

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 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:

David A. Whicker	)	
Phyllis A. Palmer	)	Hendricks County Board of Commissioners
Eric L. Wathen	)	
Gregory E. Steuerwald		Hendricks County Attorney
Cinda Kattau		Hendricks County Auditor
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer
Michael E. Graham		Administrator to 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 Wathen moved to approve the minutes of November 25, 2008, as corrected. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Wathen moved to approve claims #188160 thru 188195, #188900 thru 189736 and \$188198 thru 188899 as advertised. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF EXIT 59

Commissioner Whicker announced bids for sewers for Exit 59 would be opened during the Regional Sewer Board meeting at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

Greg Steuerwald stated he had received no word from Kite on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for their proposed development at Exit 59.

John Ayers stated he met with Lauth representatives on road requirements for their interior road for Westpoint Business Park and Lauth requested a waiver of the paving warranty due to the inclement weather. Mr. Ayers advised that he does not support this waiver.

John Ayers also advised that Lauth currently owes the Hendricks County Planning and Building Department approximately \$15,000 for inspection fees on the interior road for Westpoint Business Park at Exit 59.

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IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY

Mike Graham advised that the increase in wheel tax would be presented at the joint meeting on December 11, 2008 and supporting resolutions from Avon and Plainfield would be presented. Commissioner Wathen stressed they are introducing the possibility of additional wheel tax to fund the Ronald Reagan Parkway, however, they are not pushing for approval of additional wheel tax at the joint meeting. The idea is being introduced at this meeting.

John Ayers stated he had received documentation that INDOT will transfer the I-74 and Ronald Reagan Parkway intersection to Hendricks County control effective December 5, 2008, with the exception of the bridge.

There was discussion of the need for a street light at both the north and south entrance to the I-74 and Ronald Reagan Parkway intersection. John Ayers stated he will look at this intersection and if necessary he will talk with the State regarding a street light on the south side as that would be on US 136.

John Ayers reported the renter of the County pole barn at US 36 and Ronald Reagan Parkway has moved and as previously determined that when the barn was vacant it would be removed he will now investigate removal of this barn.

Commissioner Wathen advised he has talked with representatives of the Crawfordsville District INDOT and encouraged them to look at funding the Ronald Reagan Parkway from any proposed federal stimulus package that may be adopted.

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IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE CENTER

Mike Graham advised he has a tentative commitment from Bridgette Collins, Director Work Release Center, to give an update on the Work Release Center to the Commissioners at their next meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008. He stated he is waiting for confirmation of this date from Todd McCormack, Director Superior Probation.

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IN THE MATTER OF ANIMAL CONTROL

John Ayers reported the floor at the new animal control facility has been redone. Everything has been moved to the new facility and they will now get bids for demolition of the old animal control building.

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IN THE MATTER OF AVON ANNEXATION - DENNIS GRUNDY

Dennis Grundy, 21332 Stone Tower Lane, Trabuco Canyon, California 92679, came forward as a “wishes to be heard” to request the Commissioners to oppose the involuntary annexation by the Town of Avon of his 80 acres of Washington Township, that is located on the south side of CR 150 S immediately west of Avon High School. He further stated this property is zoned agricultural and is currently farmed. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to stand by the previous decision and to not become involved in annexations.

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IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING

Mike Graham reported that during the summer of 2008 John Ayres talked to the Commissioners about a space problem in the Planning Department and advised that Don Reitz, Planning Director, stressed the space problem is a documents storage problem. He stated that changing the records from paper to a digital format would make most of his space problems go away and explained there are two problems: one is the tremendous backlog of old files that need attention; and the second is the new documents that are being continuously created. Mr. Graham stated the new electronic permitting system will help reduce the volume of the new paper files. He further stated to address the old

