

August 14, 2007

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 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	)	
David A. Whicker	)	Hendricks County Board of Commissioners
Eric L. Wathen	)	
Gregory E. Steuerwald		Hendricks County Attorney
Nancy L. Marsh		Hendricks County Auditor
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer
Michael E. Graham		Administrator to the Commissioners
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners

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Commissioner Whicker opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison

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IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2007, as corrected. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

There were no claims presented or advertised for August 14, 2007.

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IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION  
STAN SHARTLE  
KAPPA DELTA PHI SORORITY

Commissioner Whicker introduced Stan Shartle as an outstanding Hendricks County citizen. Surveyor David Gaston presented Mr. Shartle a certificate of recognition that was signed by the Commissioners and read several accomplishments of Mr. Shartle including: Hendricks County Surveyor; Indiana State Surveyor; author of the Manual for Cornerstone Search in Hendricks County, which went into its second publication in 1996 and is still regularly used; has had the contract for Cornerstone Restoration/Preservation Program for the County since its origin in 1990; has written various ordinances, established procedures and developed documents that are still in daily use in the functioning of the County; and currently is a partner in the firm of Parsons, Cunningham and Shartle. Commissioner Palmer stated the name of Stan Shartle will appear on a name plate on the plaque for Citizens Making a Difference in Hendricks County, which is located in the main hall of the Government Center.

Commissioner Whicker introduced Georgette Jones, Devin Jones and Nancy Marsh as members of the Kappa Delta Phi Sorority and advised their organization will have a name plate on the plaque for Organizations/Business

making a Difference in Hendricks County in the main hall of the Government Center. Commissioner Palmer presented and read a Certificate of Recognition signed by the Commissioners, thanked the sorority for refurbishing two rooms for residents at the County Home and expressed the Commissioners’ appreciation of the work done by volunteers.

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IN THE MATTER OF EXIT 59

Greg Steuerwald reported the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lauth Development needs to be assigned in order for Lauth to close on the property purchase and that he and Bruce Donaldson, Barnes & Thornburg, will work on this document. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Greg Steuerwald to proceed with the assignment of the MOU to Lauth for Exit 59.

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IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY

John Ayers reported he had talked with Laurie Maudlin, Ice Miller, and they had prepared a draft letter to Congressman Steve Buyer to thank him for his continued support and hard work to include the Ronald Reagan Parkway in the funding legislation. Mr. Ayers also advised that Ms. Maudlin recommended that a follow-up letter be sent within a couple of weeks. Commissioner Palmer moved to accept the recommendation of the consultant and approve and execute the letter to Congressman Buyer relative to the Ronald Reagan Parkway and to send a follow up letter within a couple of weeks. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

John Ayers advised he would be meeting with representatives from Plainfield to discuss the maintenance issues of the Ronald Reagan Parkway and stated the Highway Department had mowed the County’s portion of the Parkway from CR 200N to CR 300N.

Commissioner Whicker stated the Ronald Reagan Parkway Funding Committee had met with Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group (FSG), with all members present and there were 23 recommendations for funding.

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IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE FACILITY

John Ayers advised the pre cast panels for the exterior walls of the work release facility were on site and the color has been chosen so they can now proceed to form the panels.

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IN THE MATTER OF ANIMAL CONTROL

John Ayers presented three proposed change orders for the animal shelter and explained:

Change Order #1	Addition of additional outdoor kennels	\$51,880
Change Order #2	Addition of 10’ to the length of the building for receiving area	\$45,142
Change Order #3	Change divider walls between all outdoor kennels to glazed block	\$77,758

Mr. Ayers stated Mary Anne Lewis, Chief Animal Control Office, is willing to pay for Change Order #2 in the amount of \$45,142 from the Animal Shelter Donation Fund. There was discussion of the change orders and of the cost. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve Change Order #2 for the addition of 10’ to the length of the building for a receiving area in the amount of \$45,142 and to fund from the Animal Shelter Donation Fund. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Wathen moved to deny Change Order No. 1 for the additional outdoor kennels along the south side of the building in the amount of \$51,880. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved 2-1-0 with Commissioners Palmer and Wathen voting aye and Commissioner Whicker voting nay.

