

**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 July 6, 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 July 6, 2007.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL (\$716,150.59) AND CLAIMS (\$15,214,623.77)

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(Newmann) Claims are high due to June Settlement and COIT distribution.

Motion passed

REPORTS

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

Motion passed

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES

(Kiesling) These are certificates of folks who helped with our 100th Celebration of the Courthouse and Rededication of our Corner Stone. The committee members for the celebration are:

Jill Lesh
Talisha Coppick
Rob McClain
Jerry Appleberry
Ed Van De Sande

Rachael McCarty
Sarah Levine
Richard Crider
Jon Livingston
Alice Griffith
Jill Escobedo
Kara Appleberry
Jane Marie Lind
David Roland
Carol Wise
Jenny Kleindorfer
Mike Gilmore
Mary Lou Craig
Pat Haley
Lois McLavene
Lisa Simmons
Jen Marcum
Spence Lodge #95
Monroe Lodge #22 – Tracy Cooksey
Stanford Lodge #173- Marion Crum
Ellettsville Lodge #245 – Robert Lentz

(Rob McClain) I'm wearing a fundraising t-shirt that we developed to commemorate the Centennial of the Courthouse. All proceeds go towards the year long series of events to celebrate the centennial. You can purchase them at the John Waldron Art Center, the Monroe County History Center and the main Visitors Center on Walnut Street. The Convention/Visitors Bureau is sponsoring a photo contest from now thru November 30th with a picture of the Courthouse. The winning photo will be on display here in the Rotunda. Visit Bloomington.com for all the details.

PROCLAMATIONS

PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

(Tom Rhodes, Community Corrections) We have a staff of 76. We will be having special programs/activities this week commemorating the efforts of our staff.

OLD BUSINESS

JUSTICE BUILDING AWARD OF CONTRACT \$99,955

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(Bill Steger, Legal Dept) This is an award of a remodeling contract for the Justice Building.

(John Byers, Architect for the remodeling of the Justice Building) As you may recall we had one bid from Quantum Construction. We're recommending that you accept Quantum's bid of \$99,955 for this project.

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES GRANT \$218,174

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(JoAnn Vernon, Prosecutor's office) This grant is for 2008-2009 between the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Aging and the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

(Evelyn Harrell, Prosecutor's office) Adult Protective Services is funded by the State of Indiana and it serves three counties. We investigate allegations of crimes committed against people who are not mentally capable of advocating for themselves.

Motion passed

LEASE FOR RECORDS STORAGE \$12,394

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(Steger) For the past six years the county has been fortunate enough to lease off site space for records storage primarily for the Recorder's office and the Clerk's office. This is a renewal of that lease for an additional two years.

Motion passed

ORDINANCE 2007-25 REVOCATION OF ORDINANCE 2007-10

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(Jeff Cockerill, Legal Dept.) This is a housekeeping item. At the beginning of this year there was an ordinance passed that was meant to amend the precinct boundaries. That ordinance is subject to State approval. The State did not approve this boundary change.

Motion passed

ORDINANCE 2007-28 CUMMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(Stoffers) This fund needs to be periodically renewed because what happens is it relative to value it slips over time and so it's in the County's interest to periodically revisit this.

(Steger) The fund was first created in 1984 and I can't find where it has ever been reauthorized. What's happened it that over a course of years and the reassessment that we have had in that period of time the actual tax rate applied to the fund given the cap have actually reduced over the course of 23 years and so this is getting it back up to the amount that's permitted by state law.

Motion passed

ORDINANCE 2007-29 TO AMEND VARIOUS TRAFFIC ORDINANCES

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded

(Bill Williams, Highway Dept.)

ORDINANCE 2007-29

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

SECTION I

An ordinance to amend Ordinance 86-9 regarding regulatory speed 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:

That Appendix A of Ordinance 86-9 is amended by the addition of the following 25 mph **speed limit** location.

1. Gran Haven Addition
 - a. Judee Drive
 - b. Gran Haven Drive

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 6th day of July 2007.

APPOINTMENTS

Poling moved, Stoffers seconded to appoint:

Thomas Myers to the Emergency Management Advisory Council

Motion passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to congratulate Jack Davis on his retirement.

Next Friday night is “Summer Night of Lotus” at the Buskirk Chumley Theater.

Next Commissioners meeting is July 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Judy Sharp, Assessor) We started the Prescription drug card last October. We get over 3,000 users a month on this prescription drug card. The AIC did a quick survey for us and the grand total that Monroe County residents saved in nine month is \$186,000. This is growing, more and more counties are participating.

(Dee Owens) Our subscriber number is over 200. We have over 200 petition signatures of residents who wish for things to stay the way they are. I would like to point out also that I like the fair comments. We will have a booth at the fair; we’ll have a quilt to raffle. We have some really great fundraisers. We decided not to participate in the 4th of July parade so we could keep our big trucks where they belong, at the Fire Station. I would like to point out that there has been a great deal of misinformation that has been sent out undercover of snail mail, with no signatures and no return address. I would hope that the citizens would perhaps pay attention to our website that has official documents on it.

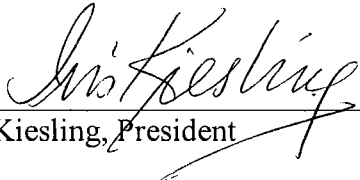
(Paul Johnson) This year was the first year here in Indiana that they came out with the 2007 fireworks law, which now allows fireworks to be blown every day until 11:00 at night. There’s not ban here on those things, so if your neighbor wants to light skyrockets until 11:00 at night he can. And I have two concerns about this; the safety of the children and the quality of life issue. I don’t know how to get some sort of local ordinance started. The other issue I want to bring up is the dog barking issue. I’m going thru that with my neighbor who likes to have his dog bark all night long. There’s not a solid ordinance to let the police go out and impound this animal. The process is you have to report to animal control and then make a log and then turn it into Peggy. And then there’s a hearing and it’s kind of your word against the other person’s word on the barking dog issue. I’d like to see something that has a little bit more strength to support for the victims of this noise abuse. I would like some direction on getting an ordinance for that.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

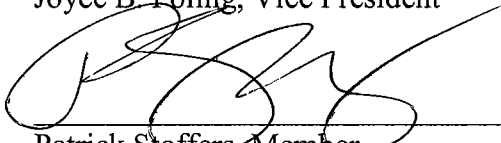
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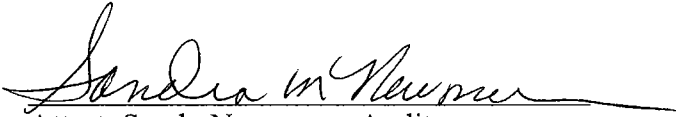


Iris Kiesling, President

Joyce B. Poling, Vice President



Patrick Stoffers, Member



Attest: Sandy Newmann, Auditor

Approved on August 3, 2007