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documents he had met with Mr. Reitz and his staff and with a company named Imaging Office Systems, Inc. (IOS). IOS provides some records management for County Clerk Cindy Spence and they serve a lot of state agencies including the State Supreme Court. He gave a quote from IOS to digitize all the old records of \$189,053 for the records in the Government Center and additional \$97,350 for the older records stored at Cypress Manor. He further stated no one has an appropriation to resolve the entire problem, however, the Planning Department had \$30,000 in their budget and the balance could be funded from the Commissioners' budget. Commissioner Palmer moved to proceed with funding from the Planning budget and the expenditure of \$20,613 from the Commissioners' equipment line to scan planning documents. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion. Commissioner Wathen encouraged Planning to look further at the current staff doing the scanning of their documents as their development activity is significantly down. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF EVALUATIONS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mike Graham responded to the Commissioners discussion about again reviewing their Department Heads as they did last year and discussing their 2008 accomplishments and 2009 objectives. He stated last year the department heads of Commissioners' Administrator, Human Resources, Engineering, Highway, Computer, County Home, Emergency Management, Veterans and Animal Control were included, however, they did not talk to the Custodial Superintendent or the Weights and Measures Inspector. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Mike Graham to schedule evaluations with their department heads including Custodial and Weight and Measures for the afternoons of Tuesday, December 9, 2008 and Tuesday, December 16, 2008 beginning at 1:00 PM.

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IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE - DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE

Mike Graham stated last week the Commissioners approved the use of the Court House for the Danville High School Wind Ensemble Concert during the Danville Chamber Home Tour. The approval was subject to them paying a custodial fee for the facility. Mr. Graham advised it has been custom and practice to waive these fees for a community organization. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to waive the custodial fee for the Danville High School Wind Ensemble performance during the Danville Chamber Home Tour on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

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IN THE MATTER OF SNOW REMOVAL FROM PARKING LOTS

John Ayers stated the only quote received for snow removal of County parking lots and sidewalk was \$5,600 per snow. He recommended that we continue to use staff and to keep the second truck with snow plow to use this winter. Mr. Ayers stated he has two employees from Engineering and one from the Surveyor's office that have plowed and shoveled snow in previous years that have agreed to again work with the snow removal and recommended to continue with this staff snow removal as this is the most cost effective way to handle snow. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to not accept the quote and to continue using staff as has been done in previous years for snow removal from County parking lots and sidewalks.

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IN THE MATTER OF EMINENT DOMAIN

John Ayers advised the County currently has three parcels in eminent domain and explained this process. He further advised that he will meet with Attorney Dan Zielinski to proceed with these parcels.

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IN THE MATTER OF CENTER STREET AND TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD

Commissioner Palmer relayed a request from a citizen on safety concerns at Township Line Road between Avon

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Avenue and Center Street and suggested a center line be painted for safer travel by citizens traveling this road. Mr. Ayers will check on this request.

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IN THE MATTER OF RELINQUISHING PLANNING JURISDICTION

Receipt was acknowledged of a request from Gary Eakin, Danville Town Manager, for an interlocal agreement for the County to relinquish planning and zoning jurisdiction for property the Town of Danville will be annexing in 2010. This is approximately 1,100 acres that includes the landfill and Hendricks County Airport – Gordon Graham Field. Receipt was also acknowledged of a request from Bob Staton, Banning Engineering, regarding the Plainfield/Reeves Road Interlocal Agreement for the County to relinquish planning and zoning jurisdiction for property the Town of Plainfield will be annexing in 2010.

Mike Graham reported Danville and Plainfield are seeking relinquishment of the County’s planning and zoning jurisdiction for property that will be annexed to these respective towns, but due to the census these towns cannot annex property in 2009. Approval by the County of the interlocal agreement to give up the planning jurisdiction to the towns will allow certain 2009 development to be regulated by the Towns without annexing the property until 2010. Mr. Graham stated they have talked about the process to consider these interlocal agreements and the Commissioners asked that a recommendation be obtained from Don Reitz, Planning Director, before giving consideration to these requests. A memo from Don Reitz for the Danville request and for the Plainfield request was presented. There was discussion that a clear definition of the land to be covered by these interlocal agreements was not included. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to continue the Danville Interlocal Agreement and the Plainfield Interlocal agreement to the next meeting and request that additional information to define the exact land covered by these agreements be provided.

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IN THE MATTER OF BROWNSBURG LIBRARY

Receipt was acknowledged of a request from Wanda Pearson, Director Brownsburg Public Library, for the reappointment of Linda Peterson-Roe to another four-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Brownsburg Public Library. Ms. Peterson-Roe was originally appointed to this board in December 2000 and another term would be through December 31, 2012. Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint Linda Peterson-Roe to another four-year term on the Brownsburg Library Board through December 31, 2012. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS

Drainage Board: Commissioner Wathen moved to reappoint Jack Maloney to the Drainage Board for another three-year term through December 31, 2011. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Economic Development Partnership: Mike Graham advised he talked to Cinda Kelley, Executive Director Economic Development Partnership, relative to Commissioner Wathen serving on the Executive Council if Commissioner Wathen was appointed to serve in place of Commissioner Palmer. Ms. Kelley responded that if Commissioner Wathen was appointed he would also be invited to serve on the Executive Council of the Economic Development Partnership starting in January 2009. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner

Wathen to serve on the Economic Development Partnership.

Fast Start: It was the consensus of the Commissioners to reappoint Jay Puckett to serve another one-year term on Fast Start, contingent if they are still in operation.

Redevelopment Commission: Mike Graham reported he had talked with Harold Hiser, President Redevelopment Commission, and was presented the 2008 attendance sheet for the Redevelopment Commission. It was noted Harold Hiser and Linda Watson Stansbury, are Council appointees and were appointed in July 2008 for a one-year term through July 2009. Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint Bob Brenneman, Bruce McDaniel and Steven Denhart to another one-year term on the Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion. Commissioner Wathen stated he had some individuals that had expressed an interest in serving on boards and requested to continue this appointment until the next meeting. Commissioner Palmer withdrew her motion. Commissioner Whicker withdrew his second. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for the Redevelopment Commission appointments to be continued to the December 9, 2008 meeting.

Redevelopment Authority: Greg Steuerwald explained the function of this board. It was noted two of these appointees are recent appointments. Commissioner Wathen moved to reappoint Dan Devlin, Karl Buetow and Don Allen to each serve another one-year term on the Redevelopment Authority. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Economic Development Commission: Commissioner Palmer moved to appoint Nancy Johnson and reappoint Nancy Marsh and Stan Bassett to a one-year term on the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Hendricks Regional Health Board: Mike Graham responded to the Commissioners direction for him to talk to Dennis Dawes, CEO Hendricks Regional Health, regarding the reappointment of David Lawson to another four year term on the Hospital Board and stated that Mr. Dawes said they would very much like for David Lawson to continue serving on this board. Receipt was acknowledged of a letter from David Lawson requesting reappointment to the Board of Trustees for the Hendricks Regional Health and also a letter from Terry Dillon, Chairman Board of Trustees of Hendricks Regional Health, requesting an appointment and listing three individuals, including David Lawson, for consideration, however, he encouraged the reappointment of David Lawson for another four-year term. It was noted that Mr. Lawson has served on this board for eight years. Commissioner Wathen moved to reappoint David Lawson to another four-year term on the Hendricks Regional Health Board of Trustees through December 31, 2012. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Regional Transit Authority: Commissioner Wathen moved to reappoint Larry Hesson to another two-year term on the Regional Transit Authority. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Plan Commission: Commissioner Whicker moved to reappoint Commissioner Wathen to serve another one-year term as the Commissioners' appointee on the Plan Commission. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the

motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Danville Economic Development: Commissioner Wathen moved to reappoint Ben Comer to another one-year term on the Danville Economic Development. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Airport Authority Board: Commissioner Wathen moved to reappoint Alfred “Al” Bennett to serve another four-year term on the Airport Authority Board and to serve through December 31, 2012. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Gordon Graham Advisory Council: It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Palmer to continue for another one-year term on the Gordon Graham Advisory Council.

Health Board: There was discussion of the appointment and guidelines for the Health Board. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to continue their appointment to the Hendricks County Health Board to the next meeting, December 9, 2008.

Tourism Board: Commissioner Palmer moved to reappoint Richard A. Thompson to another one-year term as the Commissioners appointee to the Tourism Board. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Hoosier Heartland RC&D: Commissioner Whicker stated he had contacted David Wyeth and he was agreeable to serving another term on the Hoosier Heartland RC&D. Commissioner Whicker moved to appoint David Wyeth to another one-year term on the Hoosier Heartland RC&D. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Park Board: There was discussion of the appointment date and term of Raymond Benson on the Park Board. The Commissioners requested Judy Wyeth to check with Council to clarify the dates for Mr. Benson.

Work Force Development: It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Judy Wyeth to check the records on the last appointment to the Work Force Development – Circle 7 Board.

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Commissioner Wathen moved to recess the Commissioners’ meeting at 10:35 AM for the Tech Board. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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Commissioner Whicker opened the Tech Board at 10:36 AM with John Parsons, Systems Administrator, joining the meeting.

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IN THE MATTER OF TECH BOARD

John Parsons presented a request from Cathy Grindstaff, Director Environmental Health, for \$3,100 for computer workstations and software for the Environmental Health Department and requested to purchase these computer supplies from the Commissioners’ equipment line. Commissioner Wathen moved to approve \$3,100 for computer supplies for Environmental Health and to fund from the Commissioners’ equipment line. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

John Parsons presented a request from the Courts with a quote from Van Ausdall & Farrar Court Solutions for \$5,720 for the Hendricks County Auxiliary Court Recording to be funded from the Commissioners’ equipment line. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for John Parsons to obtain additional information on this equipment and to invite a Judge to attend the next Tech Board meeting to explain this request.

Mike Graham questioned the deadline to move funds to purchase the backup generator for the Government Center. Auditor Cinda Kattau explained the year-end encumbrances can be submitted until the end of the year for this generator or any other items if funds were available in the budget.

John Parsons explained addressing and electronic permitting and advised they were making good progress. He stated that Tony Terrell, Computer Department, has been doing most of this work in house for this electronic permitting, which is saving the County a considerable amount of money.

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the Tech Board at 10:45 AM. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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Commissioner Whicker reconvened the Commissioners’ meeting at 10:46 AM.  
IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Wathen moved to reappoint the law firm of Steuerwald Zielinski and Witham as the County Attorney for 2009. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF FAIRGROUNDS

Commissioner Palmer advised at the meeting of the Fair Board they announced Rieth Riley was paving the interior service road at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex. There was discussion of this paving being done during the low temperatures.

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IN THE MATTER OF EMA AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLIDATION

Mike Graham presented the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and the Communications Center consolidation plan and recommended acceptance of this concept. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to accept the concept of the consolidation of the EMA and Communications Center.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

Commissioner Wathen stated he had presented the State of the County address in 2008 and did not desire to do so in 2009. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for Commissioner Palmer to present the 2009 State of Hendricks County address.

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IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Whicker stated there was no correspondence received.

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Receipt was acknowledged of the November 21 to November 26, 2008 Highway report from Martin Summers, Highway Superintendent.

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IN THE MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Receipt was acknowledged of the November 24 through November 28, 2008 Human Resources report from Ron Love, Human Resources Director.

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IN THE MATTER OF TORT CLAIM

Receipt was acknowledged of a Tort Claim received from Nunn Law Office on behalf of Raymond and Angela Crouch, for incident of September 24, 2008 at the intersection of East Main Street and US Highway 36, within the Town of Danville. The original has been hand delivered to Rich Jensen and a copy faxed to Greg Steuerwald.

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IN THE MATTER OF LUNCHEON - AVON SCHOOLS

Commissioner Whicker announced the Commissioners, State Legislator Greg Steuerwald and Mike Graham would be attending a luncheon at t11:30 AM today in the Avon Schools to discuss House Bill 1010.

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Commissioner Wathen moved to adjourn the Commissioners’ meeting at 11:55 AM. Commissioner Palmer 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

