

January 6, 2009

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:32 AM on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, with a quorum of three (3) Commissioners in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center with the following in attendance:

David A. Whicker	)	
Phyllis A. Palmer	)	Hendricks County Board of Commissioners
Eric L. Wathen	)	
Gregory E. Steuerwald		Hendricks County Attorney
Cinda Kattau		Hendricks County Auditor
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer
Michael E. Graham		Administrator to Commissioners
James Mc Bryant		Administrator of Cypress Manor
Monica Smith		Hendricks County Director of Nursing Health
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners

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Commissioner Whicker opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison. Commissioner Palmer gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

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IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF 2009 OFFICERS

Commissioner Whicker opened nominations for 2009 officers for the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Palmer nominated Commissioner David Whicker for President of the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Wathen seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Wathen nominated Commissioner Phyllis Palmer as Vice President of the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Whicker seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wathen moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 2008, as corrected. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-1 with Commissioners Whicker and Wathen voting aye and Commissioner Palmer abstaining as she did not attend this meeting..

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IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Wathen moved to approve claims #190185 through 190218, 190224 thru 190237, #091663 thru 091817 and direct Deposit #045099 through 045486, as advertised. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF FLU VACCINE

Monica Smith advised the Hendricks County Nursing Health are continuing to give flu shots in their clinic in the Hendricks County Government Center to our citizens and will continue to do so, however, they currently have an

excess of 75 doses of the influenza vaccine and requested to donate this vaccine to the Kingsway Community Care. Ms. Smith explained they had purchased this extra vaccine to give at a "Vote and Vax" in Brownsburg on election day, but very few people turned out to vote or get vaccinated. She further advised this vaccine was purchased with clinic revenue and that money has been replenished with the influenza shots already given this year. Kingsway is a non-profit organization that serves Hendricks County residents who do not have medical insurance and many of their patients are unable to pay for medical treatments. Kingsway Community Care uses professional and lay volunteers to staff the clinic and accept donations of time, services, financial or materials gifts. Ms. Smith further advised they have checked with the State Board of Accounts and they approved this donation as the County Health Department has received reimbursement for the cost of vaccine that was paid when citizens received their flu shots. Commissioner Wathen moved to donate the excess flu vaccine to the Kingsway Community Care due to having an excess amount of the vaccine and that it has been fully reimbursed from shots already given. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF TOURISM COMMISSISON

Emory Lencke, Executive Director Convention and Visitors Bureau, advised that Debra Beasley is no longer able to serve on the Tourism Commission and that she was the only remaining original member of the Tourism Commission. He requested Jill Aichigner, Market Manager Beasley's Orchard, be appointed to replace Ms. Beasley on the Tourism Commission. Mr. Lencke also requested the reappoint of Michelle Sieradzki, Group Sales & Hospitality Manager O'Reilly Raceway Park; Janet Hicks, Primo West Banquet & Conference Center, and Dick Thompson, Hendricks County Councilman, to serve on the Tourism Commission. The Commissioners noted they

had reappointed Dick Thompson on December 2, 2008 as their representative on the Tourism Commission. Mr.

Lencke further advised these appointments are for a two-year term that will expire on December 31, 2010.

Commissioner Wathen moved to appoint Jill Aichigner and to reappoint Michelle Sieradzki and Jill Hicks to a two-year term on the Tourism Commission and for their term to be January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF EXIT 59

Commissioner Whicker announced that during the regular meeting of the Regional Sewer Board this morning the bid was awarded the bid for the Exit 59 Wastewater Infrastructure project to Valenti-Held, Whitestown, Indiana, as the lowest most responsive and responsible bid received for this project

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IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY

Commissioner Wathen stated he, John Ayers and Greg Steuerwald had met earlier this morning with members of the Avon Chamber. He requested Mike Graham to work with the Town Councils of Avon, Brownsburg and Plainfield for a letter of support for the completion of the Ronald Reagan Parkway. Greg Steuerwald advised Dennis Faulkenberg, APPIAN, will provide a draft letter for consideration.

John Ayers advised he is looking at street lights at the Ronald Reagan Parkway and 56<sup>th</sup> Street in the interest of public safety at this new intersection.

Commissioner Wathen reported that Avon would like for the County to start design of the section of the Ronald Reagan Parkway from CR 100S to CR 200S and to use the existing earmark toward this portion.

John Ayers presented a comparison of using concrete rather than asphalt and costs for the portion of the Ronald Reagan Parkway from US 36 to CR 100S including the bridge. There was discussion of these two options. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to consider these options further.

John Ayers reported he will meet later today with representatives from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding some historic properties in the Ronald Reagan Parkway area north of 56<sup>th</sup> Street.

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IN THE MATTER OF JUDICIAL CENTER

John Ayers advised he had nothing new to report on the judicial center.

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IN THE MATTER OF VERN & CARMEN GIPSON – FARMBROOK

Mike Graham responded to a letter received from the Vern & Carmen Gipson complaining about the removal of

trees from property in the Farmbrook Subdivision where they live. He stated the tree removal is associated with drainage improvements the Surveyor's office is doing in the subdivision, however, Mr. & Mrs. Gipson feel that the authority to resolve this issue is in the hands of the Commissioners and actually the responsibility is in the hands of the Surveyor. Mr. Graham presented a draft letter responding to the Gipson's complaint asking them to work with Dave Gaston to try and address this problem. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to sign and forward this letter to Mr. and Mrs. Gipson with a copy to Surveyor David Gaston.

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IN THE MATTER OF VEHICLES

Mike Graham advised that one of the Sheriff's vehicles was totaled and Terry Kennard, Fleet Manager, is Requesting permission to order a replacement vehicle. He stated it is anticipated the insurance will cover most of the cost. Commissioner Wathen moved to authorize purchase of a new replacement vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Mike Graham advised the Sheriff's retirement investment manager, McCreedy & Keene, is pushing the use of a Morgan Stanley 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan and stated the County already offers a deferred compensation plan through Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. Mr. Graham stated that in order for the Sheriff to make this plan available to his staff the Commissioners would need to adopt an ordinance. He also advised that within the last couple of years another proposal was received to provide another Deferred Compensation Plan and that proposal was not approved. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to not consider the Morgan Stanley plan at this time.

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IN THE MATTER OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Mike Graham reported on a call from Indy Tire regarding repair work required on one of the +140,000 mile Animal Control vans. He stated that Mary Ann Lewis, Chief Animal Control Officer, had asked about using the donation funds to buy an additional van and the matter was deferred until a policy for the use of the donation funds was adopted. Mr. Graham presented a draft policy. Commissioner Wathen moved to allow Animal Control to purchase a new van from donation funds, not to exceed the previous amount of a van including the cost for outfitting the van for their needs. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to continue the policy for Animal Control donations to the January 13, 2009 meeting.

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IN THE MATTER OF COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

Mike Graham reported that John Parsons wanted to post the position of a recent retiree in the Computer

Department and presented a revised job description that redirects the position to better support the mission of this Department. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to not fill this position at this time, to review the job description and for John Parsons to work with Human Resources Director Ron Love on this matter.

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IN THE MATTER OF DR. LLOYD TERRY

The Commissioners had previously discussed recognizing Dr. Lloyd Terry, Danville physician, for his many years of dedicated service to Hendricks County. Rich Jensen reported he had talked with Dr. Lloyd Terry and he was agreeable to a recognition during the January 13, 2009 Commissioners' meeting. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to present Dr. Terry with a proclamation on that date.

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IN THE MATTER OF SUPERIOR COURT 3 - COPIER

Receipt was acknowledged of the December 31, 2008 letter from Judge Karen Love, Superior 3, requesting a new copier. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to table this request in order to obtain more information about a copier for this office.

