## COMMISSIONERS

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioners Patrick Clawson, John Brown and William Brown met in regular session on the 10th day of January 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to conduct business pursuant to the laws of Carroll County and the State of Indiana. This meeting was rescheduled from January 6, 2014 due to a local disaster emergency.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup> and December 30, 2013 meetings were unanimously approved.

**JB/WB** 

Payroll claims were unanimously approved as follows:

For period ending 12-21-13 in the amount of \$180,825.00 For period ending 1-4-14 in the amount of \$179,789.52

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Early claims for the period of July - December 2013 in the amount of \$326,607.52 were unanimously approved JB/WB

ORDINANCE VIOLATION: Area Plan Administrator, Kathy Mylet, reported that an injunction against the operation of the salvage yard in Jefferson Township had been filed on December 19, 2013 and they have until January 19, 2014 to respond. County attorney, Ted Johnson, added that the Area Plan Commission can file a default judgment. A remediation will require an appropriation of funds to clean up what is there. The Area Plan Commission will make the determination on the remediation position.

E-911: Vicky Bluemke, E-911 Director, presented the Commissioners with a contract with Frontier. She was having issues with Frontier and recently met with a representative who conducted an audit. Through the audit it was discovered that there has not been a contract between E-911 and Frontier since they took over Verizon. The monthly cost of the contract is \$513.96. On the flip side, the audit revealed a PRI charge to the County of approximately \$2,000 per month which should be reduced. Bluemke will meet with the Council to ask for additional funding for the contract. William Brown made a motion to approve the contract with Frontier, pending Council approval of the funds, and the contract to be signed by Vicky Bluemke; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

SNOW STORM RESPONSE: EMA Director, Dana Jeffries, gave a report on the recent snow storm. Even though there was a level 3 alert, there were still people out sightseeing that had to be pulled out of ditches. There were questions about enforcement on non-emergency vehicles; there could be an ordinance that if a non-emergency vehicle was caught out in a level 3 alert there were consequences. Attorney Johnson added there were no State imposed fines; it is usually a ticketed offense and there needs to be an ordinance in place. Vicky Bluemke stated she made updates to their Facebook page and it received over 3,600 hits. Jeffries announced that he thought the County did a good job.

Jeffries informed the Commissioners that the FCC had renewed his license which is good until 2024.

JAIL SEWER: Sheriff Burns gave an update on the sewer drain stating the main sewage line has collapsed or rusted out. The pipe is 3½ feet under the floor. He has contacted the gentleman that installed the terrazzo floor originally and he will replace the floor once the repairs have been made. The break is in the hallway and does not go through any of the cells. During the repair they will not be able to transport inmates.

PRINT MANAGEMENT SERVICE: Attorney Johnson reviewed the documents received from Lafayette Copier for the print management project and his only concern is that the contract is a lease and does not mention the print management service. There is a separate document for the print management aspect and he feels there needs to be a place for Lafayette Copier to sign to indicate their approval of the managed print service. William Brown made a motion to endorse the Managed Print Service provided their signature is also on the bottom of the document. John Brown seconded; passed unanimously. William Brown moved to enter into the equipment lease agreement with Lafayette Copier; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

CARROLL MANOR: The January report for Carroll Manor showed there were 25 residents. The Commissioners asked the Auditor for a more in-depth report in the future; to include a breakdown of how many residents are full pay, how many are ARCH and the number paying a negotiated rate.

William Brown made a motion to accept the application of Marvin Metzger to Carroll Manor; he will pay the private rate. John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

JOINT MEETING: There will be a Joint Meeting of the Carroll County Commissioners and the Carroll County Council on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. to hear the results of the DLZ jail study. Patrick Clawson stated that while both bodies were in joint session, he would like to have a meeting with all department heads at 2:00 p.m. on that date.

