

October 9, 2008

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and County Council met in a joint session on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 4:50 PM 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)	
Eric L. Wathen)	Hendricks County Commissioners	Brad Whicker)	
Cinda Kattau		Hendricks County Auditor	Jay Puckett)	
Michael E. Graham		Administrator to Commissioners	Myron Anderson)	Council
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer	Nancy C. Johnson)	
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners			

NOTE: Councilmen Dick Thompson and Hursel Disney did not attend this meeting.
Commissioner Phyllis Palmer did not attend this meeting.

David Whicker opened the Commissioners’ Meeting with a quorum of two Commissioners

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

David Whicker led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

Nancy Johnson moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2008, as corrected. David Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 7-0-0

Eric Wathen reported on the status of the 56th Street project. He stated the Commissioners signed an Interlocal Agreement with Brownsburg Town Council on October 7, 2008 and the Brownsburg Town Council was expected to approve and sign the agreement during their meeting on this date. Commissioner Wathen stated they will begin working on a bid date for this project. Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group (FSG), recommended the County wait until after the first of the year for the bid date.

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group (FSG) requested to take a group of elected officials to Chicago to meet with the rating agencies for the bond and stated this will be a trip similar to the one the he took to New York four years ago with several Hendricks County elected officials. There was discussion of going to Chicago and the group should include some Commissioners, Council members, Auditor and possibly State Representative Greg Steuerwald, County Attorney.

Eric Wathen gave a brief history of the Ronald Reagan Parkway, of working with INDOT on this project and stated the County and the towns are looking at several possible funding sources to complete this road including using EDIT funds. He stated the United Airlines bond was paid off 2007 and they are looking to the towns to continue to make the same payment amount only it would go to the Ronald Reagan Parkway and are waiting for a response from the towns on this issue. He also explained the option to increase the wheel tax \$5 for vehicles and \$15 for the heavy trucks with the increased funds going entirely to fund the Ronald Reagan Parkway and stated we are waiting for r resolutions of support for the wheel tax increase from Avon, Brownsburg and Plainfield before formally presenting it to the Council.

Eric Wathen stated he will testify before a Legislative Study Group on October 23, 2008 to request additional road funding.

Steve Craney, Banning Engineering, presented the final report on the Hendricks County Judicial Space Needs Study – Phase One with a handout including revisions from the draft report and a study synopsis.

Andy Hines, Arc Design, gave a brief update from the August 14, 2008 meeting on the space needs assessment and explained the revisions.

Greg Miller, Arc Design, explained the population projection and been changed and explained the changes and reasons the projection had been lowered.

David Whicker stated it was now time to move to Phase 2 on the judicial study. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to request Steve Craney, Banning Engineering, to prepare a proposal for Phase 2. It was the consensus of the Council to support the Commissioners on a request for a proposal for Phase 2 of the Judicial Study from Banning Engineering and Arc Design with a time frame of early 2009.

Eric Wathen and Brad Whicker left the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Greg Guerrettaz stated the Westpoint Business Park TIF is proceeding at Exit 59. David Whicker announced that Lauth is moving dirt for this development.

David Whicker stated the Kite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is still being negotiated for their proposed development at Exit 59.

Greg Guerrettaz explained the Comprehensive Financial Plan for Hendricks County is waiting for the approval of the 2009 budget.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners and Council Members to hold the next joint meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 4:00 PM following the Council regular meeting in the Hendricks County Government Center.

Jay Puckett moved to adjourn the joint needing at 6:00 PM. David Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 5-0-0

David A. Whicker, President

Larry Hesson, President

Phyllis Palmer, Vice President

Dick Thompson, Vice President

Eric Wathen, Member

Kenny Givan, Member

Cinda Kattau, Auditor

Hursel Disney, Member

Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor

Brad Whicker, Member

Nancy G. Johnson, Member

Jay Puckett, Member
