

February 17, 2009

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 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)	
Cinda Kattau		Hendricks County Auditor
David Galloway		Hendricks County Sheriff
Paul T. Hardin		Hendricks County Recorder
David Gaston		Hendricks County Surveyor
Megan Morgan		Hendricks County Jail Matron
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer
Michael E. Graham		Administrator to Commissioners
Ron Love		Hendricks County Human Resources Director
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners

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

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS

Commissioner Whicker announced it was 9:31 AM and bids for reconstruction of CR 600N (56th Street) had been duly advertised for 9:30 AM. Commissioner Palmer moved to close bids for the reconstruction of CR 600N (56th Street). Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Whicker requested County Engineer John Ayers to come forward to open the bids.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wathen moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2009 as corrected. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Wathen moved to approve claims #191514 thru 191517, #191562 thru 1918632, #092174 thru 092316 and Direct Deposit #3046263 thru 046635, as advertised. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING - CR 600N (56TH STREET)

John Ayers opened and read the following four bids received for reconstruction of CR 600N (56th Street):

Berns Construction	\$ 9,849,417.44
E & B Paving	\$ 11,642,390.14
Milestone Construction	\$ 10,849,000.00
Rieth Riley Construction	\$ 10,617,283.00

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to refer the opened bids to the Engineering staff for review and to bring back a recommendation to the March 3, 2009 meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF JUDICIAL CENTER

Commissioner Whicker announced the Judicial Center Advisory Council will hold their first meeting at 7 PM on Thursday, February 26, 2009 in the Government Center.

IN THE MATTER OF EXIT 59

Commissioner Wathen advised sewer construction is ready to begin at Exit 59.

Commissioner Wathen advised of a meeting on February 26, 2009 with a prospective developer at Exit 59.

John Ayers advised American Structurepoint will meet with representatives from INDOT on the wetland

mitigation issue at Exit 59.

Mike Graham reported work continues with representatives from Veolia Water on the water agreement associated with the Lauth project.

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY

Commissioner Wathen reported during the joint Commissioner and Council meeting on February 12, 2009 they had discussed a possible increase in the wheel tax to fund the Ronald Reagan Parkway, however, a straw vote revealed the Council was unfavorable to raising any taxes at this time.

Commissioner Wathen stated the anticipated federal stimulus package that was recently passed will provide funds for counties and local government to spend on “shovel ready” projects. He further stated that depending on the distribution and time frame the Ronald Reagan Parkway meets all the criteria and should be eligible for possible distribution, but nothing is certain.

John Ayers stressed the construction of the Ronald Reagan Parkway from US 36 to CR 100S including the bridge over the CSX tracks will be the primary Hendricks County “shovel ready” project

Commissioner Wathen stated American Structurepoint advised during the Regional Sewer Board meeting this morning American Structurepoint is meeting with a prospective developer at CR 600N and Ronald Reagan Parkway

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF 457(b) INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Sheriff Dave Galloway requested the Sheriff’s Department be given a second option to their 457(b) retirement investment program and introduced Kris Callaway of Morgan Stanley and Elaine Beaty of McCready & Keene. Commissioner Wathen questioned the lack of response from McCready & Keene to the Financial Solutions Group (FSG) request for information on the Sheriff’s financial plan. Ms. Beaty assured Commissioner Wathen they would respond to the FSG inquiry. She explained the 457(b) plan that has been sponsored by the Sheriff’s Association will be provided to employees in the Sheriff’s Department at no cost to the County. Kris Callaway, Morgan Stanley, advised that Morgan Stanley did receive TARP funds. Mr. Callaway explained their plan includes financial planning assistance that is not now available in the START plan offered to Hendricks County employees including employees of the Hendricks County Sheriff’s Department. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to take the 457(b) plan presented by McCready & Keene and by Morgan Stanley under advisement.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY TRUCKS

Auditor Cinda Kattau presented the revised Property Schedule to Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement from

Key Government Finance, Inc. for four new International Highway trucks along with the February 9, 2009 written opinion from Attorney Greg Steuerwald. Mike Graham explained the Highway Department has had problems with one International truck and that Wayne Marsh, Shop Manager, is working with International to resolve the problems with this truck. Ms. Kattau explained this revised agreement and the corrections. Rich Jensen verified that these trucks have been delivered and are currently on the County insurance. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the revised agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. for four new Highway trucks and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Commissioners. Commissioner Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved 2-1-0 with Commissioners Palmer and Whicker voting aye and Commissioner Wathen voting nay as he stated he was not comfortable with the current performance of the International trucks in the Highway Department fleet.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mike Graham reported that on February 12, 2009, the Council approved an Insurance Group Workshop for March 12, 2009 at noon to discuss the topics of GASB 45 and the clinic concept. Mr. Graham stated Jeff Fox will provide lunch and asked if any of the Commissioners would like to attend this workshop. Commissioner Palmer volunteered to attend.

