



**MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 15, 2010
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUDGE NAT U. HILL MEETING ROOM**

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on January 15, 2010, 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; Bill Williams, Director of Public Works; Faye Chambers, Office Manager, Commissioners' Office; Amy Gerstman, Auditor; and Marilyn Stonecipher, Deputy Auditor.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Patrick Stoffers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Kiesling made a motion for after the proclamation, a report from the legal department. Stoops seconds the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kiesling made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 30th, 2009 Commissioners' meeting. Stoffers seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

II. PAYROLL (\$870,977.86) AND CLAIMS (\$10,804,989.46)

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

(Amy Gerstman, Monroe County Auditor) Good morning. Payroll claims were \$870,977.86. Other claims \$10,804,989.46.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

III. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 18, 2010)

Kiesling read a proclamation in support of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday whereas January 18th, 2010 is the federal Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and whereas the theme of the City of Bloomington celebration this year is “live the legacy.” Whereas students in the public schools have researched the life and legacy of Martin Luther King and have designed web pages for the Dr. Martin Luther King commissions we design contest and whereas the holiday is “a day on not a day off” to where volunteers join together in an effort to serve our community and honor the memory and legacy of Dr. King. Whereas Monroe County has consistently observed the King holiday and encouraged its citizens to become actively involved in service to others. Whereas the King Holiday kicks off “40 days of peace” in Monroe County and whereas the community gathers with the Reverend Jesse Jackson at 7:00 p.m. in the Buskirk Chumley Theater on January 18th to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy and to honor those in our community who by thought, word and deed celebrate Dr. King’s legacy and create the beloved community. Now therefore, we the Monroe County board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim Monday January 18th, 2010 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Monroe County proclaimed this 15th day of January 2010 Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

(Pete Giordano, City of Bloomington) I want to thank the commissioners for their proclamation in support of this event. Just a couple of notes about the event and activities on that day. I hope we have done a good job of getting out the word that the speaker will be Reverend Jesse Jackson and we are very excited about that. He will be speaking at the Buskirk Chumley Theater but we are in a sold out situation over there as far as tickets, we aren’t charging for the event but we did go to ticketing arrangement so that we could have a little more control over what we feel will be a capacity crowd. Reverend Jesse Jackson will also be at the First United Methodist Church for the reception for the website winners amongst the school children as well as the volunteers. That will be in the Great Room of First United Methodist Church starting at 5:00 p.m. and Rev. Jesse Jackson will be there. We will also be showing it on CATS live and I think we will be able to arrange for people to view it at the council chambers. There were several funders, I would particularly like to thank chancellor Whikhart and IvyTech for their support in this, and they really made this possible. Additionally we are sponsoring 68 projects around town under the theme of “a day on not a day off.” 59 of those were funded with a grant from the community foundation and also service for peace. Again I would like to thank Community Foundation for their support over the years on this. They have really made it a wonderful event by being able to assist all of these local agencies with some small bits of funding. A total of \$21,800 is being distributed to the 59 agencies. All of the grant money goes through our office to the local agencies. Just real quickly I’d like to run through our sponsors because they make this possible. Major event underwriters this year are Cook, Indiana University, IvyTech Community College, Monroe Bank, Otis Elevator, Stephens Honda-Hyundai, WFIU, and other sponsors include the Bloomington Hospital, First United Methodist Church, Indiana University Credit Union, Local Assembly of the Baha’i’s, Manns and Manns Attorneys at Law, United Commerce Bank, United Way of Monroe County, the Villages of Indiana, Inc., City of Bloomington Human Rights Commission, Guy and Connie Loftman, Oliver Wine Company, Robert and Alice McAuley, Southern Indiana Pediatrics, LLC, Ed and Wendy Bernstein, Barbara Fuqua, and Sheer Elegance Draperies, Blinds and More.

(Kiesling) I have a question. Who chooses how the money is given to what organizations for the projects?

(Giordano) It's a committee involved with the Martin Luther King as well as the representatives from Indiana University.

(Kiesling) I just wanted to acknowledge the fact that we have a Martin Luther King Commission that's housed at the city but a lot of us participate. That is the genesis for a lot of things that you help make happen and I appreciate that.

(Giordano) Exactly, we provide staff support to six city commissions with the newly created commission on aging. It is the work of the Martin Luther King Commission and a committee of reviewers who review these grants and make the decisions on that.

Report from Legal Department

(Cockerill) An item entitled an ordinance to amend chapter 270 of the Monroe County code by adding section 53 which establishes the Performance and Maintenance Bond Financial Guarantee Fund. We are going to renumber that, we anticipate it being section 27054.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Plan commission ordinance 2010-3

(Kiesling) This is a public hearing on the plan commission ordinance 2010-3 Jonathan Monroe and Leslie Schoogliend have petitioned for vacation of utility easement lot 14 Pathways subdivision. Stoops seconds the motion.

(Waldmen) Well the title pretty much explains it all. The owners of lot 14 Pathways subdivision amendment six are requesting the vacation of a portion of a utility easement on their lot.

(Stoffers) Okay, questions or comments Iris [Kiesling]?

(Kiesling) Do we take action next time?

(Stoffers) Yes we do not take action this time although we do accept comment this time. With that I will open public hearing on ordinance 2010-03 to any public comment.

(John Monroe) My wife and I own lot 14. Just for clarification, the way the topography is on the lot there is only one potential building site on this five acre lot. As we met with our architect and designed the home, the building site sits right here so that is the reason we are requesting that the easement be vacated. It is on a ridge and the rest of the lot falls off to the sides so it is the only place to build which is the reason we approached county planning to vacate that utility easement.

B. Monroe County Health Department memorandum

(Kiesling) I move that we approve the Monroe County Health Department memorandum understanding with St. Charles school for H1N1 flu clinic. Stoops seconds.

(Penny Caudill, Health Department) This is just one of the many memorandums of understanding that we have been able to obtain from local entities so that we can provide H1N1 clinics.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. Ratification of agreement with INDOT and LPA

Kiesling moved to ratify an agreement with INDOT and LPA for project coordination contract and an ARRA Section 1511 certification. Stoops seconded the motion.

(Bill Williams, Highway Department) Good Morning. This funding agreement is with the Indiana Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of three roads: Old State Rd. 37 South, That Rd., and Woodyard Rd. paid for with stimulus money. The project utilizes group two federal funds in the urbanized area of the county. The agreement stipulates that the county has developed the project in accordance with INDOT, FHWA, and our rules and regulations and will satisfy construction reporting requirements after the contract is awarded. The total length of the projects is 4.35 miles with an estimated cost of \$960,000 which is for construction only. The project is currently being advertised for a bid opening through the INDOT on January 27th with construction to take place in the spring.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

D. Monroe County Solid Waste Management District for Green Business Network

Kiesling made a motion to approve a letter of agreement with the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District for the Green Business Network for recycling and removal for Youth Services Bureau, Justice Building, Curry building, and the Courthouse. Stoops seconded the motion.

(Cockerill) These are three agreements to help us deal with recycling and making sure that we can get the recycled materials where it needs to go. What you have in front of you is for the three buildings and will total \$2,000. I just want to note that on the YSB they have decided that they need it twice a month instead of four times a month so we have made the changes in those documentations that are to be signed today.

(Kiesling) That question came up earlier in our office. So is it \$400 or \$800?

(Cockerill) It would be \$400.

(Kiesling) Okay we want to make sure that Jill [Escobedo] knows that because she was not certain about it.

(Cockerill) I think we originally had it to be four times a month like we do the other buildings and the YSB said they really didn't need it that often so why not cut it back to the two times a month.

(Stoops) Maybe we should look at whether we can get by with two times a month in the other buildings as well. It's a lot more generated; the issue is where you hold it between pickups.

(Kiesling) I think it has been reviewed but also one of the things that YSB is doing is taking the extra corrugated cardboard that they collect and have somebody drop it off at the recycling center, they are taking the extra initiative to do because people drive down there all the time so that eliminates a number of things. I'm not sure if we can do it here or not because they will want pickup at the justice building and also do the Curry building is my understanding.

(Cockerill) I'd be more than happy to talk to Josh and Jerry and see what thoughts they have on it.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

V. APPOINTMENTS

Kiesling made a motion for the following appointments:

The following people to the various boards that we have:

Alcoholic Beverage Commission – Perry Metz

Ambulance Advisory Board – Iris Kiesling

Animal Management Commission – Matt Cotter

Aviation Board – Ken Ritchie

Board of Health – George Hegeman and Carol Touloukian

Board of Zoning and Appeals – Lindsay Shipps

Central Emergency Dispatch – Michael Pershing, Chief Deputy Sheriff

Communications Commission – Iris Kiesling and Carl Zager

Convention and Visitors Commission – Tom Simmons and Jeff Hammond

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – Charlotte Zietlow and Joe O'Connor

Drainage Board – Bill Williams

Historic Preservation Board – Patricia Powell and Nancy Hiller

Inter-local Joint Board for the Justice Building – Larry Isom and Phil Zook

Library Board – Stephen Moberly

Licensing Board – Jim Gerstbauer, Rick Crouch, Mae Cassidy, Bill Riggert, Joedy Dillard

Monroe County Cemetery Commission – Lou Malcolm

Perry Clear Creek Fire Department Board of Trustees – Steve Emery

Redevelopment Commission – Barry Lessow and Dale Jones

South Central Regional Sewer District – Bill Williams and Chad Reitmeyer

Technical Services Advisory Board – Mark Stoops

Traffic Commission – Julio Alonso

Stoops seconded the motion.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monroe County government offices will be closed on Monday for the Martin Luther King holiday which is January 18th.
- Saturday the 23rd the Winter Farmers Market starts again from 9:00AM to 12:00PM noon at Harmony school on W. 2nd St.
- I want to reiterate what was said earlier about that if you can't go to the Martin Luther King celebration at the Buskirk Chumley, you might want to go to the Showers complex at City Hall and watch it there on CATS.
- The next commissioners meeting will be January 29th at 9:00AM here at the courthouse.

(Stoops) Now the Winter Farmers Market is every Saturday until the Spring Farmers Market starts?

(Kiesling) Until the end of March, yes.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Tolen) I want to commend two people in this room, Jeff Cockerill and Kevin Enright. When I was fired from the Planning Commission it was like having my heart torn out of my chest. Two questions for the commissioners: What ideas and expressed thoughts of mine were considered to be dangerous on the planning commission and is there any room left for me in the party?

(Rita Bush, Technical Services) We are going to set up a box to give donations to give to Haiti relief. We sent out details in the email that this is going to go to the American Red Cross which is dependable and the email also lists other places that you can do as options to make donations. You can call Jessica in Emergency management for places that are reputable.

(Eddie Deckard) I lived on the Southside of Bloomington. I'm here today in question of our comprehensive plan. I know this is a draft that has been going on. My question to everybody as a commissioner is why have we replaced a 17 month veteran and we have replaced him at this point in the game? I feel that it is a political move for a vote.

(Joedy Dillard) I am disappointed for Jim Tolen's removal from planning commission. What happened to Jim [Tolen] was purely political, his replacement has got some experience but probably not as much as Jim had with the maps that I think is a huge asset for this comprehensive plan that we are trying to put together. I think it's important that the commissioners understand that we probably took a step backwards in what I think is helping to develop a good comprehensive plan. So I wonder is it a qoo, was he removed because he is elderly, is this the way the new Democratic Party is going to go with the new regime? What I came for today was the comprehensive plan. There is a way to develop the county in a long term method and that is by allowing whatever growth is needed but knowing that already at a property down the road is going to have to have higher density because of population increase.

(Enright) Good morning. I bring to you a newspaper article about the comprehensive plan. Next Tuesday on January 19th we are going to have a plan commission meeting here and will be discussing the plan. I would like to thank Mark Yates for his years of service.

(Brad Blum) There is a lot of people that took there money and invested it by buying property down on Fairfax, like myself later I planned to sell some of the property off for retirement. Long term planning is why a lot of us brought the property as investments. To change the long term planning is to change the rules of the game. Once you think you have it figured out, the rules get changed and you can't do that to people. In regards to sewer to the Monroe Village area, it might be worth going back and talking to the guy who owns it.

(Stoops) I do want to say that I appreciate Jim Tolen's service. I'm not happy he is taking this hard but as he knows he was going out of term on the planning commission and Joedy [Dillard] as you know you were appointed to a term that is about to expire. That is what happens, terms only last so long and on the planning commission there was definite need for representation by a farmer. Regarding the master plan and discussions by the plan commission, we have also had a variety of methods for calculating density in the county. Our comprehensive plan is supposed to be rewritten every ten years so we make adjustments.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

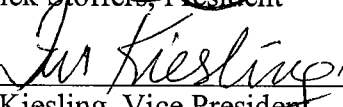
The meeting was adjourned at 10:03a.m.

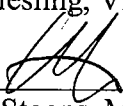
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The Minutes from the Regular Session of the Monroe County Commissioners held January 15, 2010, were approved on January 29, 2010.

Monroe County Commissioners

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