



**MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 28, 2009
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUDGE NAT U. HILL MEETING ROOM**

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on August 28, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Patrick Stoffers, President; Iris Kiesling, Vice President; and Mark Stoops, Member. Also present: Jeff Cockerill, County Attorney; William E. Williams, Director of Public Works; Jane Marie Lind, Executive Director, Commissioners' Office; Regina Malloy, Chief Deputy Auditor; and Marilyn Stonecipher, Deputy Auditor.

Not present: Amy Gerstman, Auditor.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Patrick Stoffers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Kiesling made a motion to table the Centerstone Annual Presentation until the next Commissioners' meeting; and to add under *New Business* Item J: Re-Entry Service Contract. Stoops seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kiesling made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2009, July 9, 2009 (reconvened from July 2, 2009, and July 17, 2009 Commissioners' meetings. Stoops seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

II. PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Kiesling made a motion to approve Payroll and Claims. Stoops seconded.

(Regina Malloy, Chief Deputy Auditor) Good morning. Payroll this period [is] \$771,157.92; Claims [are] \$36,656,157.92 and that does include settlement.

(Kiesling) I want the public to understand that we are the County Auditor and Treasurer, the ones who distribute the moneys to all the other governmental jurisdictions. That's why that looks like a lot of money but we have to share the wealth. It comes here then goes out.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

III. REPORTS

A. Division of Weights and Measures Monthly Report (7/16/09 – 8/15/09)

Kiesling made a motion to accept the monthly report of the Division of Weights and Measures. Stoops seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

B. Centerstone Annual Presentation – Tabled

C. Auditor's Office Departmental Update – Tabled

D. Ambulance Service Report

(Milan Pece, Chair, Ambulance Advisory Board) Good morning, I'm Milan Pece, Chair of the County's Ambulance Advisory Board. With me is Kelli Mullis, newly-appointed Director of the Bloomington Hospital Ambulance Service. We have a couple of general comments on some longstanding initiatives of the Ambulance Board. Then I will introduce Kelli and she will get into the nuts and bolts of the Annual Report.

The two big initiatives have been – one was forming a central dispatch and the supporting of a dual response system with the local fire departments, which is finally working very well. Now all fire departments respond on any life-threatening injuries with the ambulance service and frequently they are there before the ambulance service [and] they can start administering life-saving procedures that are necessary.

The Emergency Medical Dispatching function which is where a dispatcher would give medical instructions over the phone is still in progress. It has been a long, frustrating battle. The State has gotten involved in it. They've danced around it. They've mandated it. Then they backed off of it. So we are still in that battle. Hopefully, it will be done by the end of this year. Dr. Karina Repeto, who is a physician for the Emergency Physicians' Group at the Hospital, is Medical Director for the Ambulance Service and for the fire departments, has agreed to serve pro bono as the Medical Director for the EMD project which will save us a considerable amount of money and should speed things up some. So that is a work in progress. Hopefully, by next year it will be completed work.

Kelli Mullis has been the new Director now for almost eight months. David DeGrate, Service Director for over 25 years retired. Kelli is a long-term – she has worked for the Ambulance Service for 22 years [as] a part-time EMT, a paramedic, Assistant Supervisor, Field Supervisor and for the last 15 years she has been the Clinical Director of the Ambulance Service. She is well qualified. She has an RN and a Master's Degree. She has a family. Her husband is a

Deputy Sheriff; her brother is a former firefighter. She has a heritage of public safety service. I want to introduce Kelli Mullis to you and she will get into the things you really want to hear.

(Kelli Mullis, Director, Bloomington Hospital Ambulance Service) Hi. Thanks for allowing me to come and give a report. As Milan said, I'm quite honored to carry forth the torch for BHAS. I'm a lifelong resident here so this is the ambulance service I want to work for. I'm pleased that I started here from a part-time EMT and worked my way up.

What I have for you here on our report and what I've done is attached some more detailed reports for you that kind of go along with the presentation. Some things I want to cover just briefly with you is an overview and statistical report of the ambulance service, the unified approach to quality care that we have in Monroe County, just give you a real brief overview of the Community Benefit Report and contributions to Monroe County community that the BHAS department contributed last year. I've got just a brief financial summary and I think you have a copy of that as well. We have a lot of projects that were grant funded this year and through some other donations that I just wanted to share with you that were kind of exciting.

For those of you that don't know, BHAS began on April 1st, 1981. So we've been around about 28 years. Starting with two ambulances [and] about 18 employees. We did about 2,500 911 calls annually. Today we've got about 96 employees and, I just roughly calculated yesterday, about 683 years of experience on our EMS staff. We have 15 ambulances and squads. We have four ambulance stations. I'm going to show you a spread of that just a couple of slides from now. [We have] seven wheelchair vans. The wheelchair vans are really busy; we could use more of those just like ambulances. We have a CIRT (Critical Incident Response Tactical Team) that works in conjunction with Bloomington Police Department that has 16 members on that, as well.

The first slide you are seeing here is – this is an overview of kind of the run spread. How many are directly related to the I.U. campus, although we know that number is fairly low, it is difficult to track the direct impact that the campus has. The County – roughly about 39% of our volume is in the County and about, close to 60% is in the City. This is an outline view of our stations and I will just cover that. What you are seeing the background there, I'm going to talk about this as a project. This actually is our new mapping program that went on the trucks yesterday. So we actually have GPS and AVL capability now in all the ambulances. I printed that background purposely so you could see where it laid out. Of course, you can zoom in and it has photographic view and all that which has been a long time coming. I'll kind of get into that later. But what you are seeing here is we have a station at the Ellettsville Fire Department, up in Richland Township. We have a quarters in with them. The next house that you see over there to the right, the most northern, you see 7th and Bryan that is our Medic {inaudible} Sick Station on the I.U. campus. Below that and just dead center is Bloomington Hospital quarters on First Street. Then south in Perry Township we have a station at Perry-Clear Creek Fire Department on Kennedy Drive.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Monroe County Early Retirement Incentive Plan

Kiesling made a motion to approve the Monroe County Early Retirement Incentive Plan. Stoops seconded.

(Rhonda Foster, Human Resources Director) Good morning. A couple of months ago, I came before you with a proposal for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for those employees that are 100% eligible for PERF retirement benefits. At that time, you asked that the Legal Department review it, which they did, to make sure there were no IRS implications that would negatively impact those employees. We did that. Jeff and I also talked with an outside law firm that specializes in early retirement incentive programs. So we have tweaked the program that we brought before you – the proposal that I brought before you a couple of months ago. I believe you have a copy of the current program that I would ask that you vote to allow our employees that are 100% eligible to participate in, if they choose, which would be 100% voluntary.

(Kiesling) And the guidelines basically are what are prescribed by PERF, do I understand?

(Foster) Yes, to make them 100% eligible, that is correct.

(Stoffers) Ms. Foster, when I read through this, if somebody has insurance, it stays the same, they still have the COBRA rights that they would have had anyway, correct?

(Foster) That's correct.

(Jeff Cockerill, County Attorney) Basically what we had was a list of options before hand. We talked with the people who handle these things a lot and we decided that we just wanted to offer one option because that protects a lot of tax implications and things.

(Stoffers) And this is static. This goes away after December 31st.

(Foster) That's correct. It's a one-time option.

(Kiesling) And employees have to let you know before October 1st, is that correct?

(Foster) They have until December 1st to let us know. Some of the legal guidelines are that you have to allow them 45 days to choose and then even if they do sign up for that, they have another seven days to rescind that if they choose.

Kiesling called the question. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. HOOSIER ENERGY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. – DONATION FOR A TORNADO SIREN (\$21,500.00)

Kiesling made a motion to accept the donation from Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a tornado siren in the amount of \$21,500.00. Stoops seconded.

(James Comerford, Coordinator, Emergency Management) Good morning. What we have is – I'll give a little background for everyone – back in the Spring we were contacted by Hoosier Energy and they were interested in putting a siren on their property out there. A lot of their employees work outdoors on lots and they wanted them to have a warning. They were interested in buying a siren. Their question to us was if we would set it off for them as part of our sirens. Then some discussions with Jeff at Dispatch and our siren person, Chuck, and we went back to them with a proposal that said, *well if we're going to do this, we want to be able to do it within the system we already have and we want that system we have over there to be able to monitor that siren like it does the rest of them.* It tests them twice a day silently and gives us feedback on them when they do run so we know whether they operated properly. So we went back to Hoosier with a proposal that instead of them putting in a siren and us setting it off, that they would donate the money for a siren that would be a part of our system to be put in out there and then if they would donate it and put it in, it's going to help the community around them too. And therefore, we would take over the maintenance on it because it would just be added to our inventory of sirens. They have agreed to do that. So that's what the donation is for today. They are actually doing some of the work prior to [our getting] there. Since they deal with poles and electric, they are putting in the pole and the power. The donation here is for the siren and having it installed. At this time, I'd like to introduce to you Mike Ramply. He is the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for Hoosier Energy and he would like to say a few words.

(Mike Ramply, Sr. V.P. Marketing/Business Development, Hoosier Energy Cooperative, Inc.) I just wanted to comment that we appreciate the cooperation we have had from Monroe County and working with Jim on this. We've wanted a siren out there for some time because, as Jim noted, we do have a lot of people who work outdoors and also we think it would be good for our neighbors out there as well as our employees. We don't really want to be in the siren business either, if we don't have to be. So this is a real good fit for us and we appreciate the cooperation we've had from Jim and from the County on this. I just wanted to thank you and I do have a check for the County here.

(Stoffers) Very good, Mike, and thank you very much for your contribution. I would just note that this is quite timely and dovetails nicely with our funded plan to complete our Countywide siren plan in this next year that was funded by the County Council recently. So gentlemen, thank you very much.

(Comerford) In the process of this and the things I gave to you, there is actually the contract from Kern that needs [to be] signed. There is the easement agreement. I don't know if you have to vote on that or if you can just do it at this point.

Kiesling made a motion to approve the agreement for acceptance of the emergency siren money and then the work for Kern Electrical Services to place the siren. Stoops seconded.

(Cockerill) Can I clarify something? I believe this is the motion – and let me know if I am incorrect – the motion is to accept the donation, to enter into the lease agreement that allows us onto the property to maintain the siren, and with the Kern Electrical contract to add the siren to our system.

(Kiesling) That’s right.

(Unkonwn) The Kern on there has to do with purchase and installation.

(Kiesling) That’s what I tried to say but thank you for clarifying.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**B. ORDINANCE 2009-28: TO AMEND ORIGINAL SPEED LIMIT
ORDINANCE 86-09**

Kiesling made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-28. Stoops seconded.

(William E. Williams, Director of Public Works) Good morning. As Iris mentioned, this ordinance will amend the County Speed Limit Ordinance, Ordinance 86-9 is proposed to be amended by establishing a 30 mile per hour speed limit on Will Sowders Road off of Fairfax in Southern Monroe County. The appropriation traffic engineering studies have been conducted in accordance with State law and it comes to you with a unanimous recommendation from the Traffic Commission.

(Kiesling) Now the reason that was done is because there was no signage there?

(Williams) Exactly.

(Kiesling) Okay, because that road isn’t very long and it goes right to the edge of the lake. I’ve been down there. I drove by there a couple of weeks ago and when I saw this I thought, “Wait a minute, what’s going on here?” Because it is not long.

(Williams) This is one of the old roads that used to connect through the lake bottom over to the Eastern side of the County.

(Kiesling) I guess the big thing is it allows for enforcement to work if there is a problem.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

C. **PROBATION DEPARTMENT/CENTERSTONE – MEMORANUDM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR *THINKING FOR A CHANGE* CLASSES**

Kiesling made a motion to approve the Probation Department/Centerstone Memorandum of Understanding for *Thinking for a Change* classes with Community Corrections. Stoops seconded.

(Tom Rhodes, Community Corrections Director/Assistant Chief Probation Officer) This is an ongoing agreement with Centerstone to provide *Thinking for a Change* classes. It is funded through the Department of Correction's Community Correction grant. We are happy to be able to continue the cognitive-based, evidence-based classes.

(Kiesling) Money wise what are we talking about?

(Rhodes) \$17,250.00.

(Kiesling) Do we have to do any matching money on that one?

(Rhodes) No.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

D. **PROBATION DEPARTMENT/I.U. CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY STUDIES – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR *FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY***

Kiesling made a motion to approve the Probation Department/I.U. Center for Adolescent and Family Studies Memorandum of Understanding for *Functional Family Therapy*. Stoops seconded.

(Rhodes) This is also \$17,250.00. In 2006, our project with Indiana University for *Functional Family Therapy* was recognized as one of seven model diversion programs in the entire Nation by the National Institute for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice. So we continue an ongoing relationship and it is very helpful for our families and children.

(Kiesling) I just appreciate the continued efforts to be creative in what we do with young people as well as adults who enter the system. So thank you and your staff.

(Stoops) It is great that we are able to work with I.U. I know a lot of counties don't have access to the expertise that we do. So it is a great partnership.

(Rhodes) Dr. Tom Sexton has just been a total blessing to help us develop our evidence-based practices here.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

E. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH KOORSEN FIRE & SECURITY, INC. FOR CHEMICAL-BASED FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IN THE CURRY BUILDING'S COMPUTER SERVER ROOM

Kiesling made a motion to ratify the contract. Stoops seconded.

(Jeff Cockerill, County Attorney) This contract is for \$7,129.80 and essentially it is to put in a fire suppression system in the computer room that won't automatically damage all the computer equipment in there. The new chemicals they use are a lot safer than the old ones. It used to be if you were in this room when the suppression went off, there was a good chance you wouldn't make it out of the room. And so the chemicals have changed. This is a much safer item to do now than it was a few years ago.

(Kiesling) I kind of tried to follow up on this. This is lower than the price they originally quoted so I appreciate Koorsen's continued cooperation on this. I think we are going to have to be looking at other server room changes of the equipment we have in there for fire suppression in the future. Especially when we make changes in some buildings and so on. Because I think some of them are not as safe as they should be – or as safe as we would like them to be.

(Stoffers) Source of funds, Jeff?

(Kiesling) This one is coming out of the Curry Building Bond Fund, right?

(Cockerill) Yes.

(Stoffers) It is the Curry Bond Fund, okay.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

F. GRANT APPLICATION FOR RURAL TRANSIT (\$758,842.00 REQUEST)

Kiesling made a motion to approve the grant application for Rural Transit. Stoops seconded.

(Cockerill) This package includes a lot of different items. I think kind of the most important one is the Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for a grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended. Essentially, this is the process we go through every year to apply to the Federal Government to fund Rural Transit. [The] documents from year-to-year have not changed a whole lot. It looks similar. I think Jewel from Rural Transit can come and explain all the nuance differences. But essentially, it is money to fund the Rural Transit program.

(Jewel Echelbarger, Director, Rural Transit) It is a pretty standard agreement. There is no capital funding in this grant year. We thank the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help us not have to deal with that. So all of the money is going toward operations. However, the difference between the operations budget last year and this year is 1%, that's it, \$17,000. The

match locally, there is some State matching in there so you have got about \$428,000 locally. I think if people would like to go to our website (www.area10agency.org/ruraltransit), you will see all of the routes. We are leaving 4th and Washington every 30 minutes starting at 6:40 in the morning and our last run [leaves] there at 9:40 in the evening. Also with runs out to Ellettsville and Spencer. We appreciate everybody. We are on a roll this week. Driver check is rolling. Our 48 employees are on the busses. We are going out to Liberty Drive where the area is not covered by the City; that includes Goodwill, Walmart. It's a busy time. It's a nice time for us to be able to serve our County. The transit also serves Lawrence, Owen and Putnam counties. Putnam County, this is the first year for that service. And it is on a roll. Our Transit Manager is in Putnam County this morning. He has been there since 7 o'clock this morning working with the United Way Agencies and with DePauw University. People do appreciate the public transportation services. I have stacks and stacks of letters from elderly who have no other way for transportation, disabled. But also people who are riding the bus to work to the University, Ivy Tech, and the doctor, everyplace else in between. I think it's – we are working, I think we have a very good staff and trying to provide a cost-effective service for our people in these four counties. The other three counties do have an agreement with Monroe County to handle these moneys. So we have that cost savings as well.

(Kiesling) The most important thing you need to mention is that people can transfer from Rural Transit to BT and visa versa.

(Echelbarger) Free transfers. We are also working with free transfers now with Bedford Transit. So things are, you know, everybody seems to be....

(Kiesling) Sometimes you can come in from the County and you got to go to the University and so you can make a transfer and get to the other side of town on BT.

(Echelbarger) We transfer also with the I.U. bus service. So it's a nice system for everyone. In October, we are going to have a new option for people. This October we have chosen the beautiful month of October as a means of offering some free transportation for groups of six or more and we are going to try that as our free week. We are going to have to have it the whole month so that different groups can go at different times so we make sure that we are cost effective. But we do want to offer that the public so they can, number one, use our service, see how to use it and of course, most importantly, get out and see the beautiful area that we live in.

(Stoops) In the previous grant, the Million Dollar Recovery Act grant, have you received all of the funds?

(Echelbarger) Oh Heaven's no. We haven't received any yet.

(Stoops) See, that's what I thought. You haven't received any.

(Kiesling) No, they are very slow.

(Echelbarger) yes, we are told that they are working on it.

