

**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 February 2, 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 Sandy Newmann, Monroe County Auditor.

CALL TO ORDER

(Kiesling) I would like to call to order the Commissioners meeting for February 2, 2007.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL (\$700,754.24) AND CLAIMS (\$3,312,015.27)

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded to accept payroll and claims for February 2, 2007

Motion passed

REPORTS

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

Motion passed

(Kevin Enright, Surveyor) One of the requirements of the Surveyor Review Board is an annual report of the update of what's happened in the past year. And what we've been working on is adapting to new technology. This year we see the fruits of our labor with the ortho-photography. And that gets coupled with changes in technology. With the G.I.S these maps show the 97 section corners that were added to our records this year and the following two pages of the reports are the spread sheets of those corners. This is a book of the corner records that we're required to keep in the office. So this is the first public viewing of the electronic version.

(Kiesling) We are awarding three social service grants which were encumbered from last year from our grant lines. The first one is Volunteers in Medicine, which is \$10,000, the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, \$5,000 and Area 10 Homebound Program, \$5,231.

(Jerry Neely) We want to thank the County Commissioners for this \$10,000. As you know the Volunteers in Medicine initiative has been moving along toward an opening at the current CHAPS clinic on April 23. And we have put together an operating budget that we shows that we have a need over a three years period of about 1.5 million dollars. We are about 55% of that three year objective. So we have a way to go and as many of you know the Volunteers in Medicine is a model which has been practiced throughout the United States for many years. We have taken that model

and are going to expand it to include a lot of services that most clinics don't offer. We are going to be opening on April 23. We have a great partner with Bloomington Hospital who will provide services for those who do not have insurance. If you do not have any kind of insurance and meet certain federal guidelines you can come in for free medical care. And that will include many services which the Bloomington Hospital will continue to provide so they are one of our partners. The physicians will be volunteering their time to come to the clinic and provide services to those who do not have insurance. And then we have the community support. We need to have the community support for financing the clinic as well as volunteers. This will be completely free if you meet the requirements. Because we do not charge a fee each of those physicians are protected under the federal Torque Laws, which says that they basically don't have to provide their own personal liability insurance, which is very costly if they are in private practice and the Federal Government steps in and shields them from any liability and that being the case they are able to volunteer when otherwise it would be cost prohibitive for them to do that.

(Julio Alonso) I have copies of our 2006 annual report to give to you. Our food bank did distribute over 1.6 million pounds of food in our six county service area last year to over 90 agencies that have feeding programs. About 72% of that food did stay right here in Monroe County. The 13th annual Soup Bowl is coming up on February 18th tickets are now available at the Blooming Foods locations, Yarns Unlimited and at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank they are \$20.00 and that gets you a hand made bowl by a local potter. We made up some cups this year with our meal share logo on them, which is for our prepared food rescue program. We go out and collect prepared food from restaurants and then it's repacked by volunteers and then put into portions that are able to be distributed to our agencies and individuals and families.

(Caroline Clay) We're halfway through our fiscal year and we're already seeing the need out strips our finances and our ability to respond so we're especially grateful at this time for this grant. We have hundreds of volunteers. We are having a fundraiser our annual "Have a Heart for the Homebound Fundraiser held on February 14th. This year we're going to try a swing dance at the Players Pub. The Star Dusters will be playing.

PROCLAMATION

WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN

WHEREAS: Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS: Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of over 460,000 American females (about one death per minute) each year; and

WHEREAS: Each year, 53% of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, as compared to 47% in men, and about 32,800 more females than males die from a stroke; and

WHEREAS: In 2007, the estimated direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is estimated at \$431.8 billion; and

WHEREAS: Only 13% of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

WHEREAS: February is designated as "American Heart Month"; and

WHEREAS: "Go Red For Women" is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease-leading cause of death for women ~ and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; and

WHEREAS: All women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Heart Check-Up and by talking with their healthcare provider.

NOW, THEREFORE: We, The Monroe County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 2, 2007 as

"WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN"

and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red. By increasing awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.

PROCLAIMED THIS SECOND DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO-THOUSAND AND SEVEN

THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2006-48 GRINER/REESE PUD

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(Gregg Zody, Planning Dept.) The purpose of this request is to amend the original PUD which was approved by the Bloomington Plan Commission on January 31, 1994. The petitioner is requesting Accessory Outdoor Storage be added to the list of permitted uses in order to accommodate Reese Central Wholesale which specializes in wholesale building materials. The petition site is approximately 14.66 acres located on the 2500 block of N. Curry Pike in Richland Township. The site is owned by Mr. Griner and includes two industrial buildings where machine manufacturing is done. Staff has forwarded the petition with a positive recommendation. Here is a list of conditions.

1. Driveway applications and construction plans shall be submitted for approval as the lot develops.
2. Drainage board approval may be necessary as the site develops.
3. N. Curry Pike is classified as a Minor Collector requiring a 50 foot right-of-way dedication from the center of the road.
4. Accessory Outdoor Storage be permitted only as accessory to wholesale building materials.
5. The outdoor storage area shall be located completely behind a sight of proof fence or behind the new structure.

