

**MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
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The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on February 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. With the following members present: Patrick Stoffers, President; Iris Kiesling Vice President; Joyce Poling, Member,. Also present William Steger, Monroe County Attorney; Jane Marie Lind, Commissioners Executive Director; Bill Williams, County Highway Engineer and Mark Hazelbaker, Monroe County Chief Deputy Auditor. Sandy Newmann, not present

CALL TO ORDER

(Stoffers) I would like to call to order the Commissioners meeting for February 15, 2008.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Poling moved Kiesling seconded to amend the agenda to add a report from Parks and Rec.

Motion passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Poling moved Kiesling seconded to approve the minutes for January 18, 2008 and February 1, 2008.

Motion passed

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL (\$783,787.02) AND CLAIMS (\$1,899,627.45)

Poling moved Kiesling seconded approval of payroll and claims for February 15, 2008

(Poling) I'm very concerned about our financial forecast for the year. When the Council did their budgets in the summer they were using figures that they had at that moment. We know that the State has cut back by 5% because of their concerns about tax collection. And that the revenue is not coming in. I am concerned about the forecast for the council. I am also wondering if settlement is done.

(Hazelbaker) We're working on the forecast like you asked for and the settlement is also being worked on now also.

(Poling) And do we have a time when we think that can be done?

(Hazelbaker) I can get back with you later today with an answer.

(Stoffers) Are we balanced with the Treasurer?

(Hazelbaker) Yes, I believe so.

(Stoffers) It hasn't been articulated for a while. And we were curious.

(Hazelbaker) I can definitely get back with you.

(Stoffers) What raises a red flag is the State announced that their actual collections fell short of their forecast five out of the last six months. That will dove tail to us here at Monroe County.

Motion passed

REPORTS

RECOGNITION OF MONROE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH A CERTIFICATE WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY FOR 5 – 35 YEARS.

MONROE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT

(Robert Woodling) We have secured a \$2,000 grant for soil and nutrients. We also applied for an additional \$10,000 grant that goes on top of that to give us some funding to actually get out and do a little more on the ground type conservation. We're actively pursuing an implementation grant for the Bean Blossom Water Shed, which would encompass all of the northern part of the county. We're doing that in partnership with Brown County SWCD, Hoosier Environmental Council, and Nature Conservancy. Our annual meeting is on February 28th at St. Paul United Methodist Church. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Our guest speaker will be Tina (inaudible). This starts at 6:00 p.m.

(Poling) And we would like to congratulate you for being the Indiana Forestry Farmer of the Year for 2008. We have an award for you.

(Woodling) I operate a 100 acre tree farm in the northeast part of the county. The Tree Farm of the Year Award is bestowed by the American Tree Farm System, which is a system that started in 1941 to promote educational outreach in forestry. Our prime goals are to be able to grow quality hardwood, maintain watershed, and maintain a vibrant environment for wildlife and habitat.

(Martha Miller, swcd) He's won several other major awards for his property and if you get an opportunity to go out and see his place you really should because it's very impressive.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU 2007 END OF THE YEAR REPORT

(Ron Thompson, Youth Services) I would like to update you on some of the things we do at the YSB. Our primary operation is to operate an emergency youth shelter, which is the only piece of continual care the county has for our children that's operated by the county. The shelter provided 3,589 days of service in 2007 which was up about 350 days from previous year. A total number of youth served in the shelter was 277 which is down one from the previous year. Average length of stay in the shelter was ten days and the average daily population in the shelter was 11. 7.7% of the children who went to the shelter referred themselves; they came for a safe place. 64% were referred by their parents, 24% by probation. And 80.5% of the children were Monroe County residents. Of the children we served 80 of those children were runaways and three of them were homeless. 44.2 % at some point had been victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. 47.8% at some point one or more parents had been incarcerated, not necessarily at the time that they were in the shelter but at some time in the parents' life. 42.7% of these children's parents abuse some sort of substance. 94.5% of the youth rated the shelter service as helpful and 96% of parents would refer other families to our services. Thru collaborating with other agencies in-kind services and partnerships the YSB leveraged in 2007 \$882,000 and that does not include costs of rent many of the children we serve, if they weren't at our local and keeping them here in the county where we can provide services from the school and counselors and a safe place to stay and other support systems we would have to send them somewhere else. And the per diem cost for that is quite expensive.

(Kelli Witmer, Parks and Rec) We have the Indiana Soccer Day camp at Karst Farm Park, its ages 4 thru 13. It's from June 9 – June 13th. The Camp Director is Coach Todd Yeagley. He's the I.U. Assistant Men's Soccer Coach. Registration will be sometime in March. And you can go to www.I.U.soccer day camp.com and there will be registration forms on line. I also want to give parents another option, that is we have the Karst summer day camp. Its ages 6 to 13 from June 2nd to August 1st. We have arts and crafts and games and sports, nature, playground time, swimming and field trips. It's at Karst Farm Park. Registration begins for that on February 19th. We do register early and we do fill up. You can go to www.co.monroe.in.us to look for more information. We have the Karst Dog Park. If everything goes well, we're going to open it on Saturday, May 31st. We're already taking registrations. We have people registering now. The dogs will have to have all their shots, spayed and neutered. Children under twelve years of age are not permitted in the dog park for safety reasons. Children twelve to fifteen years old must be supervised by an adult. The annual membership fee is \$75.00 for the first dog and \$50.00 for additional family dogs. That's for an entire year.

PROCLAMATIONS

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

(Susan Rinne, Options for Better Living) I want to thank the Commissioners for designating March as Disability Awareness Month. It's a month where we all get the opportunity to celebrate the things that we're doing in this community to make sure that people are included in everyday life. The status of people with disabilities while we have all of these initiatives continues to be problematic. People with disabilities are the largest minority in our country. We know that people with disabilities are two times more likely than people without disabilities to be poor, to have incomes less than \$15,000. That people with disabilities have less education and that 2/3 of people with disabilities are unemployed or under employed. The month of March there will be lots of different activities for people to be involved in. And to learn more about services and support for people with disabilities and those are being put together as we speak and there will be a press release later this month with a list of those. One of the things we're most excited about is the collaboration between the Monroe County Parks and Rec dept. and Options to ensure that we have inclusive recreation opportunities in our community.

(January Jones) This partnership began in the fall of 2006 as an advisory group. Options was asked to talk with Monroe County Parks and Rec about building an inclusive playground. We found a great opportunity thru the W. K. Kellogg foundation. Thru that grant we partnered with the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County as well as the Commissioners to leverage some matching funds in our community. The main part is the Karst Playscape at Karst Farm Park which will be an inclusive playground and also a Water Splash Park we'll start building that this fall. The other part is to build a permanent endowment at the Community Foundation that will permanently fund inclusive recreation opportunities in our community. We met our match for the endowment so we'll continue to raise funds for that endowment to increase those monies. All the information about our projects can be found online at www.weallplay.org.

NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

(Debra O'Brian, Tulip Trace Council) Thank you on behalf of 1,200 girls and adults in Monroe County. The mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. National Girls and Women in Sports Day does that exactly. Girls Scouts of the USA is a national sponsor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. This is a day when we call attention to the positive influence of sports participation. The way it helps girls and women everywhere reach their full potential academically, physically on and off the court. In the same way that sports opportunities help women and girls build confidence and self esteem as well to avoid risky behaviors like drug usage and teenage pregnancies. Girl scouting helps girls develop qualities that will serve them all of their lives. This is evident in many of the outcomes of girl scouting. 71% of girl scouts earn A's and B's in school compared to 50% of girls nationwide. 32% more girls than non - girl scouts will receive alcohol at a party. 40% more girl scouts than non girl scouts will not cheat on a test. 50% of parents found that their relationship with their daughters have improved due to girl scouting. It is clear that programs like National Girls and Women in Sports Day and the Girl Scout

movement are crucial to the development of young women in our community. Here in south-central Indiana Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council provides leadership development to over 3,800 girls in 15 counties. National Girls and Women in Sports Day is one of the most popular programs. I would like to thank everyone who has helped coordinate this event.

(Carol McCord I.U. Dean of Women's Affairs) We are pleased to be a local co-sponsor for the National Girls and Women in Sports Day. This is a tremendous significance in girl's lives. The office of Women's Affairs was started in 1973. Our mission is to identify and to overcome barriers for women on campus. Title 9 was put into place in 1972. Title 9 primarily is focused on equity and education in general. No person in the United States shall, on the bases of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Since 1971, participation in college athletics have increased from 15% to 44% in 2004. In 1972 one in 27 girls in high school participated in sports and now it's almost 50%.

NEW BUSINESS

INDIANA FAMILY HEALTH COUNCIL GRANT FOR 2008 \$103,824

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Penny Caudill, Health Dept) In June of 06 we opened Futures Family Health Clinic thru a grant from Indiana Family Health Council. We have received our continuation of that for fiscal year 2008.

Motion passed

INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE GRANTS FOR NEW LEAF/NEW LIFE \$151,462

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Vid Beldavs) We are a volunteer citizen driven organization. We received notification of grants that will enable us to sustain our core activities thru the end of the year. We are showing that programming does work and especially volunteer involvement and programming in the community does work. We're going to work at building up so more volunteers can get involved. We are seeking alternative funding.

Motion passed

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT/DRUG COURT GRANT \$72,632

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Steve Malone, Probation Dept) We currently have eighty-eight active participants in the program. We've had 116 successfully complete the program.

Motion passed

ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT \$5,500

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Bill Steger, Legal dept) This is an annual maintenance agreement with Microvote. It provides for software upgrades and technical support for the 2008 voting year.

Motion passed

IKON AGREEMENT \$5,990 monthly

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Larry Smith, Tech Services) This agreement enables us to secure the use of inventory of reprographics equipment.

Motion passed

FINANCIAL SOLUTION GROUP \$2,500

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Cathy Smith, Auditor's office) This contract allows all the TIF parcels in Monroe County in the various TIF districts and neutralizing those properties based on the new assessed valuations.

Motion passed

VERNAL PIKE, PHASE 1, CHANGE ORDER 10 – 14 \$11,437.80

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Bill Williams, Highway Dept) This is for our existing Vernal Pike project. The change orders provide bonus credit adjustments to the contractor for asphalt materials.

Motion passed

ACCESS TO RECREATION ENDOWMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Steger) This is related to the presentation that you had earlier with respect to the Karst Farm playscape grant. The second component after project funds is the endowment which is being established to support the playscape and future projects. Of the total grant funds there will be \$286,000 initially, which will go into the endowment fund and will be managed by the Community Foundation of Bloomington/Monroe County. The terms of the Kellogg grant provide that we are to have an endowment advisory committee so these bylaws which you will be looking at establish that committee and establish the membership of which it will be composed. It provides that the Commissioners will appoint all members of the committee and their function will be to advise the foundation and the parks department as to expenditure of funds which are generated from the endowment which initially will be in the area of \$13,000 per year.

Motion passed

RESOLUTION 2008-07 APPROVING A CONSENT DECREE AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO PCB SITES IN MONROE COUNTY

Poling moved Kiesling seconded

(Steger) There was a Consent Decree entered in the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana which provided that then called Westinghouse Corporation would clean up six PCB sites which are on the national list in Monroe County. As originally contemplated that would be done by excavating all soils from the sites and incinerating them in an incinerator which would be constructed south of town and the residue would then be transported to an ash landfill, which would be constructed north of town. That was the thinking and probably the recommended remedy in 1985. By the late 1980's as a result of community involvement there was legislation passed at a state level, which effectively would have prohibited construction of the incinerator. And in the meantime I think people were beginning to re-examine whether or not this was the most appropriate remedy in view of emerging technologies which have been evolving. So nothing essentially other than remediation of the county's only site, which was Anderson Road landfill, nothing was done between 1987 until 1994. At which point, the parties with the considerable urging of the district court decided to re-examine alternative measures for remediation at the sites. The document which eventually evolved and which is before you today has been a work in progress since 1994 addressing the various sites. The first decree Anderson Road was already taken care of. The contaminated soil there was in fact excavated and stored in a building on South Walnut Street until about 1997 – 1998. There were two other sites the Winston Thomas Treatment Plant and a small landfill in Owen County. Which were remediated in 1997 – 1998 largely by complete excavation and transporting contaminated materials out of county and in some cases out of state. It left us with three more complex sites to deal with. That being Lemon Lane Landfill which is located east of the bypass and south of Vernal Pike which is still owned by the City of Bloomington and was used by them as dump and landfill in the 60's and 70's. And two private sites Neal's Landfill which is located off of State Road 45 generally in the area of the Rogers Quarry. And the third site is Bennett's dump which is south of Arlington Road and West of the Bypass. These were more complex sites because they were larger and

they involved issues of water migration both surface and sub-surface from the central part of the landfills. CBS working with the Environmental Protection Agency and the State, City and County over time developed remedies to address these three remaining sites which EPA assures will be protective of human health and environment. The first phase addressing each of these three sites they differ in their complexity and somewhat in what will be done to them. But basically the remaining three sites were addressed by excavation of contaminated soils to what EPA deems to be a level which is protective of health and the environment. Because they are larger sites the cost benefit of removing all of soils was determined not to be worthwhile so what evolved was a very complicated remedy by addressing what the Consent Decree calls "Source Control" which is basically removing the contaminated soils and those that remain are felt to be not hazardous. Some remain and for that reason there has been and will in the future be continual monitoring to make sure that nothing is happening on those sites that is not anticipated and dealt with. Neal's Landfill and Lemon Lane Landfill both involve water treatment. Surface waters that are migrating from these sites. The Neal's Landfill has a treatment plant on it which is felt to be with some modifications felt to be adequate to handle the surface waters that are emerging from the landfill. The Lemon Lane treatment plant, which is actually located off of West 3rd Street, will be enlarged to handle the water runoff in storm events which formally bypass that treatment facility because it just simply wasn't adequate to handle it. So it will be enlarged, CBS will take over management of it, which up until this point had been managed by EPA, State and City. They will take over management of that effective upon entry of this Consent Decree. What remains at the three sites are issues of surface water, sub-surface waters and sediment, which migrate offsite. The engineers for the various parties have worked very intensively over the last five years to address how these things will be accomplished. There is a lot of work to be done and probably these three sites will probably not be addressed in their entirety for a number of years. The documents do provide for continued monitoring, they do provide for re-opening of the remedy if there are things that we subsequently discover that were not anticipated. It provides for at least three, five year reviews by the EPA to assure that the water issues are being dealt with as anticipated. One of the ways that will be tested is in the contamination of fish that occur downstream and there is a very elaborate testing protocol with regard to the sampling of Anderson Road landfill and the levels of concentration which will be deemed acceptable and in accord with the target concentrations that are set forth in the scopes of work for the respective sites. There are 45 to 70 documents which are yet to be developed, reviewed and approved by the party. And this of course will take a fair amount of time. I'd like to emphasize that the alternative remedy that has evolved since 1994 and much more intensively since 1997 and 1998 have come about with significant community input which is encouraged by the EPA. The Consent Decree additionally provides for payment of \$6,669,000 by CBS to the Federal Government as cost recovery for the remedial measures that EPA has undertaken at its expense since 1994. And this does not fully account for all of the EPA funds that have been expended since 1985. It provides for an additional payment of \$1,881,000 for natural resource damage claims. A million and a half of this will be given to the department of Interiors to develop sites in the White River and Patoka Water Shed, which will set up areas that will be protective to wildlife and plant life. After assuming the county does approve it today all the other parties have approved the remedies that are contained in the Consent Decree

amendments. They will be lodged by the courts probably on Monday or Tuesday of next week and that will set another clock ticking under EPA's procedural requirements that will initiate a 30 day comment period for the public to respond to EPA regarding the proposed amendments. These will be at the Monroe County Library in addition the Auditor, Legal Dept. and Health Dept. will have the official signed copy of the document.

Motion passed

APPOINTMENTS

Poling moved Kiesling seconded to appoint:

Iris Kiesling to the Plan Commission

Sophia Travis & Jill Lesh to the Monroe County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Joedy Dillard to the Monroe County Licensing Board. This is a one year appointment

Motion passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Tri-North Middle School will host Fashion through the Ages.

Sunday February 7th is Women in Sports Program.

The 2008 Soup Bowl Benefit for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank in Sunday, February 17th. It starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Convention Center

The Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce annual meeting is Monday, February 18th.

All Monroe County Government offices will be closed for President's Day, February 18th.

The Lotus Winter Warmth Festival is Sunday, February 24th at the Indiana University, University Club.

Anyone wanting to monitor frogs and toads can attend a Frog watch Workshop on Wednesday, February 27th at Karst Farm Park Commons from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The Soil and Water Conservation District Annual meeting and dinner is Thursday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Our next meeting is Friday, February 29th at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Gail Larson) Yesterday the Vacation Home Owners Association had a good meeting with the Planning Commission. Guest houses usually bring neighborhoods up not down. A drive thru Brown County will reveal that houses that look well maintained with no trash in the yard are the guest houses. One person in this county had complained about one of the houses. When I had renters in my houses there was always complaints. Unfortunately there was a situation in our county with the Back to Nature Cabins where a neighbor chose to come and create other situations rather than contact the owners or contact the authorities. I came here of my own free will.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Patrick Stoffers, President

Iris Kiesling, Vice President

Joyce Poling, Member

Attest: Sandy Newmann

February 15, 2008 minutes were approved on March 14, 2008