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SPECIAL SESSION

Commissioners Patrick Clawson, John Brown and William Brown met in special session on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014 at 11:30 a.m. to conduct business pursuant to the laws of Carroll County and the State of Indiana.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FULL TIME TRUCK DRIVER POSITION: Paul Couts, Highway Engineer, asked the Commissioners for approval to change a seasonal driver position to a full time truck driver position. With the chip and seal program they could use another truck driver to keep up with the process and would like to convert the seasonal driver to a full time position. This would give them more help and be more efficient. The position was full time and went to seasonal; now he would like it to go back to full time. John Brown made a motion to change the seasonal truck driver position to a full time position, pending Council approval. William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT: Klaus Knuth and Billy Bridwell of Keystone Insurance and Benefits Group, presented information to the Commissioners concerning options for the February 1, 2014 employee health insurance contract renewal.

Keystone sent out for bids for the employee health insurance renewal and received bids from 2 companies. Siho, the present third part administrator, and UMR. Keystone did not believe that UMR was a good fit for the County employees due to the lack of a contract with IU Health Arnett. However, UMR's bid was lower so Keystone went back to Siho and asked them to match the rates, Siho agreed. Due to the County's high experience rate, it was difficult to get good quotes.

Knuth and Bridwell explained the present contract and compared it to other options, explaining the differences between them. Keystone has changed the fee from a percentage of premium that was charged by Consolidated Union, to a flat per employee fee.

After the options were discussed and questions answered, William Brown made a motion to adopt the Companion Life Siho 18/12 option; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously. Being a partially self-funded contract; the worst case scenario, the most due by the County, would be \$790,432.80. This is assuming that all participating employees would reach the maximum \$35,000.00 before the reinsurance takes over. Even though this is a premium increase over the present contract, Knuth and Bridwell felt it was not as bad as others have experienced. The new contract will begin February 1, 2014.

Knuth and Bridwell recommend keeping the wellness program; it is not included in the costs. They also suggested raising the out-of-network deductible, as it stands the deductibles are the same and employees using out-of-network providers is a higher cost to the County.

Keystone would like to have employee meetings to explain the coverage to employees and spouses and emphasize how employees can best use the plan. The Commissioners will need to decide on deductibles, the health savings account and employee premiums. Keystone will provide them with some recommendations and the Commissioners will make their decision at the January 21, 2014 meeting.

Since there is limited time between January 21 and February 1, Knuth recommended that if they Commissioners voted to make changes that they not be effective until March 1, 2014; the plan could operate as it presently does for the 30 days. Keystone would still conduct employee meetings prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business, William Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by John Brown; passed unanimously.

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William M. Stown William R. Brown, Vice Chairman

John Brown

ATTEST:

Elaine Hathaway, Auditor

NORTH AMBULANCE GARAGE: Jefferson Township Trustee Rex Millhouse, on behalf of the Jefferson Township Board, discussed the site for the north ambulance garage with the Commissioners. The Board has located 3 acres and has talked to the owner who is willing to sell the ground and an existing building to the County; he is asking \$350,000. The land is located by the United Methodist Church on State Road 421; it is the old boat storage building. Patrick Clawson felt there could possibly be more costs involved to remodel the building than to build a new station. Millhouse stated Jefferson Township would contribute \$10,000 toward the project. Millhouse feels this site would better serve the residents of Jefferson and Adams Townships. William Brown asked if the maximum the township could contribute was \$10,000 and also about the contract with Monticello. Jefferson Township's contract with Monticello is written for both fire and ambulance and he is locked into the contract until 2019. Jefferson Township is also purchasing a rescue vehicle that will be titled to the township. He reported that Jefferson Township had 100 ambulance runs last year. Millhouse was asked to arrange a preliminary tour of the building by Paul Couts to assess what would need to be done to make the building usable.

## OTHER TOPICS:

- John Brown made a motion to sign the Covered Bridge Certification declaring 2 covered bridges in Carroll County. William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.
- William Brown made a motion to enter into the agreement with Advanced Products Group to replace the analog
  card that supports the fax machines. John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.
- Klaus Knuth of Keystone Insurers Group will meet with the Commissioners on January 14, 2014 at 11:45 a.m. to discuss the employee health insurance contract.
- A formal appeal for township assistance has been filed by a Monroe Township resident. The Commissioners will hear the appeal at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- James Snoeberger was present to sign the farm lease agreement.

There being no further business, John Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by William Brown; passed unanimously.

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