

April 10, 2008

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and County Council met in a joint session at 3:45 PM on Thursday, April 10, 2008 in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center with the following in attendance:

David A. Whicker	)		Larry Hesson	)	
Phyllis A. Palmer	)	Hendricks County Commissioners	Richard Thompson	)	
Eric L. Wathen	)		Jay Puckett	)	
Cinda Kattau		Hendricks County Auditor	Hursel Disney	)	Council
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer	Kenny Givan	)	
Michael E. Graham		Administrator to Commissioners	Brad Whicker	)	
Bill Roche		Hendricks County Park Director			
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners			

NOTE: Council Member Nancy Johnson did not attend this meeting

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David Whicker opened the Commissioners’ Meeting with a quorum of three members.

Larry Hesson opened the Council Meeting with a quorum of six members.

David Whicker led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

Phyllis Palmer moved to approve and adopt the minutes of March 4, 2008, as corrected. Eric Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved 8-0-1 with Councilman Kenny Givan abstaining as he did not attend March 4, 2008 meeting.

David Whicker stated two members needed to leave early and therefore, they would change the order of some of the agenda items.

Hursel Disney moved to approve the agenda as amended. Larry Hesson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 9-0-0.

Bill Roche introduced Park Board Members Ray Benson and Paul Miner and gave a presentation on the Hendricks County Parks. He explained the many activities at McCloud Park, identified several future park prospects and advised they are developing a long term Master Plan for the Hendricks County Park System. He also advised the Park Board is working with two trails that run through Hendricks County, the National Heritage Trail and the Vandalia Trail. Mr. Roche stated they have updated their web page and at the current funding the Hendricks County parks are funded at \$6 per resident.

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group (FSG) gave a brief update on the Motorola lease refinancing for the Communications Center stating the new lease agreement with Chase Equipment Leasing at an interest rate of 3.29% will be dated April 9, 2008 and funds will be held in escrow at JP Morgan Trust Company until the payoff date of the old lease on May 15, 2008 with the first payment on the new lease on November 15, 2008. He further advised this lease refinancing will save Hendricks County over \$300,000.

Greg Guerrettaz presented a handout of the results for the refinancing of the Courthouse Building Corporation Bonds for the Government Center and explained this refinancing will be an 18 month extension of the bonds with Fifth Third Securities. This will provide \$1,103,000 for replacement windows and carpet for the Government Center. There was discussion of other needs of the Government Center that could be funded from this refinancing. It was the consensus of the members present that John Ayers make a list of needs and bring back to the next joint meeting.

Eric Wathen gave an update on the Ronald Reagan Parkway and reported on meetings he had attended with INDOT and the towns to discuss the amount of work needed for SR 267 and the Ronald Reagan Parkway. He stated they are working together to agree on the list of needed improvements and associated costs for SR 267. Once the costs are established we can talk about a possible swap of these two roads between Hendricks County and INDOT.

Eric Wathen stated the TIF District for the interchange of I-74 and Ronald Reagan Parkway is still on the table as an option and they are working with the Town of Brownsburg on this issue.

Eric Wathen advised the Ronald Reagan Task Force is continuing to look at innovative ways to fund the Ronald Reagan Parkway from I-70 to 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Wathen requested the Council to give consideration to using the \$700,000 of EDIT funds that had previously been used for the United Airlines maintenance facility be moved to the Ronald Reagan Parkway and stated the towns of Plainfield and Brownsburg are giving consideration to using their United Airlines funds for the Ronald Reagan Parkway. Avon was not incorporated when the United Airlines was approved, however, they are now looking at participating in the funding of the Ronald Reagan Parkway. He also asked for the Council to consider increasing the current Wheel Tax from \$20 per vehicle annually to \$25 per vehicle and for this additional \$5 be used for the Ronald Reagan Parkway. He also stated we could work with the towns through an Interlocal Agreement for this funding if the INDOT swap does not work out.

John Ayers reported the Plan Commission Staff had delayed the approval of Lauth's plans for the interior road in their project at Exit 59 because staff needed additional information. Eric Wathen stated Lauth is continuing to work with INDOT on the road issues at SR 39 and I-70.

Eric Wathen explained the Paul Kite Development is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for their entire area on SR 39 at Exit 59.

John Ayers stated that Banning Engineering is gathering information from stakeholders and looking at space for their study of space and needs for the judicial center that should be completed this summer.

Council Member Hursel Disney left the meeting at 4:35 PM.

John Ayers reported the construction of the new animal control facility is ahead of schedule and will be open this summer.

John Ayers stated the construction of the new work release facility is ahead of schedule and should be open this summer.

Greg Guerrettaz explained the advantage of a Comprehensive Financial Plan and stated they are meeting to update the capital improvements. He also stressed the need to look at the 2009 budget and recommended a Council workshop to possibly discuss the Local Option Income Tax (LOIT). It was the consensus of the Council that the Council representatives to this workshop would be Auditor Cindy Kattau, Larry Hesson, Brad Whicker and Jay Puckett.

Mike Graham sated there was no activity of the Economic Development Commission and suggested this item be removed from future agendas until there was a need. It was the consensus of those present to remove the EDC from the agenda.

Eric Wathen explained they were working with Cinda Kelley, Economic Development Partnership, and Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group (FSG), to review and revise the Hendricks County 1997 Tax Abatement Ordinance.

Harold Hiser, President Hendricks County Redevelopment Commission, advised that effective July 1, 2008 two members of the Redevelopment Commission are to be appointed by the Council. He stated currently all five members are appointed annually by the Commissioners. There was discussion of the members of this commission.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners and Council the next meeting would be a workshop following the Council at 3:30 PM on Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Phyllis Palmer moved to adjourn the Joint Meeting at 5:00 PM. Brad Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 9-0-0.

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David A. Whicker, President

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Larry Hesson, President

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Phyllis Palmer, Vice President

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Dick Thompson, Vice President

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Eric Wathen, Member

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Kenny Givan, Member

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Cinda Kattau, Auditor

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Hursel Disney, Member

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Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor

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Brad Whicker, Member

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Nancy G. Johnson, Member

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Jay Puckett, Member

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