Commissioner Wathen moved to approve Change Order #3 to change the divider walls between all outdoor kennels to glazed block and mentioned that the total should be less than what was presented since it would only be for the planned 11 outdoor runs and not the additional 7 proposed in Change Order #1.. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

It was the consensus of the Commissions for John Ayers to set up a ground breaking ceremony for the new animal shelter.

IN THE MATTER OF LINK HENDRICKS COUNTY

Marcia Lynch, Director of Connecting Services Sycamore, presented a grant for Hendricks County’s Request for Federal Section 5311 Rural and Small Urban Transit Assistance and explained this grant of \$384,692 has been increased 33% due to the growth in Hendricks County and requested \$30,000 matching funds from the Commissioners. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve signing the contract application and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Commissioners. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. The determination to fund the full \$30,000 match will be made at a future meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Jeff Fox, Employee Benefits Consultant, presented the Hendricks County group health plan summary and explained the year to date claims, stated the Wellness Committee is planning the upcoming health assessment fair, and explained that a GASB study is necessary to determine impact of retiree benefits.

Commissioner Palmer requested that the Insurance Committee be reestablished.

IN THE MATTER OF 2008 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The draft 2008 holiday calendar was presented. There was discussion of the 2008 holiday calendar and of moving President’s Day in February to December 26, 2008 to give employees a four day holiday week-end in 2008. It was also noted that Veteran’s Day will be Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

**HOLIDAY CALENDAR**  
**2008**

NEW YEAR’S DAY	TUESDAY	JANUARY 1, 2008
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	MONDAY	JANUARY 21, 2008
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY	MARCH 21, 2008
PRIMARY ELECTIONS	TUESDAY	MAY 6, 2008
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	MAY 26, 2008
INDEPENDENCE DAY	FRIDAY	JULY 4, 2008
LABOR DAY	MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 1, 2008
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY	OCTOBER 13, 2008
GENERAL ELECTIONS	TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 4, 2008
VETERANS’ DAY	TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 11, 2008
THANKSGIVING	THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 27, 2008
LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 28, 2008
CHRISTMAS DAY	THURSDAY	DECEMBER 25, 2008
PRESIDENT’S DAY OBSERVED	FRIDAY	DECEMBER 26, 2008

*NOTE: In 2008 President’s Day will be observed on Friday, December 26, 2008 to give employees a four-day holiday weekend.*

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the 2008 holiday calendar as presented. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

## IN THE MATTER OF CLERK'S OFFICE

Receipt was acknowledged of the Hamilton Accounts Service Contract from Clerk Cindy Spence with a note explaining this contract is to collect unpaid traffic tickets. There was discussion of the contract. Commissioner Palmer moved to table this contract until the Clerk attends a Commissioners' meeting to explain.

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

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## IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Wathen announced he would be attending a conference out of state next week and would not be attending the meeting on August 21, 2007.

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## IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY TASK FORCE

Mike Graham stated the first meeting of the Ronald Reagan Parkway Task Force was held August 8 and was attended by all the appointed representatives from Avon, Brownsburg, Plainfield and Hendricks County. Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group (FSG), presented 23 alternative funding ideas for consideration and directed the Task Force members to chose six alternatives and then set a funding priority at the August 29 meeting. After the meeting they were contacted by Marvin Ward, Business Manager Brownsburg Schools, to participate on the Task Force as he had heard establishing a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) may be one of the alternatives and schools are generally opposed to this alternative. Mr. Ward was invited to attend the next meeting on August 29, 2007.

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## IN THE MATTER OF TIF AND TAX ABATEMENT

Mike Graham advised there had been a discussion with Greg Guerrettaz regarding the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and tax abatements for economic development projects and stated there is a need to put into place some guidelines to be used in helping make decisions when TIF and Tax Abatement projects are approved. It was noted that TIF projects are approved by the Hendricks County Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Whicker stated Harold Hiser, President Redevelopment Commission, is researching the past records to determine if there was some policy direction established when this commission was originally formed.

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## IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Mike Graham requested approval to begin the process of revising the employee handbook that was presented last week. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to proceed revising the employee handbook in sections.