IN THE MATTER OF RECYCLE

Mike Graham reported the custodial staff has asked if we could come up with a program to recycle the fluorescent tubes and compact florescent lights used in County buildings. Mr. Graham stated he has talked to Lenn Detwiler, Director Hendricks County Solid Waste, and was advised he could make arrangements to take the fluorescent lights during the Solid Waste Toxaway Days but it would cost us a disposal fee. The recycling contractor gave us a disposal fee of \$.40 for each tube and \$.55 for each compact light. He further advised the most convenient toxaway drop would be Danville in June and Mr. Detwiler would make arrangement for us to drop them off Friday afternoon. Elvin Cassity, Custodial Superintendent, advised we would have approximately 200 lights to dispose of by June. Mr. Detwiller has advised we could pay for this from the Special Project Fund the County receives from Solid Waste. Commissioner Wathen moved to approve recycling the florescent tubes and compact florescent lights with the Solid Waste and pay the disposal fee from the Special Projects Fund. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Mike Graham stated he has talked to County Assessor Gail Brown regarding the ratio study needing to be

completed before the tax billing can be done. He stressed he needs additional time to work with Assessor Gail Brown, Auditor Cinda Kattau and Treasurer Nancy Marsh together on a game plan and timeline for getting the tax billing done and he hopes that during that process they could compress the timeline.

IN THE MATTER OF KITE'S 70 WEST COMMERCE PARK

Mike Graham advised he has talked to Don Ritz, Planning Director, regarding the involvement of the planning staff in meeting with the company interested in building on the Kite property at Exit 59. He advised that Mr. Reitz knows this is an important project to the County and he understands the importance of being positive as we discuss the planning approvals needed for this project.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

John Ayers requested an updated appraisal of all County buildings. Rich Jensen, Stevenson-Jensen Agency, stated a current appraisal is requested by the bond company. It was the consensus of the Commissioners for John Ayers to obtain quotes for the appraisal of all County owned buildings.

IN THE MATTER OF CULVERT GU-070

John Ayers presented an Agreement for Consulting Services with CrossRoad Engineers in the amount of \$22,100 for Culvert No. GU-070, located in Guilford Township on CR 825E. Mr. Ayers stated this will be to extend the width of this culvert. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve and execute the Agreement for Consulting Services with CrossRoad Engineers in the amount of \$22,100 for Culvert No. GU-070. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 235

John Ayers presented an Agreement for Consulting Services with CrossRoad Engineers in the amount of \$5,600 for Bridge No. 235, located in Guilford Township on Stafford Road. Mr. Ayers stated this will be a written report that will be developed that includes a description of the existing conditions and deficiencies, recommended repair and rehabilitation options and estimated costs including peripheral work items such as construction timing, permits, utility impacts, traffic control and right-of-way. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve and execute the Agreement for Consulting Services with CrossRoad Engineers in the amount of \$5,600 for Bridge No. 235. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CR 400S

Commissioner Whicker questioned the pipeline cut on CR 400S. John Ayers stated he will check this location.

IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

Commissioner Whicker referenced a phone call from Merlin Martin, Stilesville, offering to trade the County right-of-way for a County bridge replacement north of US Highway 40 for a portion of an abandon County road in the same vicinity. John Ayers stated he will contact Mr. Martin on this offer.

IN THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENT CENTER

Commissioner Palmer inquired about the status of replacing the carpet in the Government Center. John Ayers stated he plans to bring options and budget estimates relative to carpet replacement in the Government Center to the meeting next week. He also explained some problems they have incurred and the various types of carpet they have been considering.

IN THE MATTER OF WHITE LICK CREEK ESTATES

Commissioner Wathen reported the new bridge in White Lick Creek Estates is working.

John Ayers stated there were some drains in the White Lick Creek Estates that weren't working because they were blocked by debris. The Highway Crew will clean the inlets.

IN THE MATTER OF CR 1000E

Commissioner Wathen requested the County Engineer to check CR 1000E at Clermont Lakes where water was standing. John Ayers advised he will check the problem to determine a way to resolve this standing water. Commissioner Wathen requested to see the grades for this location.

IN THE MATTER OF TILDEN TERRACE

There was discussion of the flooding in Tilden Terrace and the study Banning Engineering is doing to resolve this flooding problem. John Ayers stated some pipes will need to be replaced and some pipes added in Tilden Terrace to solve the flooding and they plan to make these changes this spring.

IN THE MATTER OF DONNELLY HEIGHTS

John Ayers advised Jeff Healey, Banning Engineering, is checking if a permit will be needed to work on the drainage problems in Donnelly Heights and that he is waiting for a report from Mr. Healey.

IN THE MATTER OF APPLEWOOD

Commissioner Palmer stated she received a call from a resident on Granny Smith Drive in Applewood Subdivision of dangerous break up of pavement covering the streets. John Ayers stated he is checking the under drains in this area and the construction of the drainage in this development.

Commissioner Wathen moved to recess the Commissioners' meeting at 10:40 AM for the Tech Board. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Whicker opened the Tech Board at 10:41 AM with John Parsons, Systems Administrator, and Doug Morris, Web Master, joining the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF TECH BOARD

John Parsons acknowledged receipt of an email from an employee in the Prosecutor's Office who would like to add internet service on her laptop using the County blackberry as her modem and has offered to pay the monthly fee of \$15. This employee has also inquired if this \$15 fee could be deducted from her payroll. Doug Morris explained some problems this could create. There was discussion if this was an exempt or non-exempt employee doing work at home. Mr. Morris will check further and report back.

John Parsons presented a written request from Clerk Cindy Spence for a computer for a part-time employee in her department. Mr. Parsons advised they currently have several reconditioned computers that could be used for this part-time position. Commissioner Whicker moved to approve a computer for the Clerk's Office, as requested. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

John Parsons advised the overhead projector in the Commissioners' Meeting Room would be fully installed this week.

John Parsons stated Assessor Gail Brown needs three additional X-Soft licenses for three satellite offices. Doug Morris said there is currently no connection to these offices. Commissioner Wathen requested for Doug Morris to obtain more information on these offices and report back.

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the Tech Board at 11:00 AM. Commissioner Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Whicker reconvened the Commissioners' meeting at 11:01 AM.

IN THE MATTER OF RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Recorder Paul T. Hardin presented a customer agreement from Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc. for software in the Recorder's Office and requested this contract be reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to forward this contract to Greg Steuerwald for review and comment.

IN THE MATTER OF SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Surveyor David Gaston reported they had received numerous flooding complaints from citizen as a result of the recent heavy rains and they were checking out each location.

Surveyor David Gaston reported a Surveyor's vehicle was hit last week by another vehicle that ran a red light. He reported it was the other drivers fault and that the vehicle is at the body shop awaiting repairs. Rich Jensen advised he had notified the insurance carrier.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE MANUALS

Ron Love advised he had been informed the Hendricks County Courts have their own employee manuals that are different from the Hendricks County Employee Manuals. Commissioner Palmer requested Mike Graham to check on this comment and bring back a report.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Whicker acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

Correspondence:

Action needed/taken on the following:

1. Checks received and signed to the county:

a. Governmental Interinsurance Exchange	\$9,286.97	Vehicle Damage
b. Governmental Interinsurance Exchange	\$850.00	Vehicle Damage
 2. Whicker signed vehicle titles for the following: None
 3. Documents needing action: None
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IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Receipt was acknowledged of the January 2009 Veterans' report from Lori Turpin, Veteran's Affairs Officer.

IN THE MATTER OF HUMAN REOURCES

Receipt was acknowledged of the Human Resources report for February 9 through February 13, 2009 from Ron Love, Human Resources Director.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY WORKSHOP

Commissioner Whicker announced the Commissioners have scheduled at 1:00 PM Workshop in Room #2 of the Government Center with Sheriff Dave Galloway to discuss security and this workshop has been duly posted on the agenda.

Commissioner Wathen moved to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting at 11:05 AM . Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

David A. Whicker, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

Eric L. Wathen, Member

ATTEST: _____
Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor
