

Commissioners Patrick Clawson, John Brown and William Brown met in regular session on the 17th day of February 2014 at 9:00 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.

Minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved. WB/PC

The payroll claim for period ending February 1, 2014 in the amount of \$191,765.46 was unanimously approved. WB/JB

CARROLL MANOR RATES: Martha Lewis started by saying she had discussion with the State Board of Accounts and they informed her that it was their opinion the two quietuses from 2010 for 2009 business were receipted incorrectly and should be part of Carroll Manor funds. Lewis also distributed the budget status report which showed over \$200,000 in her fund and was why she thought she was in good financial shape. She also distributed a letter from Arlene Franklin, State Long Term Care Ombudsman and a copy of State statute that the Manor is in compliance. Lewis does realize that County General subsidizes by paying the liability insurance for the Manor and is asking for at least the health insurance for the employees to be covered by County General. Lewis reported that \$65.00 per day is about the maximum around the State. If she raises the rate to \$63/day then 2 private pay will fall into the negotiated rate. There are 5 out-of-county residents; 4 ARCH and 1 private pay.

William Brown asked why Carroll Manor paid for employee health insurance if Area Plan and the Health department didn't and they have their own tax rate. Tippecanoe and Clinton Counties subsidize their county home with EDIT money which is not available to that extent in Carroll County.

There has been no rate increase in over 5 years. Lewis asked to raise the rate to \$63/day. If she gets the 2 applications she has she should be OK. John Brown made a motion to raise the rate to \$63.00 per day; William Brown seconded; motion passed.

Lewis was asked to submit paperwork for the \$11,881.11 from the 2013 budget that was paid out of her fund rather than the Carroll Manor Maintenance Fund.

William Brown made a motion to recommend to the Council that they give careful consideration to the Carroll Manor Maintenance fund and consider using some of that money for day-to-day support of the Manor. John Brown seconded; motion passed. William Brown also asked that the maintenance and lawn mowing expense come out of the maintenance fund rather than the Carroll Manor budget.

Attorney Johnson added there was no State statute defining indigent and should be the responsibility of the Commissioners to come up with a standard. John Hancock stated there was a process in State statute for the township trustee to refer individuals to the county home; the code also allows for the Manor, if they take in someone from another county, to reach out to the other county for assistance. There was discussion to limiting applications to Carroll County residents only if applicant is not able to pay the full rate.

All in attendance were asked to spread the word about Carroll Manor and to take it back to their church and organizations to help out.

PRIVATE ROAD: Bob Hewitt of Jefferson Township asked the Commissioners to consider designating 916 N a county road; it is presently a private road and is approximately ¼ mile long. The road is accessed off of State Road 421 and connects to 1128 W. Over the years the home owners have blacktopped the road; they were snow bound this winter.

Patrick Clawson stated there were strict guidelines to accept a road. Attorney Johnson stated every owner on the road would have to transfer ownership of the road to the County and it would have to meet standards to be accepted. John Brown made a motion to contact Highway Engineer Paul Couls to start the process of taking in 916 N as a county road. William Brown seconded, passed unanimously.

E-POLL BOOK CONTRACT: Andrea Miller reported the Election Board would like for the Commissioners to approve the ES&S contract for purchase of E-Poll books. ES&S has a much better fee; \$22,778.00 total for 12 units. Attorney Johnson has reviewed the contract; the Clerk has money in her budget for the purchase. There is no lease possibility with ES&S, only a lease-to-own 3 or 5 year plan. John Brown made a motion to have the Clerk purchase the equipment; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

HSA ACCOUNT – FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: A survey of County employees participating in the HSA program showed a strong desire by the employees to have a debit card for their account. That is not possible through the Industrial Federal Credit Union so presentations were made by First Financial Bank and Security Federal Bank. The only difference in the information presented was that Security Federal had a tiered interest rate where First Financial had a flat rate. William Brown made a motion to move the HSA accounts to Security Federal; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

MORRIS-HINER PROPERTY: Jim Eddy was present to ask for an update on the nuisance property in his neighborhood. Kathy Mylet shared an e-mail she received from the APC Attorney: The case is proceeding, an answer to the APC complaint has been filed and it is anticipated there will be an attempt to mediate a solution in a timely manner. If an agreement cannot be reached the Court will be asked to schedule a hearing. Their attorney would like to go to the APC meeting to discuss options. It would be March before they can be on the agenda.

THE HOOSIER HEARTLAND: Mark Smith asked the Commissioners to support naming a section of the Hoosier Heartland the, "James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Parkway". He is suggesting the section under the yet to be installed bridge or perhaps the entire valley. Attorney Johnson will contact the Tippecanoe County attorney to see how to go about the process. The discussion was tabled until more information is known concerning the process.

CHAIRS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ROOM: In order to have chair parts for Superior Court, upon motion made by William Brown and seconded by John Brown, the Commissioners unanimously decided to purchase 50, 21" wide navy blue chairs from Church Chairs 4 Less. Cost per chair will be \$29.99.

BIDS FOR MOWING/SNOW REMOVAL: Attorney Ted Johnson was asked to prepare an advertisement for bids for lawn mowing and snow removal at Carroll Manor, Deer Creek Park, French Post Park and the Transfer Station. The parks will not include snow removal. Bids will be opened at the March 17, 2014 meeting.

NORTH EMS STATION: There was discussion concerning the Fillingier property vs. the Maxwell property for the location of the North EMS station. The cost of the Fillingier site is over \$100,000.00 higher and is an existing pole barn that will have to be renovated. The Maxwell site will be a new building with a concrete slab. Mike Durr, Co-Director of EMS, stated their new building in Flora perfectly fit their needs.

John Brown made a motion to proceed to purchase the State Road 421 and 500 N property; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously. Attorney Johnson will prepare a purchase agreement for the average of the two appraisals to be signed at the next Commissioners' meeting.

PRINT MANAGEMENT INVOICE: The Auditor provided an invoice received from Lafayette Copier for the 1st of 60 months of the contract for Print Management and asked the Commissioners how they wanted to pay for the charges. They stated that next year they would like a line in the Commissioners budget to cover the cost of the machines and copies. John Brown made a motion to recommend to the Council to use a list of departments taking part in the Print Management program and transfer funds from their accounts to start a Print Management line in the Commissioners' budget. William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Attorney Johnson will prepare an RFQ for final review at the next meeting to be sent to financial advisors as an invitation to respond to the project. Since it is a service there is no bid process.

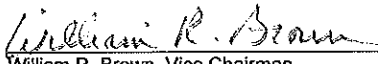
EMPLOYMENT TRAINING: Bliss-McKnight is offering a free training course on "Employment Liability Issues in Local Government" for Carroll County elected officials and department heads. By consensus the Commissioners decided to have Bliss-McKnight offer the mandatory training in April 2014.

There being no further business, William Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by John Brown; passed unanimously. The next meeting will be March 3, 2014.

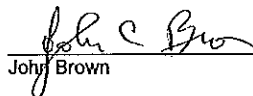
CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Patrick F. Clawson, Chairman



William R. Brown, Vice Chairman



John Brown

ATTEST:



Elaine Hathaway, Auditor