(Zody) And I should add that landscaping will be provided when they submit their site plan because they do have to submit a site plan as a result of if you all approve this. And I should note that they will have to pave the entrance on the south side of the site because right now its gravel and we do require that, that all entrances are paved.

(Steve Brehab) This was a PUD approved by the City in 1994. Approved for Commercial/Wholesale and Building materials, but no mention of outdoor storage.

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

AIDS/HIV PREVENTION PROGRAM CONTRACT \$19,900

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded approval

(Bob Schmidt, Health Dept.) This is a continuation of an annual contract we have with the State Dept. of Health from the Centers of Disease Control.

Motion passed

ICJI GRANT AGREEMENT \$69,074

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded approval

(JoAnn Vernon, Prosecutor's office) We have already had the grant approved, we are here to have you sign the agreement so the State can award us this money and implement the Proslink program in our office.

(Regina Saunders, Prosecutor's office) There are over 80 counties already with Proslink and our goal is to get all of our historical information to the State so we can share with other prosecutors.

Motion passed

REQUEST TO HIRE CHAIM JULIAN FOR RECORDERS OFFICE \$10.00 HOURLY

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded approval.

(Sam Allison, Records office) We just finished our numbers for January and there are a couple of interesting items there. For the month of January 2007 the Records office processed over 1,900 documents and our turn around time on most of them was one working day. Our efforts also produced a total inflow of \$43,322 for the month of January. Of that amount about \$26,200 went into the County General Fund. About \$10,500 of what we generated went into the Records perpetuation Fund. The total amount of our perpetuation is now nearly \$600,000. We have planning a number of technology upgrades in our office; one is by purchasing a scanning machine. This contract allows us to hire someone to scan all documents and become back up. The contract allows for flexibility a total of 200 hours not to exceed 35 in any one week. This would be paid entirely out of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund.

Motion passed

ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT \$5,500 YEARLY

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded approval

(Steger) This is an annual agreement that we have with Microvote for maintenance of the voting machines. It provides for unlimited software upgrade and technical support as needed.

Motion passed

STORM WATER QUALITY CONSULTING AGR \$1,500

(Williams) This is for paying a SPEA student who is currently working for us for free we want to pay her an additional nine hours a week to continue working on our Storm Water Quality Program with the Drainage Engineer.

Motion passed

(Williams) Anyone that will be using Vernal Pike, between Curry and Loesch we'll be closing that segment of roadway beginning February 15th thru the June/July time frame for the widening of the bridge and the reconstruction of Vernal Pike. In doing so, our detour route will be to use Loesch Road down to Profile Parkway. That intersection will become a three way stop sign. We have another closing that we're getting ready to do between Baywood Drive and That Road on February 15th thru June 30th.

APPOINTMENTS

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded approval of the following appointments

We are appointing Kitty Burkhart to the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review. This is a three year term.

At the recommendation of the Monroe County Trustee Association, we are appointing Christopher I. Crabtree to the Ambulance Advisory Board for 2007. This is a one year term

We are appointing Peggy Chambers, Marge Faber, and Valerie Haughton to the Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board. These are 2 year terms.

The following people have been designated by their appointing agencies for a two year term ending December 31, 2008:

Emergency Management Advisory Council:

Charles Newmann, Joyce B. Poling, Capt. William T. Nelson, Kevin Robling, James R. Davis, Ritchie Carter,

The following people representing public or private agencies or organizations are appointed by the Monroe County Commissioners for a two year term ending December 31, 2008:

Kenneth E. Long, IV Risk Management
Robert M. Schmidt, Monroe County Health Department Don
Adams, Business Representative

Motion passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chocolate Fest is tomorrow night from 5:00 o'clock until 8:00 o'clock at the Bloomington Monroe County Convention Center.

The County offices will be closed on February 18th for President's Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Marsha Grubb) I'm here to address and maybe create an awareness of issues that probably the public, title companies and surveyors have been having with the records in the Auditor's office. The transfers are not being put in the transfer books in a timely fashion and that can create a problem with the public. If there is a split property they sometimes go and get a copy of the plat they have to have it for the property owners if those are not kept current they will not get the current information. Deeds that we take to be transferred so we can record mortgages behind those it creates a problem from the bank because we can not do those in a timely fashion and it creates a liability for our companies. It also creates a problem for surveyors. They go to get the current records if those are not current to do the splits then they are receiving errors in information. A lot of times the records are put on the computer and then put into the books later. The public does not use those computers, we use the actual books which under Indiana Code those are to be maintained current. The plat books and the transfer books by the Auditor's office. During splitting a property they now have a new form that you submit and it's a two week delay to get those done. People who had went thru planning and zoning have gotten everything approved to get things recorded and they are told it's a two week delay to get that done. I had a split with the Planning Dept. and Planning was not even aware that there was a two week delay to get those done. There is also confusion with the parcel numbers. There is a State I.D. number that's been created and we have a ten digit parcel number we've used for years and there's confusion there as to what parcel number we are to be using. The GIS is at least a year behind. We do transfers from people I get calls two weeks later that their property is not on the GIS. Either that needs to be shut down so it can't be used or gotten current.

