25-2024, an ordinance establishing the EMA Hazardous materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Fund, 8165. The grant, in the amount of \$19,965, was

received from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security would be used to purchase supplies to conduct hazmat decontamination and technician level trainings for county fire departments and public safety agencies. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve Ordinance 25-2024. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Commissioner Glover presented Ordinance 26-2024, an ordinance amending Article 6, Section 6-2 or Ordinance 7-1983 (The Clark County Traffic Control Ordinance) in order to establish the authority for the installation and enforcement of stop signs at certain intersections. The proposed ordinance would add two stop signs and the create a four way stop at the intersection of Charlestown-Bethlehem Road and Bull Creek Road. County Engineer Brian Dixon received a request for the additional stop signs from Ed Howard, President of the Bushman Lake Community. Mr. Howard explained that corn growing in fields adjacent to the intersection make it very difficult to see vehicles as they approach the intersection. Residents have raised concern as this has caused accidents. Brian Dixon stated that he looked at the mapping and putting stops signs there may not be the ideal solution. It may be preferable to first try red flashing lights on the existing stop signs. Commissioner Sellers motioned to deny Ordinance 23-2024. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved to deny Ordinance 26-2024 3-0. Attorney Scott Lewis stated that they would not need an ordinance to add the flashing lights, this is only necessary when you are creating an additional stop sign. Brian Dixon stated that he would reach out to Mr. Howard to let him know the Ordinance had been denied but they would be adding flashing lights to the existing stop signs.

F. Attorney Scott Lewis presented the Heartland Ambulance Extension Agreement. Clark County is currently in a three-month contract with Heartland that is set to expire October 31, 2024. The proposed agreement would extend the current contract through November 21. This will allow the Commissioners to meet with the Council on November 18th to discuss options for a potential longer-term contract. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the Heartland Ambulance Extension Agreement. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- G.** Commissioner Glover welcomed Elizabeth Miller, the new HR Director, to Clark County. Elizabeth presented the BMS Cobra Annual Renewal for 2025. This is an annual renewal of the existing contract and there are no changes to premiums. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the BMS Cobra Annual Renewal for 2025. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- H.** HR Director Elizabeth Miller presented the Assured Partners Dependent Audit Request. Currently our plan documents will allow a spouse as long as they are not covered by their employer. This looks into both spouses and dependent children to ensure everyone is properly covered. Two options were presented, but Elizabeth recommended option 1, as it is more thorough. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve option 1 of the Assured Partners Dependent Audit request in the amount of \$8,800 to be paid from Fund 4701. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- I.** Attorney Scott Lewis presented the Atlantic Contrustion Salem Noble Road Striping Contract in the amount of \$16,155.00. This would provide striping on the sides of Salem Noble Road. The original contract with E&B Paving was for center line striping, but they were not available to do this project. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the Atlantic Constrution Salem Noble Road Striping Contract in the amount of \$16,155.00. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- J.** Commissioner's Assistant Sabrina Corbin presented the Vendor Quotes for Livestream. Sabrina did extensive research regarding Livestream and received proposals from eScribe, CivicPlus, BISDigital, and Integrated Systems Support Group. These proposals were evaluated for storage, equipment provided, network security, closed captioning ability, platform references, and pricing. Her recommendation would be to go with eScribe. This option checks all of the boxes for the criteria that was evaluated. This will initially cost \$31,850 to get up and running with a \$25,400 annual fee. This includes closed Captioning for a flat fee of \$8500. It will take 4 months to get this up and running and to work out any kinks that may occur. Once the Commissioners decide which company they would like to move forward with, a contract will be drawn up for formal approval. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to allow Sabrina and Scott to

— move forward with eScribe, so that they can obtain a contract for formal approval. Commissioner Coffman seconded. A member from the public asked if this would provide the option to watch the meeting live. Sabrina explained that this does include a live option and the ability to replay the meeting at a later date. Another question was asked regarding where this would be paid from. Sabrina explained it would come from the Contract Services line item of the budget for the Government Center. Motion approved 3-0. Commissioner Glover thanked Sabrina for all of her hard work on this project.

K. Commissioner Glover presented the 2025 Commissioners' Meeting Dates for Approval. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the 2025 Commissioners' Meeting Date Schedule. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Commissioner Glover stated that the only meeting in 2025 that does not fall on a Thursday is July, 2 2025 which is a Wednesday. Motion approved 3-0.

— L. Commissioner Glover presented the 2025 Holiday Schedule for Approval. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

M. Commissioner Glover presented the 2025 Payroll Schedule for Approval provided by the Payroll Deputy. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the 2025 Payroll Schedule. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business: None.

IV. Reports:

A. Auditor: None.

B. Attorney: None.

— **C. Highway Department:** County Engineer Brian Dixon reported that Willinger Bridge is anticipated to be done by Christmas. There are issues surrounding Stacy Road. MAC has not started on the project, since Indiana American is not finished yet. Indiana American is hoping to be finished around Thanksgiving.

D. Sheriff: Major Nick Mobley stated that the current jail population is 437 and 31 are Federal Inmates.

E. Elected Officials & Department Heads: None.

V. Other Business: None.

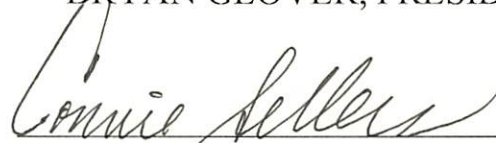
VI. Public Comments: None.

VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Glover entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA



BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT



CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY November 7 2024

ATTEST: 
DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR