

September 20, 2005

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 3:15 PM on Tuesday, September 20, 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)
- John Ayers Hendricks County Engineer
- Michael E. Graham Administrator to County Commissioners
- Judith Wyeth Secretary to the Commissioners

NOTE: Greg Steuerwald did not attend this meeting due to conflict with a court case.
Nancy L. Marsh was on vacation this week.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2005, as corrected. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve claims #145637 thru 145964 as presented September 20, 2005 and as advertised by the Auditor. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Commissioner Schrier announced that Judge Jeff Boles will come to the September 27 meeting at 3:00 PM to discuss Courthouse security.

IN THE MATTER OF CELL PHONES - HR

Mike Graham addressed the request from Human Resources Director Ron Love for a County cell phone and presented a list of current County cell phones and users and recommended the request be denied. Commissioner Palmer moved to deny the request of HR for a cell phone. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Commissioner Palmer requested a review of the “floater” phones used by some departments

IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATOR TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mike Graham reported on the following:

County Clerk Cindy Spence has requested to have a scanner purchased for her area and stated he has asked John Parsons to look into various scanning equipment to meet Cindy’s needs and one and could be used by other departments. A recommendation will be made when all information has been obtained.

An update on the Advisory Board of the Department of Waterworks meeting stated that the Board would make a decision to either seek enabling legislation to establish a regional waterworks or not, and that it will take a favorable vote of 65% of the Advisory Board members to seek the legislation.

Has met with a representative from IdentSys for employee ID badges and will be bringing a recommendation when all details have been finalized.

Public Safety Communication Upgrade advised that correspondence has been received from Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, Plainfield, Center Township Trustee and Brown Township Trustee identifying an elected official to serve on the Communications Committee. Letters to 7 more towns and 10 more townships need to be sent seeking their participation. The committee could consist of 23 members. He will meet with Jack Miller next week to discuss

communications.

Regional Sewer District rent recommendation will be completed before the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING

There was discussion of the number of citizens that attended the Plan Commission meeting concerning Zoning Amendments that will now come to the Commissioners’ September 27 meeting. Commissioner Whicker moved that in order to accommodate the public that the September 27 meeting be moved to room 4-5 in the Government Center. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved 2-1-0 with Commissioners Palmer and Whicker voting aye and Commissioner Schrier voting nay.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE AND CALENDAR

Commissioner Schrier stated that in the interest of time he would move the correspondence and calendar to the next meeting.

Commissioner Schrier left the meeting at 3:35 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF 4-H LEASE

Commissioner Vice President Palmer led the discussion on the fairgrounds lease and stated there was a difference of opinion on the length of the lease. Fair Board President Mike Peters stated the current lease for the existing fairgrounds with the Fair Board and Commissioners is a 99-year lease and they have 50 years remaining on the lease and would like to transfer the remaining 50years of the lease over to the new fairgrounds. Commissioner Palmer stated the Commissioners had felt that a twenty-five year lease would coincide with the length of the bond, which is 25 years.

Steve Patterson, President of the Operations Committee explained the new Operations Committee would consist of five Fair Board members, one Commissioner and one Council Member and that all would have voting powers. Mr. Patterson stated this committee was established at the Commissioners request for the Commissioners and Council representatives to have voting powers, which they did not have on the Fair Board.

Steve Patterson discussed insurance limits. The Commissioners requested the insurance issues be discussed with the County Attorney and Rich Jensen.

Commissioner Whicker moved to adopt the lease for the fairgrounds for fifty (50) years, as presented, and subject to clarification of insurance issues. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

Steve Patterson presented a list of several items from the old fairgrounds that could be sold and requested approval to sell/auction this items and that the revenue goes to the Fair Board. There was discussion of the items listed. Commissioner Whicker moved to authorize the Fair Board to dispose of excess equipment, subject to equipment being reviewed by Commissioners, and that it is offered at public auction. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY

John Ayers presented a copy of a bomb threat policy and of a workshop of Bomb Threat Procedures that was held May 21, 1999, for the Commissioners to review.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE

John Ayers requested to place an American flag over each of the four-doors at the Courthouse as was previously set up. Mr. Ayers presented a quote of \$1,556 for three additional flags, and poles and \$4,250 for a new bracket over the west door and stated he has funds in his budget. Commissioner Whicker moved to accept John Ayers’ recommendation to replace flags at the Courthouse. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF INDOT

John Ayers advised that on federally funded projects the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has made a proposal that would put them in control of the Consultant selection process, even if the Design is locally funded. This will eliminate local control of the design consultants on such projects as the federally funded Bridge No. 274 on Cartersburg Road over the railroad. It also will greatly lengthen the time required for this step. Mr. Ayers stated this has been discussed with various County organizations, and would probably be discussed at the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) in October.

IN THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENT CENTER

There was discussion of some maintenance concerns at the Government Center. John Ayers requested that any concerns be brought to his department.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN CONCERNS

Dr. Willis Parker expressed concerns for screening of neighbors adjoining the new fairgrounds. Commissioner Palmer stated she hoped there would be screening for these neighbors.

Dr. Willis Parker requested the County make a monetary donation to the Red Cross over the next 3-4 years to assist with the Hurricane Katrina relief.

IN THE MATTER OF 56TH STREET

John Ayers requested to hire WTH Consultants to review the plans for 56th Street for \$5,000 and stated he felt this was necessary due to the size of the project and the number of different entities involved in this project. Commissioner Whicker moved to approve WTH to review the 56th Street plans, as requested by the County Engineer. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

Commissioner Whicker moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 PM. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

Ed Schrier, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

David A. Whicker, Member

ATTEST: _____
Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor