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IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

It was noted Kenny Mason retired December 31, 2008 after twenty-four years and eight months with the Hendricks County Highway Department. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to order a clock for Mr. Mason in recognition of his almost 25-years of service to Hendricks County.

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Commissioner Wathen moved to recess the Commissioners' meeting at 10:30 AM. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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Commissioner Whicker opened the Tech Board at 10:31 AM.

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IN THE MATTER OF TECH BOARD

Commissioner Whicker announced he had received word from John Parsons, Systems Administrator, that there was nothing to bring before the Tech Board today.

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the Tech Board at 10:32 AM. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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Commissioner Whicker reconvened the Commissioners' meeting at 10:33 AM.

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY BIDS – ASPHALT

John Ayers advised that due to the high cost of crude oil at the time of their original request for Highway bids they did not include asphalt and requested to advertise for asphalt bids for February 3, 2009. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the request to advertise for asphalt bids and to open bids on February 3, 2009. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF MUSEUM AND COURTHOUSE

John Ayers explained some sidewalk areas at the Museum and Courthouse that were in need of repair/replacement. He presented quotes from George R. Harvey and from Joe Powell Construction. There was discussion of mud-packing. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for John Ayers to check on the process and cost of mud-packing for these projects and report back.

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IN THE MATTER OF 56<sup>TH</sup> STREET

John Ayers confirmed the bid letting for reconstruction of 56<sup>th</sup> Street would be February 17, 2009.

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IN THE MATTER OF CYPRESS MANOR

James McBryant presented an application for Rachel Lovins that was referred by the Eel River Township Trustee and recommended this individual be accepted as a resident of Cypress Manor. Mr. McBryant stated this individual would be qualified for financial assistance. Commissioner Palmer moved that on the recommendation of the Director of Cypress Manor to accept this individual for residency at Cypress Manor. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT

Receipt was acknowledged of a grant application from David Warren for a Homeland Security Sub-Grant Agreement EDS# C44P-9-483A in the amount of \$3,090.05 for communications equipment. Commissioner Wathen moved to approve and execute the application for a Homeland Security Sub-Grant Agreement, as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF CLAYTON /LIBERTY TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Receipt was acknowledged of the December 18, 2008 letter from Jonnie Wallis-Halberstadt, Director Clayton / Liberty Township Public Library, requesting the reappointment of Mr. Bryan Catlin to a fourth four-year term on the Clayton / Liberty Township Library Board through December 31, 2012. Commissioner Whicker moved to reappoint Bryan Catlin to another four-year term on the Clayton / Liberty Township Public Library Board through December 31, 2012. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF CREDIT CARD

There was discussion of usage of the County credit cards by the various departments, limits, those authorized to use the cards and the credit card policy. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to review the credit card policy.

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IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Auditor Cinda Kattau explained the over 65 circuit break based on income and value and that she will extend the deadline for this filing until the end of February 2009. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Auditor Cinda

Kattau to issue a new release of this information to the Hendricks County citizens.

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IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Whicker acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence and calendar:

Correspondence:

**Action needed/taken on the following:**

1. Checks received and signed to the county:
  - a. Cincinnati Insurance Companies    \$798.49            Vehicle Damage
2. Whicker signed vehicle titles for the following:    None
3. Documents needing action:            None

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Receipt was acknowledged of the December 29 to December 31, 2008 Highway report from Martin Summers, Highway Superintendent.

-----IN THE MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Receipt was acknowledged of the December 29, 2008 to January 2, 2009 Human Resources report from Ron Love, Human resources Director.

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IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER

Commissioner Palmer announced that during the swearing in ceremony held January 1, 2009 at the Courthouse Judge Jeffrey Boles, Circuit Court, recognized Treasurer Nancy Marsh as an outstanding elected official.

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IN THE MATTER OF LEGISLATION

Greg Steuerwald presented for review a draft copy of the proposed legislation to restructure local County government offices and to establish one Commissioner as a Chief Executive.

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Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting at 11:00 AM. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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David A. Whicker, President

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Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

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Eric L. Wathen, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor

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