



**MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 20, 2009
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUDGE NAT U. HILL MEETING ROOM**

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on November 20, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Iris Kiesling, Vice President; and Mark Stoops, Member. Also present: Jeff Cockerill, County Attorney; Bill Williams, Director of Public Works; Faye Chambers, Office Manager, Commissioners' Office; Steve Saulter, First Financial Representative, Auditor's Office; and Marilyn Stonecipher, Deputy Auditor.

Not present: Patrick Stoffers, President, Board of Commissioners; Jane Marie Lind, Executive Director, Commissioners' Office; Amy Gerstman, County Auditor.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Iris Kiesling.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 21, 2009

B. October 9, 2009

Stoops made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2009 Commissioners' meeting reconvened from September 11, 2009 and the Minutes of the October 9, 2009 Commissioners' meetings. Kiesling seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

II. PAYROLL (\$783,309.85) AND CLAIMS (\$3,767,768.12)

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

(Steve Saulter) Good morning Commissioners. We have two sets of claims to approve this morning. The first is payroll in the amount of \$783,309.85. The second is vendor claims which total \$3,767,768.12. For a grand total of \$4,551,077.97.

(Kiesling) Would you please explain the high amount of claims?

(Saulter) There are two items that make the claims higher than normal. The claims usually run about \$1 million per approval period. We have COIT money going out to the units that totals \$2,107,784.00, that is the monthly amount going out. Then we had Wheel Tax that went out to the Cities and Towns this month and that was \$658,946.69.

(Kiesling) Very good. Thank you very much. We appreciate that. It is rather disconcerting when one week you see \$1 million and then suddenly you see \$3 million, I'm rounding off. You wonder what has happened. But as everybody knows, we receive the money and we distribute it to all the Taxing Units so that is what that is all about.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

III. REPORTS

A. Division of Weights & Measures Monthly Report for October and November

Stoops made a motion to accept the monthly report. Kiesling seconded.

(Kiesling) He's been very busy again. He said that all the Halloween candy was in compliance. Sometimes we get little bags of Halloween candy because they are not in compliance but he said they were all in compliance this time.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

B. County Treasurer's Monthly Reports: July, August and September 2009 Corrected Reports

(Stoops) Are we looking for comment on the monthly report for the Treasurer's Office? Is there anybody to comment on the Treasurer's Office Monthly Report?

(Kiesling) We were planning to table that, to tell you the truth. But if you need to comment, it now would be the time to do that.

(Cockerill) I had spoken with the Treasurer's staff that is here today and explained to them that I am anticipating you will table that and that once the full Board is back here that they need to come in and explain all the details of that report to the other staff.

(Kiesling) Thank you.

(Stoops) It appears that everything has been corrected and from what I understand from Cathy Smith it has caught up from the software problems.

Stoops made a motion to table the Treasurer's monthly reports. Kiesling seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. PROCLAMATION

A. World Aids Day

PROCLAMATION

"WORLD AIDS DAY"

WHEREAS: The Joint United Nations Program on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) has designated December 1st as "World AIDS Day"; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of this annual observance is to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS: Although tremendous progress has been made in the fight against AIDS and HIV infection, this global epidemic requires a multinational effort to increase communication, education and awareness to prevent the spread of this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS: The Joint United Nations Program on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates over forty-two million people worldwide are currently living with HIV and AIDS, and young people under the age of twenty-five account for more than half of all new infections; and

WHEREAS: Up to one million people in the United States are now infected with HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS: As the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS continues to rise in the United States, the American Association for World Health is encouraging a better understanding of the challenge of HIV and AIDS on a national and local level; and

WHEREAS: "World AIDS Day" is an opportunity to focus local, national and international attention on HIV infection and AIDS, to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV; and

WHEREAS: The theme for "World AIDS Day" in Monroe County is "I'm Living My Rights" reminding us that much work still needs to be done if we are to win the fight against HIV and AIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE: We, The Monroe County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2009 as

"WORLD AIDS DAY" in Monroe County

PROCLAIMED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER, TWO-THOUSAND AND NINE

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(Penny Caudill, Administrator, Health Department) The Health Department has been a part of the Community AIDS Action Group since its inception. Each year, CAAG, as it is known, puts on an event in service of remembrance and celebration to remember those who have passed with HIV and AIDS and those who are still celebrating the lives of those who are still with us. So the service this year will be November 30th at the Fountain Square Ballroom. The reception begins at 5:30 and the program will begin at 6:00 p.m. So I want to thank you for the Proclamation.

(Kiesling) Do you want to mention the event on December 1st also?

(Caudill) Yes. On December 1st at 11:30 a.m. at the Showers Building, the Mayor will read the City's proclamation and I believe that one of the Commissioners will be there to say a few words as well. So we invite the public to come to that.

(Stoops) It just seems like the perception is that AIDS is under control or going away. It is disappointing to see the numbers still rising, especially among kids. Whatever education we can do to say, "It's out there. You got to watch it!"

(Caudill) It is still out there and we don't want to be complacent. It is a preventable disease. So we want to remain vigilant and let people know how they can protect themselves. There are a lot of things that have improved over the year for people who are infected certainly; but we don't want to forget that it still is a devastating disease if you are having to live with it.

(Stoops) Thank you.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Prosecutor's Office – Ratification of Grant Award 09VA106

Stoops made a motion to ratify Grant Award 09VA106. Kiesling seconded.

(Cockerill) This is a grant award for \$46,642. It supports the Prosecutor's Office Victim Assistance Program. We have gotten everything from the State and are just waiting for everything to happen. We just want to ratify the Commissioners' approval.

(Stoops) I think Jeff, you said that it was the Victim Assistance Program.

(Cockerill) Yes.

(Stoops) Yes, so that is a great help. People don't know that the Prosecutor's Office actually helps the elderly and people who might be subject to fraud or violence and I think this grant is a great help.

(Kiesling) Yes, we've had that [grant] for quite a while. I remember when we first got it. I was very pleased the Prosecutor was willing to participate in this. We had a group that actually implemented some of it so I am very pleased to see it.

(Stoops) If you know of any elderly citizen you feel is being taken advantage of, definitely let the Prosecutor's Office know.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

B. PBS Software Updated Maintenance Agreement

Stoops made a motion to approve the Agreement. Kiesling seconded.

(Susan Allen, Probation) I am before the Board this morning to get approval for our Paperless Business Solution Maintenance Agreement. This is for our Drug Court management information system.

(Kiesling) What is the cost?

(Allen) It is \$1,200 a year; \$100 a month.

(Kiesling) Okay you have money for that, I presume?

(Allen) Yes, we need our software.

(Stoops) Basically this just allows the increase of \$25 extra a month.

(Allen) That is correct.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

C. Resolution 2009-39: 2010 Township Assistance Hearings Meeting Dates

Stoops made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-39. Kiesling seconded.

(Cockerill) As you know, the Commissioners are charged with hearing appeals from Township Assistance decisions made by the Township Trustees. Statutorily, there is a timeframe that we have to get those people in and listen to [their appeals] and this is just a schedule essentially that sets every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. as a time for those hearings to occur.

(Kiesling) There are a couple that are on Wednesdays and next November because of Holidays and so on we have to do that a little differently but I think we will work it out. We haven't had too many lately. I understand from doing some research that a person who applies for Township Assistance and is denied by Trustee has 15 days to appeal to us to see whether the Township has followed the rules relevant to [Township Assistance requests].

(Cockerill) Once we receive their appeal, we have ten days in order to hold the hearing and that is outlined in the schedule before you.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

D. County 2010 Pay Schedule

Stoops made a motion to approve the County's 2010 Pay Schedule. Kiesling seconded.

(Saulter) Okay the 2010 Pay Schedule is basically the same as it has been in prior years. It will list the timeframe covered by the pay to be issued and the date of the payroll to be issued. One thing that stands out different is you've heard the terminology being used about the 27th pay issue. The County has decided to do that payroll this year. It will be issued on December 30th. So when you look at this schedule you normally will not have 26 pays listed but you will have 27. That is because the 27th pay for this year is listed to show up December 30th. Other than that, it is pretty much basic compared to previous years.

(Kiesling) Now it says "no claims on January 4th." I presume actually that one on the 30th there's no claims.

(Saulter) Well, on the 30th the only type of claims that will probably be presented for approval by the Commissioners will be emergency-type claims.

(Kiesling) Okay, very good. But I would think there would be some claims for January 4th.

(Saulter) We are hoping that nothing will pop up; but, like I said, we have to take it one step at a time.

(Kiesling) We talked yesterday about getting a more specific schedule which would be helpful because I've had some more people ask.

(Saulter) We are working on that now.

(Kiesling) Great! I thank you for coming to our meeting yesterday with Department heads. It was very helpful. We had good discussions.

(Saulter) Thank you.

(Kiesling) The 27th pay is for the employees not for the Elected Officials. Elected Officials cannot get paid until the New Year. Full- and part-time employees will get paid on the 30th of December for their 27th pay.

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

E. **INDOT – LPA Project Coordination Contract & ARRA Section 1511 Certification**

Stoops made a motion to approve Contract & Certification. Kiesling seconded.

(Bill Williams, Director of Public Works) Good morning. This is the project on 37. The Agreement is, of course, as Mark mentioned, is with the Indiana Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Business 37 North from Old State Road 37 North to State Road 37 using Stimulus Funds. This project utilizes Group II Federal Funds in what is considered an urbanized area of the County. The total project length is 1-3/4 miles long and is estimated to cost \$667,000 of which the Federal Government will pay \$580,000 of that. We are to cover the construction engineering, which is approximately 15% or around \$87,000.

(Kiesling) Good.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

F. **Agreement with Indiana Voice and Data for Community Corrections Security Camera**

Stoops made a motion to approve the Agreement. Kiesling seconded.

(Cockerill) This is for the installation of six new cameras in our Community Corrections Building. Three of those will be exterior and six [sic] will be interior cameras. The cost is \$9,254.

(Stoops) Does that also include the Convention Center?

(Cockerill) No. We have received ideas for cost for the Convention Center but this does not include that.

(Stoops) We need to move that along.

(Kiesling) Well we met. I met with them and the security people and the Community Corrections people since the Convention Center may be able to pay a little bit in, we decided to go ahead and get this done and then we will work on negotiating the rest because we need some help from CFC and some other people too. The electrician who worked at the Convention to make sure that we get it done the right way. That is all a good partnership and it has been a good thing. I don't remember. Did we decide this was going to come out of Cum Cap?

(Cockerill) I think we did but that would be a question I'd ask Tom about.

(Kiesling) We will work it out.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

G. Ordinance 2009-40: Amending Chapter 270 of the Monroe County Code Concerning the Cumulative Capital Development Fund

Stoops made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-40. Kiesling seconded.

(Cockerill) This amendment reaffirms five positions. We had a sunset clause at the end of this year for the five Technical Service Department positions in the Cum Cap Fund. This does two things. One is for the next year's pay as well as for the 27th pay this year, this covers both of those.

(Kiesling) This is allowed by State law.

(Cockerill) Correct.

(Kiesling) So we've tried to hold the line on that but we had sunsetted two of those positions and in working with the Council on the budget, we agreed that we would put those back into the Cum Cap Fund.

(Stoops) We initially agreed to take one back and then the second one was kind of a deal to get Council funding of the second Animal Control Officer who was going to be cut.

(Cockerill) Correct.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

H. Youth Service Bureau 1503 Grant Ratification

Stoops made a motion to approve ratification of the 1503 Grant. Kiesling seconded.

(Kim Meyer, YSB) I would like to take a quick opportunity to educate the public on what this is about. This is the 1503 YSB Grant. It is a State grant provided specifically to our Youth Shelter Program. I will quickly highlight the four purposes of this grant funding. The first objective is to support, represent and protect the rights of young people. The second it to prevent adolescent misbehavior and divert young people from the justice system. Third is to maintain a referral system that might benefit young people. And finally, to inform and educate citizens about the functions and services available through our Agency and to serve as a link between youth and the community. The contract was to begin July 2009; however, there was a delay due to DCS reconstructing how money would be pulled down from that grant. It has been reconstructed so that a per diem amount will be awarded for non-Agency placed youth. The amount awarded to our Agency is \$45,779 per year from July 7, 2009 until June 30, 2011.

(Kiesling) And this is one we've had for a long time.

(Meyer) We've had this a long time and we are able to go back to the starting date of July and pull down the moneys that we have not been able to bill for.

(Kiesling) That's great! Good. Kim, thank you very much for taking charge there and doing the job you are doing out there.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

No appointments today but the Commissioners are developing a list of Board and Commission appointments. We will post the list and application on our website. Some of the appointments lapse in 2009 and some in 2010. We are allowed to make new appointments for the ones that lapse in 2009 and then in the first of the year we will appoint the remainder of positions. We appreciate people looking at it and making application and letting us know that you are interested.

The only other thing that is necessary sometimes, like the Planning Commission appointee has to be from the unincorporated areas. Most have some type of restriction.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We want to wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. Along with that, all Monroe County Government offices will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after.
- The day after Thanksgiving is the *Canopy of Lights*. Our staff has been very busy getting the Courthouse ready to be on display. The Courthouse will be open on Friday evening, November 27th from 5:30 until 7:30. Santa Claus will be arriving and the ceremony when the lights are turned on starts at 7:00. So we hope everyone can come downtown for this festive event.
- At 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on November 27th is *Christmas with the Pops* at Buskirk-Chumley.
- We want to thank staff for a number of things including participation in the Citizens Academy and the decoration of the Courthouse for the Holidays.
- Our next Commissioners' meeting is on December 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

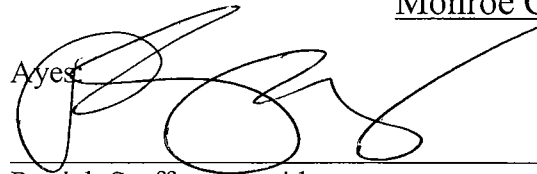
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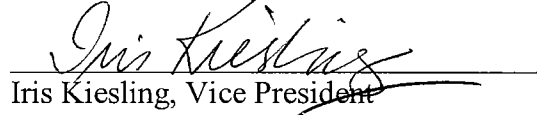
The Minutes from the Regular Session of the Monroe County Commissioners held November 20, 2009 were approved December 18, 2009.

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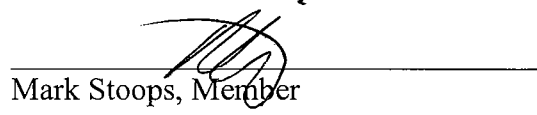
Ayes:



Patrick Stoffers, President



Iris Kiesling, Vice President



Mark Stoops, Member

Nays:

Patrick Stoffers, President

Iris Kiesling, Vice President

Mark Stoops, Member

Attest:



Amy Gerstman, Monroe County Auditor