

Commissioners Patrick Clawson, John Brown and William Brown met in regular session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 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 17, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved. JB/WB

The payroll claim for period ending February 15, 2014 in the amount of \$185,746.37 was unanimously approved. WB/JB

Accounts payable claims were unanimously approved as follows:

• County General	\$208,935.90	WB/JB
• Highway	\$ 94,784.01	WB/JB
• Other Funds	\$ 58,387.52	WB/JB

**MORRIS-HINER PROPERTY:** Jim Eddy was present to ask for the latest information on the nuisance property in Jefferson Township. County Attorney Ted Johnson informed Eddy that an answer had been filed by the defendant. The Area Plan Commission (APC) anticipates a plan to remediate a solution will be discussed at their next meeting. Johnson suggested Eddy attend the March 25<sup>th</sup> APC meeting; John Brown indicated he would also attend.

**CONVENTION, VISITOR & TOURISM BOARD:** Lynn Corson, President of the Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board (CVT) stated the Commissioners originally appointed Tom Gray and Mary Blue to the Board and neither individual is now eligible to serve on the Board. The Board would like to recommend replacing Mary Blue with Krista Watson and Tom Gray with Tom Heckard; they would be 2 year appointments to start immediately. Patrick Clawson made a motion to appoint Krista Watson and Tom Heckard to the Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board; John Brown seconded; motion passed unanimously. Corson added that in 2013 the Innkeepers Tax collected a total of \$1,095.50; the money can be used for anything related to tourism attraction and is reviewed by the Commission.

Julia Leahy stated the CVT Board was in the process of updating the tourism brochure and the Carroll County Chamber festival and events guide has been updated. The "Welcome to Carroll County" signs have been installed along the Hoosier Heartland.

**CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY:** Paul Coutts asked for approval for a bid date of April 7, 2014 to solicit bids for materials, supplies, equipment and services for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Carroll County roads and bridges for the year 2014. William Brown made a motion to accept the bid date; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

Coutts was asked to send Attorney Johnson copies of the 2 appraisals received for the property to build an EMS station in Tippecanoe Township. After receipt Johnson will prepare the purchase agreement.

Coutts reported there were a lot of road washouts due to damage from the ice jams. The bridges were inspected and it was determined there was no stress to the bridges. The boat ramp and observation deck at French Post Park were washed away.

**COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE BOARD:** Patrick Clawson stated the Commissioners needed to make an appointment from the Delphi Community School Corporation area to the Common Wage Construction Board. Clawson recommended Steve Wood. William Brown made a motion to appoint Steve Wood; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR:** Attorney Johnson asked the Commissioners for names to send an RFQ invitation to for selecting a financial advisor. Johnson recommended Crowe Horwath and O.W. Krohn & Associates, the Commissioners suggested including London Witte Group. Johnson stated the interviews would be conducted in open meetings and not all at the same meeting. The RFQ does not have to be advertised and it will state the purpose is to review current finances of the County and to make recommendations and to possibly work on a future capital project.

**SHERIFF TRAINING & EQUIPMENT DONATION FUND:** Sheriff Burns is organizing training for all Carroll County law enforcement agency officers and possibly law enforcement departments outside the County. He will solicit outside donations to fund the project and needs an ordinance to establish a fund. William Brown made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-01 to Establish the Sheriff Training and Equipment fund. John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Treasurer Beth Myers let bids to First Financial, Salin, Regions and Security Federal for the different investment accounts.

Two banks submitted bids for the checking account; William Brown made a motion to retain Salin Bank for the checking account; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

The only bid for the ACH account came from Regions Bank where the account is currently maintained. John Brown made a motion to stay at Regions; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

First Financial has a property tax account and the payroll direct deposit account. John Brown made a motion to stay with First Financial for the two accounts; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

The Treasurer reported she moved money from the ACH account to round-up the investment to \$8.5 M; rates are best if the County goes out more than 2 years. There was discussion on whether the funds were needed in the foreseeable future and if there was penalty for withdraw; there was concern about committing funds for 3 years.

Myers will discuss the TIF investment with the Redevelopment Commission; they need it for cash flow.

The Auditor stated that the E-911 account would need to dip into their investment account before the end of the year. Upon motion made by John Brown and seconded by William Brown, the E-911 funds are to be invested in a three month CD at .38%. Motion passed unanimously.

The Assessor would like to invest \$200,000 of her Reassessment fund for either six months or one year. John Brown made a motion to invest for six months; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

The \$8.5 M is presently at Salin Bank in a Premier Savings account earning .27%. In order to have access to the money should an emergency arise, John Brown made a motion to keep all \$8.5 M at Salin Bank; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

William Brown made a motion to invest \$300,000 of the Carroll Manor Maintenance Fund for six months at Security Federal at an interest rate of .40%. John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

Commissioners approved the following banking institutions: First Financial, Regions, Salin and Security Federal.

John Brown made a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION ZONING ORDINANCE:** February 29, 2014 the Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the proposed repeal of sections of the County's current zoning ordinance and zoning maps and the adoption of new zoning ordinance language and zoning maps.

Area Plan Administrator, Kathy Mylet, stated she had provided each Commissioner with a copy of the written comments and reminded the Commissioners they have 90 days from the date of the APC hearing to act. They can either accept, reject or amend the ordinance. Attorney Johnson advised the Commissioners of their options; if they offer a period of comments, they need to give a 48 hour notice. They can invite written public comments for a period of time. If they do nothing; after 90 days it is automatically accepted.

A representative of the APC stated there had been a lot of time spent by both the APC and the Commissioners; the APC did review some of the issues of the Commissioners and believes it is a good living document. They understand there may need to be changes made along the way. Some members of the audience expressed their concerns about some of the topics in the ordinance and were requesting the Commissioners to have a time for public comments. Some felt some APC members would gain from the ordinance as it now stands; the APC is a non-elected body which is not accountable to anyone. William Brown stated he did not want the ordinance to become effective just because the Commissioners did nothing and felt there was benefit to having an open meeting. William Brown made a motion to have a period of written comments to come in prior to a public meeting. The public meeting will be held April 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room. Written comments should be submitted to the County Auditor by April 2, 2014.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VEHICLE:** Emergency Management Director Dana Jeffries asked the Commissioners about purchasing a new vehicle. The State has a contract for Dodge trucks; he would like to trade in the present truck. The trade-in value of the truck is \$5,000.00 and the State bid is \$19,000.00. There is an old EMA grant fund that has over \$25,000.00 in the fund that could be used to purchase the truck. The present safety equipment would not fit the Dodge truck so he would need money from the trade-in to help cover installation of the new equipment. Patrick Clawson suggested he contact Mann Chevrolet to see what their bid might be. Jeffries felt that keeping the present truck would require more maintenance.

William Brown made a motion to allow the EMA truck as trade-in on the purchase of a new truck; John Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

**OTHER TOPICS:**

- Patrick Clawson contacted Paul Coutts about the road in Jefferson Townships. The County would have to have ownership of the road and a cul-de-sac built.
- Snow removal at Carroll Manor is for the side walk and salt applied to the sidewalk. Mowing to be done no more than weekly.
- Ann Brown shared that the London Witte Group was used to adopt the Local Option Income Tax and did not feel the Council was properly informed.

**COURTHOUSE USAGE APPLICATION:**

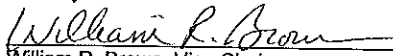
- Delphi Business Women, use of Lounge February 24, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. JB/WB

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 17, 2014.

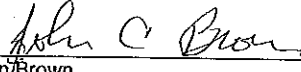
**CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**



Patrick F. Clawson, Chairman



William R. Brown, Vice Chairman



John C. Brown

**ATTEST:**



Elaine Hathaway, Auditor