

June 14, 2005

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, June 14, 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:

Phyllis A. Palmer)	
Ed Schrier)	Hendricks County Board of Commissioners
David A. Whicker)	
Dan Zielenski		Acting Hendricks County Attorney
Nancy L. Marsh		Hendricks County Auditor
Russ Lawson		Hendricks County Highway Superintendent
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer
James McBryant		Hendricks County Home Administrator/ Human Resources Director
Don Reitz		Hendricks County Plan Director
Terry Kennard		Hendricks County Sheriff Department
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners

Commissioner Schrier led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

Commissioner Schrier introduced our new Commissioner, David A. Whicker, and stated he was sworn in last night immediately after being elected to fulfill the unexpired term of Sonya Cleveland.

Commissioner Palmer welcomed Commissioner Whicker to the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2005 as corrected. Commissioner Schrier seconded the motion and the motion was approved 2-0-1, with Commissioners Palmer and Schrier voting aye and Commissioner Whicker abstaining as he was not a Commissioner at that meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve claims #142856 thru 143186, # 072088 thru 072313 and direct deposit #015623 thru 015898, as presented June 14, 2005. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMESPONDENCE AND CALENDAR

Commissioner Schrier announced the following correspondence and calendar of events:

- Today the Commissioners’ 2006 budget will be discussed at 1:00 PM, followed by a special Regional Sewer Board meeting at 2:00 PM for I-70/ SR 39 and 3:00 PM the Lewis project, 4:00 PM the Hendricks County Solid Waste District Meeting in the Danville Town Hall and the Plan Commission at 6:30 PM in the Government Center
- A tour of the Tippecanoe County Work Release will leave the Government Center at 1:00 PM on June 16
- Tourism will meet on Thursday, June 16
- The Computer Department will be discussed at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21
- Hendricks County Night at Victory Field will be next Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 PM
- A special presentation on vinyl siding will be June 22 at 1:30 PM in the Government Center
- June 23 will be a tour of Dubois County Work Release Center leaving the Government Center at 9:00 AM
- June 28 will be discussion of the Health Department with the Health Board at 1:00 PM
- June 29 will be the Joint Commissioners and Council at 5:00 PM for long range planning
- At 1:00 PM on June 30 in the Circuit Court Jury Room will be discussion of the destruction of public records

IN THE MATTER OF HOPKINS GRAVEL PIT

Don Reitz presented a handout relative to regulating gravel pits and listing the background of the Hopkins Gravel Pit located near CR 650E/625E south of I-70, in an area classified as “non-urban” under Indiana Code 36-7-4-1103© which controls how local government can regulate the use. The report explained regulatory schemes, court challenges, poll results, analysis, and recommendation relative to Method 1: Public Hearing and Method 2: Administrative Mineral Extraction Permit.

Charles Crafton, 8495 S CR 650E, Mooresville (Hendricks County), commended Mr. Reitz on this excellent report

and being provided in a timely manner.

Anna Maupin, 8179 W. County line Road (CR 650E), Mooresville, (Hendricks County), questioned the exploration limits.

John Ayers stated that the Department of Natural Resoles (DNR) will regulate the gravel pit and they must stay within the DNR guidelines.

Clarienda Crafton, 8495 S CR 650E, Mooresville (Hendricks County), stated that Hopkins had only submitted one plan for a public hearing.

Commissioner Palmer moved to send the gravel pit report from Don Reitz to the Plan Commission for study and a recommendation. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Jeff Fox, H. J. Spier, presented a report of the total plan costs for the Hendricks County employee health insurance plan and of the 2005/2006 retiree rate calculation with current rates and proposed rates. Mr. Fox explained the Insurance Committee recommendation to increase retiree’s premium with classifications: retirees with Medicare and no Medicare; for retiree only; and for retiree/child, retiree/spouse and family. Commissioner Palmer moved to adjust the retiree’s rate as per policy, effective July 1, 2005. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 2006 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

A draft copy of the proposed 2006 holiday schedule was presented for discussion:

2006 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR’S DAY OBSERVED	MONDAY	JANUARY 2, 2006
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	MONDAY	JANUARY 16, 2006
PRESIDENTS’ DAY	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 20, 2006
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY	APRIL 14, 2006
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	TUESDAY	MAY 2, 2006
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	MAY 29, 2006
INDEPENDENCE DAY	TUESDAY	JULY 4, 2006
LABOR DAY	MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 4, 2006
COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED	MONDAY	OCTOBER 9, 2006
GENERAL ELECTION DAY	TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 7, 2006
VETERANS’ DAY OBSERVED	MONDAY	NOVEMBER 13, 2006
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 23, 2006
LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 24, 2006
CHRISTMAS	MONDAY	DECEMBER 25, 2006

NOTE: The 2006 Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 22, 2006, at 12:00 NOON, in the Hendricks County Fairgrounds Community Building with the remainder of the day off, at the direction of the Elected Official/Department Head

Commissioner Palmer moved to table the 2006 Holiday Calendar until next week. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Whicker moved to adopt the 2006 Holiday Calendar, to observe July 4 as a one day holiday and to observe Columbus Day in October and that we leave the option for after the Christmas luncheon as stated.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Dr. Willis Parker requested that the new Commissioner receive and review all information relative to the Animal Shelter for both the Animal Control and Humane Society.

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

Assessor Gail Brown presented a contract from Stephanie Yott, Jay Real Estate Services, for professional appraiser

services for Brown, Clay, Eel River, Franklin, Liberty, Marion, Middle and Union Townships for a minimum fee of \$30 per parcel for all assessing duties, responsibilities and activities of this agreement. Ms. Brown gave a history of previous years of work with this appraiser to assess new construction in the County and advised this will be funded from Reassessment funds. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the contract for professional appraiser services, subject to cancellation provision and approval within thirty days. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion and was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR’S OFFICE

Auditor Nancy March presented the yearly balance form for public instruction. Commissioner Palmer moved to allow the President to execute the Public Instruction form. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER’S OFFICE

Auditor Nancy March stated the lock box used by the Treasurer’s office for deposit of tax money immediately and directly into the bank had earned the County \$100,000 in interest. Ms. Marsh also advised that Low had provided the computer lock box program for the County at no cost.

IN THE MATTER OF INDIANAPOLIS WATER BOARD

Commissioner Palmer advised that the regular meetings of the Indianapolis Water Board conflict with the monthly meeting for Hendricks County Solid Waste.

IN THE MATTER OF OZONE BOARD

Commissioner Palmer stated she had contacted the Ozone Board and was informed that no body from Hendricks County had attended these meeting. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Palmer to check if the representative to this board must be a Commissioner or if a staff member could serve on this board.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS

The Commissioners filled the following board vacancies:

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Whicker to serve on the County Home Board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Whicker to serve on the Cable Board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Whicker to serve on the Animal Control Board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Whicker to serve on the Personnel Committee.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Whicker to serve on the Technology Board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Whicker to serve on the Drainage board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Whicker to serve on the Regional Sewer Board.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to add the Park Board appointment to the June 21 agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OFFICES/COURT EXPANSION

Receipt was acknowledged of the May 16, 2005 report from Fred Palmer, Palmer Associates, relative to possible relocation of the Prosecutor’s offices from the Hendricks County Courthouse to a building on the west side of the Courthouse Square. Mr. Palmer recommended a planning process to determine long-term objectives and goals; identify existing people/space assignments; and establish plans to meet long-term intermediate needs. The report will be taken under consideration.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL

Terry Kennard reported that the chiller that controls the old part of the jail is in need of \$3,861 repair, the walk-in cooler needs \$300 repair and to paint the interior of this portion of the jail would cost \$6,300. Mr. Kennard requested to fund these repairs from cum cap. Commissioner Whicker moved to repair the two items, chiller and cooler, and fund from cum cap. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Auditor Nancy Marsh responded to the previous request from the jail for funding of attorney fees for the Merit Board. Ms. Marsh stated the Council will set up a new line item for the Sheriff 's Merit Board Legal Fees with an additional appropriation for this line.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Russ Lawson stated they are working on stone shoulders, ditches, trimming trees, patching pot-holes and have laid 15 mile of black top.

Russ Lawson requested to advertise for bids for two new tandem trucks for bid opening on July 12. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to advertise for two new trucks, as requested by the Highway Superintendent.

John Ayers advised they are working on the bridge on CR 650N and will reopen the road in two weeks.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 274

John Ayers reported on the shortlist of consultants for the inspection of Bridge No. 274, on Cartersburg Road over the railroad: HNTB Corp; USI; and CMT and recommended HNTB to do this inspection work.. Commissioner Palmer moved to accept the recommendation of the County Engineer for HNTB to do the inspection of Bridge No. 274. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY

John Ayers reported they are working on a list of priorities for the Ronald Reagan Parkway with the legislators and Dennis Faulkenberg, Ice Miller.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE – VIDEO COURT

John Ayers reported he requested three quotes to repair the roof over the video court in the Courthouse and had received two: Hunter Plumbing and Justin Dorsey Plumbing, and recommended Hunter as they were the lowest quote. Commissioner Palmer moved to accept the Engineer's recommendation for Hunter to repair the roof damage at the Courthouse, as the lowest most responsible and responsive quote received. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AIRPORT OVERLAY

Don Reitz presented a copy of the draft Chapter 45 "AD" Airport Development District, and explained the purpose of this district is to (1) promote aviation safety, (2) encourage the areas around Gordon Graham Field to developed with land uses that are compatible with, and support, airport operations, and (3) advance economic development in Hendricks County. Mr. Reitz explained the permitted uses, accessory uses, special exceptions, prohibited uses, development standards, air safety land use restrictions, airport hazards described and prohibited and the nonconforming uses, structures and objects.

Harold Gutzweiler, Hendricks County Economic Development Director, congratulated the County on planning ahead for this area.

Lori Dunlap, Indianapolis Airport Authority, stated they want to coordinate the land around Gordon Graham Airport to protect the area.

The Commissioners will take this matter under consideration.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HOME

James McBryant reminded the Commissioners of their annual visit to the County Home on Tuesday, June 21 and extended to them a luncheon invitation on that date.

IN THE MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Palmer requested a Personnel Committee Meeting be set to review the applications for the new Human Resources Director.

IN THE MATTER OF ANIMAL SHELTER

Commissioner Schrier requested a letter to be sent to the Humane Society advising that we will have answers to their questions concerning the Animal Shelter during the July 26 meting at 1:00 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF FAIRGROUNDS LEASE

Commissioner Schrier requested counsel to set up an executive session to discuses the lease with the fairgrounds. This session will be held July 5 at 2:00 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Receipt was acknowledged of the June 10, 2005 Weights and Measures Report from Charles Colbert

Commissioner Palmer moved to recess the meeting until 1:00 PM. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Schrier opened the afternoon session at 1:05 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CREDIT CARD

There was discussion of the Child Support Department calling at noon today for authorization to use the County Credit card for hotel accommodations for a meeting in Merrillville today thru June 16. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to add this to the June 21 agenda and to set up a policy for authorization of credit card use.

IN THE MATTER OF BONDS

Commissioner Palmer moved to ratify the President to sign employee bonds from Stevenson-Jensen Agency. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 2006 BUDGET

There was discussion of the 2005 appropriations, expenses incurred the first six months of the year and if there is need to request additional appropriations for 2006 or if there were lines that could be reduced.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to leave the County Administrator line in the budget.

There was discussion of moving the Board of Review from the Commissioners’ budget to the Assessor/Reassment budget.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to continue working on the 2006 budget at the June 21 meeting.

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the Commissioners’ meeting at 2:15 PM. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Ed Schrier, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

David A. Whicker, Member

ATTEST: _____
Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor
