

January 4, 2005

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday January 4, 2005, 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:

Sonya R. Cleveland)	
Phyllis A. Palmer)	Hendricks County Board of Commissioners
Ed Schrier)	
Gregory E. Steuerwald		Hendricks County Attorney
Nancy L. Marsh		Hendricks County Auditor
Russ Lawson		Hendricks County Highway Superintendent
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer
Cathy Grindstaff		Hendricks County Environmental Health Director
James McBryant		Hendricks County Home Administrator/ Human Resources Director
Todd Durnil		Hendricks County Administrator
Don Reitz		Hendricks County Plan Director
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners

Commissioner Cleveland opened the meeting by leading the Pledge to the Flag in unison.
Greg Steuerwald gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

ELECTION OF 2005 OFFICERS

Commissioner Cleveland opened the nominations for President of the Commissioners. Commissioner Palmer nominated Ed Schrier for 2005 President of the Commissioners. Commissioner Schrier seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved 2-0-1 with Commissioners Schrier and Palmer voting aye and Commissioner Cleveland voting nay.

Commissioner Schrier opened the nominations for Vice President of the Commissioners. Commissioner Cleveland nominated Phyllis Palmer for 2005 Vice President of the Commissioners. Commissioner Schrier seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Schrier commented on several issues.

Commissioner Palmer commented on several issues.

Commissioner Cleveland commented on several issues.

IN THE MATTER OF MEETINGS

Commissioner Schrier stated he would like to stop the night Commissioners' meetings due to lack of attendance. Commissioner Palmer stated she was agreeable to stopping the night meetings as the Council had agreed to stop night meetings in 2005. Commissioner Cleveland expressed concerns for the small attendance, but requested to wait and have some public input before making a decision. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to table night meetings at this time and the matter will be reviewed at a later date.

Commissioner Schrier explained the rules for being on the Agenda, requested Department heads to submit a written report/request when requesting to be on the Agenda and that they are at the counter only when addressing the Board.

Commissioner Schrier announced a press conference at 11:00 AM today. Amber Riggen, Hendricks County Flyer and Stu Hirsch, Indianapolis Metro West, agreed they would prefer to meet with the Commissioners individually.

Commissioners Cleveland and Palmer didn't show support in favor or against. The matter will be reviewed at a later date.

Commissioner Schrier stated the Auditor is the official Secretary of the Board, however, Judy Wyeth has been handling those duties as Deputy Auditor and has been appointed by the Auditor. Commissioner Cleveland moved to

reappoint Judy Wyeth to take minutes of the Commissioners’ Meetings. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Schrier asked if there were any elected officials on the Agenda. There were none.

IN THE MATTER OF 2005 APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint Russ Lawson as Superintendent of the Highway Department. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint Jerry Sparks as Assistant Highway Superintendent. Commissioner Cleveland seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Schrier explained that the Plan Director was hired by the Area Plan Commission.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint John Ayers as County Engineer. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint Charles Colbert as Weights and Measures Director. Commissioner Cleveland seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint Richard Bane as Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Cleveland seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Schrier discussed some Emergency Management and Citizen Corps issues. Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint David Warren as Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Cleveland seconded the motion and the motion was approved 2-0-1 with Commissioners Palmer and Cleveland voting aye and Commissioner Schrier abstaining.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint James McBryant as County Home Administrator. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint John Parsons as Systems Administrator and to continue to reassess our computer needs. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint Mary Anne Lewis as Chief Animal Control Officer. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioning Palmer moved to reappoint James McBryant as Interim Human Resources Director. Commissioner Cleveland seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint Elvin Ray Cassity as Custodial Superintendent. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Schrier stated the Nursing Health Director is appointed by the Hendricks County Health Board. Commissioner Schrier stated the Environmental Health Director is appointed by the Hendricks County Health Board.

Commissioner Palmer moved to table the appointment of the Health Officer. Commissioner Cleveland seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint Todd Durnil as County Administrator and that they sit down with

Mr. Durnil to set some direction and responsibilities. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint Gregory E. Steuerwald as County Attorney. Commissioner Cleveland seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to appoint Gordon E. Hitchings to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC), to replace Elmer Davisson, who has resigned for health reasons. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to appoint Commissioner Schrier to serve as the Commissioners appointee to the Plan Commission. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

There was discussion of the Senior Services Board. Commissioner Palmer stated she would serve on the Senior Services Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Palmer to serve as the Commissioners appointee to the Senior Services Board.

There was discussion of the Fair Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Cleveland to continue to serve as the Commissioners appointee on the Fair Board.

It was agreed that Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Cleveland serve on the County Home Board and to visit on a regular basis.

There was discussion of the Tourism Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to table the Commissioner appointee to the Tourism Board and to contact Emory Lencke, Executive Director of the Hendricks County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, for a list of the terms of all Tourism Board members.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Cleveland to serve on the Cablevision Board. The Commissioners directed Judy Wyeth to invite the cable companies to attend a meeting to discuss several issues.

There was discussion of Animal Control. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Cleveland to serve as the Commissioners appointee to Animal Control.

There was discussion of Economic Development Partnership. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Schrier to serve with the Economic Development Partnership.

There was discussion of the Personnel Board and that the County Council had agreed that all seven Council members would serve on the Personnel Board beginning in 2005. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for all three Commissioners, Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Cleveland to serve on the Personnel Board.

There was discussion of the Technology Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Cleveland serve on the Technology Board.

There was discussion that the Indianapolis Water Company had requested a representative from Hendricks County to serve on their board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Cleveland to serve on the

Indianapolis Water Board.

There was discussion of the Indianapolis Ozone Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Commissioner Palmer serves on the Indianapolis Ozone Board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Cleveland serve on the Regional Sewer Board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Cleveland serve on the Drainage Board.

There was discussion of the Board of Finance. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Cleveland and Treasurer Amy Roberts serve on the Finance Board and that a meeting be set for this month.

There was discussion of the Revenue Review Committee and their purpose to review, recommend and establish fees. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Commissioner Cleveland and Commissioner Palmer serve on the Revenue Review Committee.

There was discussion of the Redevelopment Commission. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to table the appointment of the Redevelopment Commission until all members had been contacted.

There was discussion of the Redevelopment Authority. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to table the appointment of the Redevelopment Authority until Commissioner Schrier contacted one of the members currently living out of state several months of the year.

There was discussion that one member of the Economic Development Commission had passed away during the year. Commissioner Cleveland moved to reappoint Hursel Disney and Stan Basset to the Economic Development Commission and that Nancy Marsh be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

The Commissioners acknowledged all appointees on the Hendricks Regional Health Board as there are none currently up for reappointment.

There was discussion that the Commissioners appointee to the Plan Commission is not currently up for reappointment. Don Reitz announced that Larry Rambis, Northwest Hendricks Schools Superintendent, had been appointed by the superintendents to be their representative on the Plan Commission in 2005.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the Plan Staff would remain the same.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners that there are no appointments to be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) at this time.

There was discussion that the West Central Solid Waste District had been dissolved effective December 31, 2004 and that effective January 1, 2005 the Hendricks County Solid Waste District was formed. It was also noted that the previous Commissioners had appointed Bob Waggoner, Brownsburg Town Council, to serve on this Board and the County Council had appointed Hursel Disney to serve on this new Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Commissioner Schrier, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Cleveland serve on the Hendricks County Solid

Waste Board.

It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to Plainfield Town Council asking to make two appointments to the Hendricks County Solid Waste District and to advise the Commissioners of their selection for approval.

There was discussion that the term of a member of the Hendricks County Health Board expired December 31, 2004 and that two names had been submitted for this Board. Commissioner Cleveland moved to interview those interested in serving on the Health Board. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

There was discussion that the term of the appointee to the Airport Authority Board expired December 31, 2004 and that several names had been submitted for this Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to interview those individuals interested in serving of the Airport Authority Board.

There was discussion of the appointments to the Tourism Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to contact Emory Lencke, Director of the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, on the terms of the appointees.

There was discussion of the Central Indiana Regional Community League and it was the consensus of the Commissioners for John Ayers to obtain more information and bring back a recommendation.

There was discussion of the need of a Weed Board. The Commissioners directed Judy Wyeth to contact Joyce McClain, Brown Township Trustee, on the activity of this Board.

There was discussion of the Emergency Management Advisory Committee. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that this group needs to meet to organize and to discuss several issues.

There was discussion of the 150-Acre Master Plan Appointments. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that this parcel is now being developed for the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and this board should be dissolved.

There was discussion that one member of the Courthouse Building Corporation (Government Center) is deceased and to check if there was need to appoint a replacement as the funds are almost exhausted.

There was discussion that one member of the Hendricks County Building Corporation (Jail) is deceased and it was the consensus of the Commissioners there was no need to appoint anyone else to this board.

The Hendricks County Building Facilities Committee (Fairgrounds), was acknowledged.

There was discussion of the various Library Board appointees. Commissioner Palmer suggested that each appointment be discussed as their term expires. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to review appointments to the Library Boards as they were presented.

There was discussion of the Citizen Advisor to the Commissioners. The Commissioners requested Judy Wyeth to review the minutes on this appointment.

IN THE MATTER OF SNOW EMERGENCY

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a.m. Thursday, December 23, as the roads were closing as quickly as they were cleared. The County government officers were never closed by the County. Television stations ran the closing in error and attempts to have them remove it failed. The snow emergency was declared from 3:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Sheriff Quearry explained the confusion in this matter. Judge Coleman stressed that Circuit Court and Superior Court 2 not be included in future closing and that the other Judges would make their own decisions on closing their courts.

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Cathy Burkert, Highway Department, advised they had received several letters and bills from five citizens requesting reimbursement for their cost to replace mailboxes damaged during the recent snow removal. Russ Lawson stated approximately 25 mailboxes had been damaged and explained the actual cost to replace a standard mailbox is \$30, not including labor. John Ayers advised that Johnson County had an ordinance that covers mailbox replacement

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and agreed to contact them for a copy. Commissioner Cleveland moved to allow \$30 for replacement of mailboxes damaged during snow removal. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Cathy Burkert requested direction for compensating members of the Highway Department that worked during the holidays when other County employees were off for paid days. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to research changes in the employee handbook regarding holiday pay.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING

Don Reitz presented a proposal that will be presented to the February Plan Commission for an upscale residential

development of the Starkey property located on CR 650 and 700N in Brown/Lincoln Township. Mr. Reitz explained this will be a zoning amendment and explained the development as an RA, Minimum Standards Subdivision, and as it will be presented as an RAA Rezoning.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HOME

James McBryant advised the County Home has beds for 31 residents and currently has seventeen with two more residents to come in this week. Commissioner Schrier stated there are only 19 counties in Indiana that provide a County Home for residents and complimented Mr. McBryant and Commissioner Cleveland on their diligent work to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Hendricks County Home. Commissioner Cleveland stated the doors and windows in the home are in need of repair/replacement. Nancy Marsh advised that the State Board of Accounts had approved writing off several bad accounts on the books of the County Home.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Todd Durnil presented a proposal for Phase 2 of the E-911 addressing. Mr. Durnil also distributed the Vehicle Survey of March 29, a report of the Vehicle Fund Cash Flow and the Fleet Management Report. Sheriff Quearry explained the proposed plan for a 3-year rotation of all County vehicles.

Commissioner Schrier introduced Pastor Steve Reeves of the Brownsburg Christian Church. Pastor Reeves gave a brief blessing for those who wished to participate.

Commissioner Schrier introduced a motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Cleveland moved to recess the meeting for lunch at 12:00 noon. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF CONFERENCES

Receipt was acknowledged of a notice of a Bridge Conference at Purdue University on January 26 and 27. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to ask John Ayers if anyone from the County plans to attend this conference.

There was discussion of the AIC Newly Elected Officials Seminar. Commissioner Ed Schrier and Auditor Nancy Marsh agreed to attend this conference on Saturday, January 29

The AICC Legislative Luncheon was announced for January 19.

Commissioner Schrier introduced a motion to recess the Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Cleveland moved to recess the Commissioners' Meeting at 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TECHNOLOGY BOARD

The Technology Board was called to order at 1:50 p.m. with the following staff joining the meeting:

John Parsons, Systems Administrator

Doug Morris, Web Master

John Parsons brought the Commissioners up-to-date on computer progress and suggested a “brown bag” luncheon be started again to bring all elected officials/departments heads together to discuss matters in an informal manner.

The Commissioners stressed the need for all members of the Computer Department to work together. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to request Gary Charles, Computer Administrator at the Courthouse, to attend the next Tech Board.

Commissioner Palmer left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Commissioner Schrier requested John Parsons to submit a report on computer findings.

Commissioner Cleveland moved to recess the Technology Board at 2:25 p.m. Commissioner Schrier seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

Ed Schrier, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

Sonya R. Cleveland, Member

ATTEST: _____
Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor