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## IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE

Mike Graham inquired on the concept presented last week relative to resolving the drainage complaint process. There was discussion of including drainage information on the County website. The Commissioners directed Mike Graham to talk with other departments on responding to drainage complaints from citizens.

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## IN THE MATTER OF MULTIPLEX

Mike Graham explained that Elvin Cassity will start the clean-up of the landscaping around the old Community Building at the Multiplex and will obtain a cost estimate for a mower for this location. Mr. Graham requested to contact the previous mowing company that cut grass at the Multiplex grounds to mow for the balance of 2007 and then before next season develop a long term maintenance plan for this property. It was suggested to contact the Sheriff about authorizing a trustee to mow both the Jail and Multiplex areas. No action was taken.

There was discussion of removing the old block restrooms at the Multiplex. It was the consensus of the

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Commissioners for John Ayers to obtain a price for removal of these restrooms.

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IN THE MATTER OF TOWN OF DANVILLE

Mike Graham reported the Study Committee for the Danville Downtown Partnership has requested a County appointee serve on this committee and stated Commissioner Whicker had served on the Danville Downtown Vision Committee. Commissioner Palmer moved to appoint Mike Graham to represent the County Commissioners on the Danville Downtown Partnership Committee. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 178

John Ayers reported the bridge letting for Bridge No. 178, the historic old iron bridge in Danville, was last week and the low bidder was CLR at \$469,834.

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IN THE MATTER OF CULVERTS MI-006 AND MI-007

John Ayers stated he had received a proposal from USI in the amount of \$51,700 to realign the stream along CR 550E and south of CR 1000N in Middle Township, and to eliminate two small culverts, Culverts MI-006 and Culvert MI-007, as presented last week. Commissioner Wathen made a motion to accept the proposal from USI for culvert work on MI-006 and MI-007 in the amount of \$51,700. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 25

John Ayers reported they are pursuing right-of-way acquisition from property owners for Bridge No. 25 in White Lick Estates and presented utility agreements for Brighthouse Cable and AT&T to relocate utility lines in the County right-of-way at this location. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the agreements with Brighthouse and AT&T to relocate utility lines in the County right-of-way for Bridge No. 25. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF CR 100S

John Ayers stated the signals will be activated this week at the intersection of CR 100S and CR 625E.

John Ayers advised the roundabout, located at CR 100S and Raceway Road (CR 800E), will be paved this week and will open on August 23, 2007.

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IN THE MATTER OF CR 200E

John Ayers reported that utility companies are working or relocating utilities on CR 200E along the east side of the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex and stated Rieth Riley should complete the paving project in October.

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IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 274

John Ayers announced the deck has been poured on Bridge No. 274, located on Cartersburg Road over the CSX Railroad, and this bridge is on schedule.

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IN THE MATTER OF CULVERT CE-077

John Ayers advised that Culvert CE-077 on CR 50S will be bid later this month.

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IN THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENT CENTER

John Ayers stated they are working on the replacement roof on the Government Center and are on schedule.

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IN THE MATTER OF FAIRGROUNDS

Leonard Rowe, 1609 Woodside Drive, Danville, expressed his appreciation and thanked the County for working to resolve the dust issue from the road along the west side of the 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex and encouraged the County to look at chipping and sealing this road for the benefit of those residents in the developments adjacent to the fairgrounds.

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IN THE MATTER OF WEB PAGE

Leonard Rowe, 1609 Woodside Drive, Danville, requested the County to improve the County web page to make it more accessible and more user friendly.

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY VEHICLES

Commissioner Palmer encouraged the Commissioners and staff to develop a fleet management program for all County vehicles.

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IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Whicker announced the following correspondence and calendar:

Correspondence:      None

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

1. Checks received and signed to the county:      None
  2. Whicker signed vehicle titles for the following:      None
  3. Documents needing action:      None
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IN THE MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Receipt was acknowledged of the August 6 through August 10, 2007 Human Resources report from Ron Love, Director.

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Receipt was acknowledged of the August 3 to August 9, 2007 Highway report from Martin Summers, Highway Superintendent.

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Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting at 11:50 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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