

**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 October 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. With the following members present: Iris Kiesling, 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 October 12, 2007

Kiesling moved Stoffers seconded to table item "E" Ordinance 2007-39. And to add "H" SHOCAP grant.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Stoffers moved Kiesling seconded approval of minutes for August, 3rd, August 17<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 28, 2007**

**Motion passed**

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL (\$706,477.33) AND CLAIMS (\$2,725,900.04)**

**Stoffers moved, Kiesling seconded approval of payroll and claims for October 12, 2007**

(Newmann) Claims are high because of Tax Sale Redemptions.

**Motion passed**

**REPORTS**

**Stoffers moved Kiesling seconded to accept the monthly report from the Clerk of the Circuit Court**

**Motion passed**

(Kiesling) I would like to announce that Judy Sharp received the Himsel Award. Who was a long time County Commissioner in Hendrix County, who help fund the Association of Indiana Counties back in the early 1950's.

(Judy Sharp) This was such a surprise. It is quite an honor. Most of the people who get this award are on their way out of government. I appreciate this very much.

**KELLOGG GRANT \$411,000**

(Kiesling) This is for a play-scape park at Karst Farm Park.

(Shari Woodbury, Community Foundation) We're pleased to be partnering with Monroe County Parks and Rec., Options, and the Commissioners. The goal is to create more sites for accessible recreation where people of all abilities have the opportunity to play together. A large part of the grant is an endowment fund, which will support this project and others like it.

(Susan Rinne, Options for Better Living) There is lots of opportunities for the local community to be part of this. We need to raise an additional \$49,000. There are 8,500 people with disabilities who live in our community. It will benefit not only the children with disabilities that will be able to play at that park, but also adults with disabilities who have children.

(Kelly Whitmer, Parks and Rec) I think it's important for youth and parents to play in environments that are healthy and active. I think it's important in the future to think of how we interact and how we spend our money on our youth. And I think things like this are very interactive for parents to come out and play, this playground will be interactive for all of them. It should be open in March of 2009.

**2007 MONROE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE GRANT AWARDS**

*(Total amount to be awarded: \$72,437.00)*

**AGENCY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT AWARDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA 10 AGENCY ON AGING**

Ashley Hillman

\$17,600.00

The funds in Monroe County will be used to assist the homebound elders in Monroe County who have no other source to meet their day-to-day essential needs.

2) **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BLOOMINGTON**

Rebecca Lineham

\$4,037.00

Funding received from the Social Service Grant will be used to support elements of their daily operations, enhance and develop current programming, and improve and maintain community-centered activities. It is important to note that each member of the Boys and Girls Club pays an annual membership fee of \$20. The actual cost to serve each member is approximately \$450 per year, thus the tremendous need for community support.

3) COMMUNITY KITCHEN OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. \$6,000.00

Vicki Pierce

The funding requested by Community Kitchen would support the expenses of their free meal distribution programs. In 2006, Community Kitchen provided 131,145 meals to the hungry; that represents an 11% increase over just two years prior. So far in 2007, meal counts are running 18% higher than last year.

4) MONROE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM \$3,000.00

Shawn Hamm / Jeff Holland

The Monroe County 4-H program depends on contributions in order to make the program work. The program utilizes the sale of geraniums for the overall 4-H program, and grants are used in appropriate situations. Funds from this grant will be used to assist in a number of efforts. Global Positioning units will be purchased to be used in various camps and activities. The remaining \$2,000.00 will be used for project manuals that go to support the educational mission of the program. It is projected that around \$2,500.00 will be needed in order to purchase educational materials and resources for the 4-H program.

5) HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MONROE COUNTY \$5,000.00

Kerry Thomson

Social Service funds will be used to assist in project costs in the 2008 Builder's Blitz. The build will construct 5 homes in just five days. Local homebuilders are in the process of soliciting the majority of the materials in-kind as they did in 2006. The City of Bloomington will be donating all five building lots in order to assist with the project.

6) HOOSIER HILLS FOOD BANK \$5,600.00

Julio Alonso

Funds will be used to support the ongoing food collection and distribution programs of the food bank. The staff and refrigerated vehicles collect food from approximately 30 locations each day and make regular deliveries of food to the Community Kitchen, Shalom Community Center and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. So far in 2007, the food bank has distributed 1,511,288 pounds of food, which is 63% more than the 928,528 pounds distributed at the same time last year.

7) MIDDLE WAY HOUSE \$8,000.00

Toby Strout

The Social Service Funds will be used to provide basic and emergency services to Monroe County victims of domestic and sexual violence. These services include 24-hour crisis intervention, over the phone and in-person at the scene, safe shelter, including meals, the provision of necessary clothing, personal hygiene items, and nonprescription medications, safety planning, and personal and legal advocacy.

8) MONROE COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES \$8,600.00

Rebecca Stanze

The Social Service Funds will be used to subsidize the enrollment of low-income children in our Childcare Program. This program provides high-quality care in a licensed and accredited center at an affordable price. The program cost is \$180.00 per child per week, but the average family pays \$45.00 per week on the sliding fee scale. United Ministries is constantly seeking funding to make up the difference between the cost of the program and what families can afford to pay.

9) SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. \$5,000.00  
Joel Rekas

The Shalom Community Center was forced to move to two different locations: some to newly leased space in the basement of First Christian Church; and some to the basement of First United Methodist Church, where the breakfast and lunch feed program is located. The Shalom Center added a new staff position to insure adequate and necessary supervision at a second location. Grant funds are needed to help cover part of the \$28,000.00 in salary for this emergency position.

10) STEPPING STONES, INC. \$9,600.00  
Warren Wade

The funds requested will be used to supplement the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant that provides funding for housing and supportive services to youth aged 16-20 that are experiencing homelessness. Monroe County Youth Services Bureau is currently the grant recipient and Stepping Stones is administering the program. The agreement with YSB is that Stepping Stones will assume full responsibility for the HUD grant beginning in August 2008.

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TOTALS: \$72,437.00

### **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

(David Ramey DNR) We are here to present a check in the amount of \$87,547.93. These are payments made to Monroe County, which represent 15% of our net proceeds from timber sales. This is for the fiscal year ending 2007.

(Sean Sheldon, DNR) State law provides that up to 50% of these funds are available for distribution to local volunteer fire departments to have a cooperative agreement with DNR up to a maximum of \$1,000. It is the county's discretion on how to utilize the remainder of the funds.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **LIFE SCIENCES EAP CONTRACT \$3,200**

**Stoffers moved, Kiesling seconded**

(Tom Rhodes, Community Corrections) This is a renewal of a contract between Circuit Court and Life Services Employee Assistance program to provide counseling services for not only the employees but also for their dependents up to 125 employees. The Public Defenders office joined in last year. No county general funds are used in this contract.

**Motion passed**

**RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER #3 KARST PARK RESTROOMS \$995.00**

**Stoffers moved Kiesling seconded**

(Michael Flory, Legal Dept.) This is a change order for work to be done at Karst Farm Park. Recently a restroom pump burnt out and there was backed up sewage. In order to solve that problem they restrooms have to be rewired.

(Chuck Stevenson, Parks & Rec) This is a safe guard to prevent it from happening again.

**Motion passed**

**RATIFICATION OF CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE**

**Stoffers moved, Kiesling seconded**

(Flory) With the new court coming online they've had to move the Public Defenders to the Fiscus Building. The new judge will go where the old Public Defenders office was.

**Motion passed**

**RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER #3 JUSTICE BUILDING REMODELING FOR COURT SERVICES & COURT OFFICE \$3,335.60**

**Stoffers moved Kiesling seconded**

(Flory) This ties into the work I just mentioned. The new judge's office required replacement of some ceiling tile.

**Motion passed**

**ORDINANCE 2007-39 BLOOMINGTON TECHNOLOGY PARK**

**Stoffers moved, Kiesling seconded to table until October 26, 2007**

**Motion passed**

**ORDINANCE 2007 – 40 TO AMEND CHAPTER 270 YOUTH SERVICES FEES**

**Stoffers moved, Kiesling seconded**

(Jeff Cockerill, Legal Dept) This ordinance creates a new fund for Youth Services.

(Ron Thompson, Youth Services) These funds are going to go back into the Youth Services fund, for expenses incurred.

**Motion passed**

**SHOCAP GRANT \$10,000**

**Stoffers moved, Kiesling seconded**

(Rhodes) This is a \$10,000 grant thru a federal grant the accountability block grant to help to continue the SHOCAP Grant. SHOCAP helps to supervise and case manage more serious juvenile offenders that are in our community.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are saddened by the death of one of our sheriff's deputies, Steve Axsom.

The first meeting of this years Citizens' Academy will be soon. If you are interested in an application form our number is 349-2550.

October 19<sup>th</sup> we are having our "Blood Drive Challenge" with the City of Bloomington.

This weekend is the Hilly Hundred

It is also the Jill Behrman "Run for the Endzone" this Saturday at the Memorial Stadium.

Tomorrow from 11:00 to 3:00 the Pinnacle School is hosting their "Pinnacle Pumpkin Palooza"

Tomorrow at 1:00 the Bloomington Township Fire Department will have an open house.

Next week is Homecoming at Indiana University.

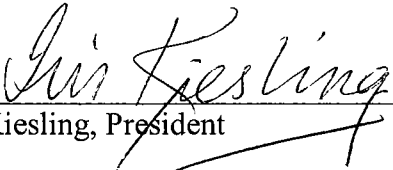
There will be a Haunted Fire Station at the Indian Creek Fire Department on Friday and Saturday nights from now to Halloween.

**ADJOURNMENT**

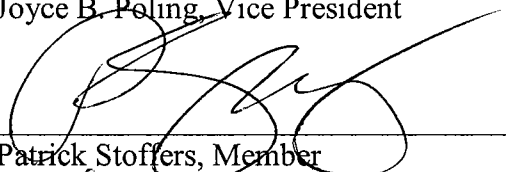
The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

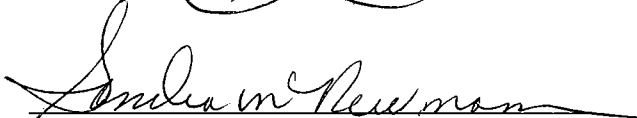
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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Iris Kiesling, President

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Joyce B. Poling, Vice President

  
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Patrick Stoffers, Member

  
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Attest: Sandy Newmann, Auditor

Approved on October 26, 2007