(Brenda Brinegar) We have exactly the same concerns as what Marsha just eluded to. I will say that we do have a real problem with the plat not being done or having to wait for several days or up to two weeks and in the past... and I've been around here 14 years we could bring a plat in and in a matter of hours and at the very most the next day it would be processed and ready to go for us to continue on with our work. And this impedes everything that we do. The developers have a problem with it. The people buying these lots have a problem with it and one thing that it really creates a problem is that the taxpayers when these things are not transferred in a timely manner so that we can get everything recorded it can greatly effect tax statements that people get also a major problem that we've had in the past is that if we can get the deed done by March 1st that person misses out on getting their mortgage exemption filed and their homestead deduction filed on time. And that does create a problem. We've had meetings with the Auditor's office about these issues. They have been less then satisfactory for us at least and we felt that we should let the Commissioners know what our concerns are and our frustrations with the Auditor's office. And we're the customers more importantly the taxpayers we feel are not being served in an effective and efficient manner.

(Rosha Grubb) We have had the meetings, the first meeting was rather productive when we came out of it we thought things were going to be met. The last meeting that we had on Wednesday evening got rather hostile. The Auditor's office got really defensive, it was completely unproductive and it was said after the meeting that there would not be another one like that. The problem is, that the public does not know this is going on because we are the liaison for the public. We are who they use to go through to get these things done. It's going to cause a problem whether you've transferred something, pretty much within the last two years. I would suggest that if you've done something with your property in the past few years contacting the Auditor's office and making sure that they did transfer it because we are coming across a lot of errors and when we go to the staff, they get to it when they can get to it. And there's a lack of communication in how we're suppose to go about notifying the deputy and the Auditor. I'm under the impression that they have

now instituted a correction sheet that we need to sign, haven't been told that, and haven't gotten an email to that effect. And another point I have is, I guess there was going to be some type of changing of the first three digits of the township numbers that's just something that appeared downstairs in the recorder's office without any type of explanation. So I would just say, "The Auditor's office bears watching".

(Charles Newmann) Just a point of clarification. You made the appointments this morning and for the public's information is there a place on the County website where citizens can go to see what appointments are being considered? The City has something like that. Because they are not put on the agenda what appointments are being considered? We've always said there was a problem getting people involved in the community, but if the citizens don't know what appointments they can apply for, they don't know to apply for them. I happen to see a copy of the Ellettsville Journal but they were talking about the Ellettsville Town Board and where they were going to be considering a tax increment finance area for Ellettsville in a blighted area and there was a very good explanation of what the TIF is. I asked our State Legislators for that, I'm interested in the requirements for the TIF and I would hope that our Economic Development office here would be able to advertise to the citizens how those TIF's are created, who's on the redevelopment commission and when they meet. I hope there is a response to what's going on and what's really going on behind the scenes with these inquiries.

(Newmann) We did have a meeting with all the title people last year. At that time we did set up an email address with all of them in there with a consensus of, that if there was any concerns or if there was anything that we could focus back and forth on, see any improvements or anything like that, they were to contact us by email to keep us as a group, to let everybody know what was going on. In that length of time between that meeting and the meeting that we just had on Wednesday there hasn't been one response to any of that. Except H-T, which did respond and did give a very good compliment on the meeting. Wednesday's meeting when we came into that we had no ideal at the moment that there was any concerns. We were there to get together, figure out if we was going to have a workshop, whether we were going to be meeting as groups and see what we can do to work together. When we came into that meeting that's what I thought our intentions were, but there was so much negative and right up the front of this meeting that I think it really upset quite a few of our people that have really been working their butts off, and I will say that, for the last few months and trying to get the GIS, trying to get the property records, going with the State the new parcel I.D numbers. We've got a lot on our plate down there. But we are doing it. Plat maps, I do know have been kept up. And we are looking in through all this and I think if we're going to continue. And I did say, and the comment and rumor is true, I will not have another meeting like that. My people don't have to go to meetings and be thrown at all this negative. I believe in meetings. I also believe in getting together and working together, but what happened Wednesday was not what I consider a good positive meeting and team work, I'm not getting that feed back and I think it's wrong. And I would like Cathy Smith and Susie Johnson to comment too.

(Susie Johnson) I will be the first to admit that I am human, I make mistakes. I am learning a new position. I am striving to do my best at that position, but yes, I make mistakes. If I am made aware of those mistakes I will do my very best to correct that mistake. I apologize for any error that I have done, that would create a hardship for anyone. I certainly did not do it intentionally. And I can speak for the rest of the staff, I believe that, yes, we are all human and yes we all make mistakes. Please tell us and we will do what we can to correct those mistakes. We have in the past tried to be courteous to the people who bring in their deeds, process them in what we felt like was as quickly as possible so that person didn't have to wait, and yes we have gotten behind on entering transfers in the book. We have begun a new policy, we will do all bookwork, everything that needs to be done with that deed before we release the deed back to the individual who brought it in. That is going to create a longer time frame for the individual who's bringing the deed in to wait, but we believe that it will alleviate some of the issues that are going on with things not being entered into

