

MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUDGE NAT U. HILL MEETING ROOM
BLOOMINGTON, IN

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Aug. 31, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. With the following members present: Iris Kiesling, President; Joyce Poling, Vice President; Patrick Stoffers, Member. Also present William Steger, Monroe County Attorney; Jane Marie Lind, Commissioners Executive Director; Bill Williams, County Highway Engineer and Mark Hazelbaker, Monroe County Auditor.

CALL TO ORDER

(Kiesling) I would like to call to order the Commissioners meeting for August 31st.

Poling moved Stoffers seconded to amend the agenda to add a Soccer Proclamation and an Encomium for Martha Register. And item "F" which is an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Motion passed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL (\$773,471.47) AND CLAIMS (\$5,364,183.38)

Poling moved Stoffers seconded to approve payroll and claims for August 31, 2007

(Kiesling) The reason why claims are so high is from the distribution of the June Settlement.

Motion passed

REPORTS

Poling moved Stoffers seconded to accept the monthly report from the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the monthly report from Weights and Measures.

Motion passed

PROCLAMATIONS

YOUTH SOCCER MONTH IN INDIANA

(?) These players are both on travel teams and our recreation teams. They are participants in the Cutter's Soccer Club in addition to our organization.

AN ENCONIUM TO HONOR MARTHA REGESTER

(Kiesling) We the board of Commissioners would like to announce that we will make a donation this year from our Social Service Fund for \$20,000 to Martha's House. We are going to request that the Council make a dedicated amount of \$10,000 on an annual basis.

(Bob Miller) I wanted to extend our most sincere gratitude to the Commissioners for their generous support. I also want to thank Dan Combs for their long term dedication to Martha's House. As you know it was Perry Township that actually created Martha's House. If anyone would like to make a contribution mail to Martha's House Inc. P.O. Box 2115 Bloomington, IN 47402. Or it can be dropped off at the Perry Township complex on South Walnut Street.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Poling moved Stoffers seconded to accept the report

(Tom Rhodes, Community Corrections) This report covers our grant year, which is July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. Last year we diverted 445 adult felons from potential prison time and 252 adult misdemeanants from straight jail time. Also along with this we had 184 juvenile offenders diverted from costly detention and placement by putting them into our JAMS Program and by utilizing our Juvenile Home Detention Program.

Motion passed

Poling moved Stoffers seconded

CONTRACT ADDENDUM TO THE 2006-2009 CONTRACT WITH AFL-CIO

Poling moved Stoffers seconded

(Jeff Cockerill, Legal Dept.) This is a contract addendum for the Highway Union representing a change in compensation. Their contract does run thru 2009, but part of that contract says that either side may open it up to talk about wages and compensation. What we came up with was a 6% increase over the previous years. This was based in part on the WIS number.

Motion passed

SHERIFF'S MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE AGREEMENT \$14,400

Poling moved Stoffers seconded

(Bill Wilson, Jail Commander) This is a renewal contract. This provides jail diversion services for inmates who have been placed in jail with more mental health issues. It moves those inmates out of jail and it places them in more appropriate facilities where they can receive better treatment than in the jail.

(Donna Graves, Mental Health America) This contract is used for a clinician to go into the jail to work with the inmates.

Motion passed

ORDINANCE 2007-32 TO AMEND VARIOUS TRAFFIC ORDINANCES

Poling moved Stoffers seconded

(Bill Williams, Highway)

ORDINANCE 2007-32

An ordinance to amend various traffic ordinances listed below in the Monroe County Code.

SECTION I

An ordinance to amend Ordinance 86-6 regarding regulatory stop conditions for vehicular traffic on designated roads, streets, etc., in Monroe County, Indiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Appendix A of Ordinance 86-6 is amended by the addition of the following **stop** location:

- A. Normandie Court for Bellemeade Drive
- B. Winding Brook Subdivision
 - 1. Charlie Avenue for Rogers Street
 - 2. Phyllis Street for Rogers Street
 - 3. Anne Court for Catherine Street
 - 4. Catherine Street for Phyllis Street
 - 5. Catherine Street for Charlie Avenue
 - 6. Charlie Avenue for Phyllis Street
 - 7. Glenda Court for Charlie Avenue

SECTION 4: Any vehicle operator who is found to violate any provision of this ordinance commits a Class C ordinance violation and shall be fined in accordance with Monroe County Code Section 115-3(A)(3).

SECTION II

An ordinance to amend Ordinance 06-10 regulatory traffic movements for vehicular traffic on designated roads, streets, etc., in Monroe County, Indiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 2 of Ordinance 06-10 is amended by the addition of the following **traffic movement. All lanes stop when school bus stops**

- A. Curry Pike from BCL to State Road 46

SECTION 4: Any vehicle operator who is found to violate any provision of this ordinance commits a Class C ordinance violation and shall be fined in accordance with Monroe County Code Section 115-3(A)(3).

SECTION III

An ordinance to amend Ordinance 00-32 establishing regulatory signal conditions for vehicular traffic on designated roads, streets, etc., in Monroe County, Indiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 2 of Ordinance 00-32 is amended by the addition of the **Traffic Signal** location to read as follows:

- A. Liberty Drive and Baxter Drive
- B. Curry Pike and Profile Parkway

SECTION 4: Any vehicle operator who is found to violate any provision of this ordinance commits a Class C ordinance violation and shall be fined in accordance with Monroe County Code Section 115-3(A)(3).

Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, on this 31st day of August 2007.

Motion passed 2-0 Poling abstained

RESOLUTION 2007-48 APPROVAL OF THE PERRY CLEAR CREEK FIRE PROTECITON DISTRICT CUMULATIVE FUND

Poling moved Stoffers seconded

(Jim Dunning) In 2002 the State Legislature authorized the establishment of Cumulative Fire Protection and Equipment Funds. And the Perry/Clear Creek adopted one in the summer of 2003. We relied at that time on a set of procedures that were provided to us by the DLGF. Unfortunately we omitted the step of coming before the Commissioners and having that approved.

(Bill Tatum) I'm not opposed of the fire district. I attended a number of the budget meetings and I have been happy with it the first four or five years. But this year seems to be somewhat different. This year the 2008 General Fund Budget went up \$141,000, that's an 8.8% increase. At the same time the property tax levy increase for next year will be \$44,500. This budget has been in the neighborhood of about 5%, which I thought was okay. In that budget wages, salaries and benefits go up \$102,500 so that's not been neglected. What got my attention about the accumulative fund for next year is that the fire department board doubled the rate. I supported the 1% rate, which is bringing in \$96,300 property tax levy, next year it will be double that. Plus assessed valuation increased. Farm land will go up 30% next year. At the same time the assessed valuation is going up all the time. The one thing that really got my attention about this CUM Fund is at the end of 2006 when the financial summary came out in the newspaper it showed that \$65,000 had been transferred from the CUM Fund to the General Fund and Rainy Day Fund. If there is a million dollar fire station down the way then I would prefer a bond issue at time.

Motion passed

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT \$36,013.45

Poling moved Stoffers seconded

(John Hooker, Emergency Management) This is our 2006 grant agreement. This is the reimbursement for our salaries. It's a little over \$36,000 that will come back to the county.

Motion passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Courthouse will be closed on September 3, 2007

Saturday and Sunday will be the 4th Street Festival on Fourth Street and Grant.

On Labor Day the Smithville Area Association will have their celebration.

There was be a Birthday Celebration for John Whikart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech.

Next weekend is the DNR Walk and the other one is the Heart Walk on September 9th.

Our next Commissioners meeting is on September 14th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Cynthia Hoffman) Many citizens of Monroe County are worried about the voting system because impartial experts have condemned the kind of machine used here, the DRE as neither secure nor reliable. DRE's have resulted in lost or unaccounted votes in Indiana. And most States forbid the use of DRE's that do not print a voter verified paper ballot. We therefore propose that the county acquire no more of these machines for the time being. In the mean time the Monroe County Commissioners and council should appoint a bipartisan panel of citizens to conduct a detailed study of the voting system and recommend a course of action.

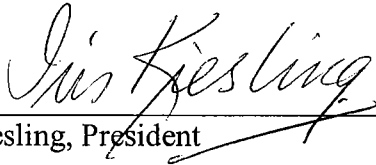
(John Reeves) I have a neighbor who has built what would be his fourth home to rent it on a nightly basis. There is a website available. I'm curious as to having what was classified as single family dwelling that is being rented out on a nightly basis for a fee of around \$200 a night. They are also collecting an Innkeepers Tax. They offer different services as well as catering. They're renting to multiple families on multiple nights. It seems to me like it should be classified as a business in a rural residential area.

(David Grubb) Good morning Commissioners. Has Jeff Ellington left town yet? Common Wealth is calling him home. If he's got his fire pension he can go home now. We got several things I want to do. I'm way behind. First of all Monroe County owes me six months for the six months I spent in prison for hitting a five year old that I didn't hit. Salzman pulled a dandy on me and I want paid. And I don't want to have to hire a lawyer cause I'm broke, can you Commissioners do that? Vernal Pike looks good; O'Mara's doing a good job. Are you getting any improvements in the county done? We need to work on trash removal. The county needs to take spots over in the county and start a free trash, and turn it into liquid asphalt coating. It came out about 40 years ago. We got to do this because the County is getting littered up bad. We could use like Carmel IN if we worked on it.

ADJOURNMENT

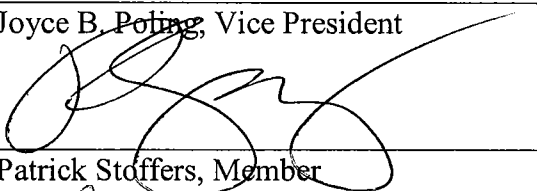
Commissioners meeting for August 31, 2007

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

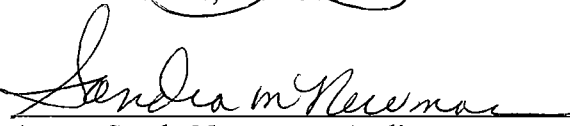


Iris Kiesling, President

Joyce B. Poting, Vice President



Patrick Stoffers, Member



Attest: Sandy Newmann, Auditor

Approved on October 12, 2007