

July 9, 2009

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and County Council met in a joint session on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 4:40 PM 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 Commissioners	Richard Thompson)	
Eric L. Wathen)		Brad Whicker)	
Cinda Kattau		Hendricks County Auditor	Jay Puckett)	Council
Judge David Coleman		Superior Court II	Myron Anderson))	
Judge Robert Freese		Superior Court 1	Nancy C. Johnson)	
Judge Stephanie Lemay-Liken		Superior Court V	Nathaniel Woods)	
Todd McCormick		Director Adult Probation			
Michael E. Graham		Administrator to Commissioners			
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer			
Ron Love		Hendricks County Human Resources Director			
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners			

NOTE: Larry Hesson did not attend this meeting.

David Whicker opened the Commissioners' Meeting with a quorum of all three Commissioners present.

Dick Thompson opened the Council Meeting with a quorum of six Council members present.

David Whicker led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

Eric Wathen moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2009 as presented. Brad Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved 8-0-1 with Council Member Nathaniel Woods abstaining as he did not attend that meeting.

There was discussion of the work release center. Todd McCormack gave a brief update on the operations of the work release center and stated the Department of Corrections just agreed to fund 50 beds in the facility effective August 1, 2009 in a pilot program. He explained changes in the State Department of Corrections administration caused the delay in getting this agreement. He also stated they plan to market the work release center to other counties. Judge David Coleman stated he has sent work release center brochures to eleven judges in other counties. Mr. McCormack also stated there is a possibility the State funding of prisoners may go away and stressed this is the funding we use for our County vehicles. He reported there are currently 33 residents in the work release facility. Judge Stephanie LeMay-Luken explained the problems they incur with repeat offenders. Judge Robert Freese stated the current economy has reduced the job market and many residents are unable to find jobs to qualify them for the work release center.

Phyllis Palmer announced the next Advisory Committee meeting for the judicial center study will be held Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 7 PM in the Government Center.

Greg Guerrettaz gave a report on the TIF bonds for the Exit 59 area and stated they are in a hold pattern at this time. He stated the Redevelopment Commission is working on the Heartland Crossing TIF. He explained the variable interest rate is the driving force. He further advised the County is not liable on this bond. Mr. Guerrettaz stated he is working on the annual TIF reports and that will include facts and figures along with a full update on the TIF areas.

David Whicker advised the sanitary sewer project at Exit 59 is still on schedule for a completion date of August 31, 2009.

Jason Bria, Lauth Development, advised he has supplied data to Greg Guerrettaz from the report of June 9, 2009 and that Mr. Guerrettaz is now working with G.E., the Lauth partner on the Exit 59 project.

Greg Guerrettaz stated there was no update on the Financial Plan.

Brad Whicker left the meeting at 4:17 PM.

Eric Wathen reported the Ronald Reagan Parkway will receive \$13,000,000 for the bridge over the CSX tracks and they are anticipating a September or October bid letting for this bridge. He stated these are federal funds allocated through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Commissioner Wathen also explained the Innovative Financing from CR 100S to CR 200S and advised of an earmark from Congressman Buyer for \$535,000 for the Ronald Reagan Parkway and stressed these monies are not from the Stimulus Package. The Commissioners and Council members thanked Eric Wathen for his work and dedication on the Ronald Reagan Parkway project.

Mike Graham reported on the clinic option for employee health insurance and stated they met with representatives of the Hendricks Regional Health on a presentation that will parallel with the Brownsburg Schools. Mr. Graham stated the Insurance Committee needs to meet to further discuss the clinic option.

Mike Graham explained the GASB report on liability against the County and stated Jeff Fox, our insurance consultant has found a product to help resolve this liability. He again stressed the Insurance Committee needs to meet. There was discussion of the composition of the Insurance Committee. It was the consensus of the Commissioners and Council that the Commissioners should have a representative on the Insurance Committee and that Phyllis Palmer would serve on the Insurance Committee on behalf of the Commissioners. It was the consensus of

the Commissioners and Council for the Insurance Committee to meet on Thursday, August 20 at 8:00 AM in the Government Center.

As determined at previous meetings the County does not have a “freeze” on hiring, but rather a “chill” and there was discussion of vacant position replacement within the County. Mike Graham presented the proposed procedures and guidelines for filling open positions. There was discussion of this policy. Jay Puckett moved to approve and adopt the Hendricks County Policy Job Vacancy Review Procedures and Guidelines, as presented, to be effective July 9, 2009. Nancy Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 8-0-0.

Ron Love stated the Employee Evaluations are starting to come in and he is contacting department heads and elected officials to remind them. Eric Wathen requested a report of the departments that have not completed the employee evaluations at the next Commissioners’ meeting on July 14, 2009.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners and Council to hold another joint meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 3:30 PM following the Council meeting at 1:30 PM.

Eric Wathen moved to adjourn the joint meeting at 5:50 PM. Jay Puckett seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 8-0-0.

David A. Whicker, President

Larry Hesson, President

Phyllis Palmer, Vice President

Dick Thompson, Vice President

Eric Wathen, Member

Myron Anderson, Member

Cinda Kattau, Auditor

Nathaniel Woods, Member

Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor

Brad Whicker, Member

Nancy G. Johnson, Member

Jay Puckett, Member
