

Commissioners William R. Brown, Patrick Clawson and Ronald Slavens met in Regular Session on the 4th day of January 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to conduct business pursuant to the laws of Carroll County and the State of Indiana.

Auditor Elaine Hathaway opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hathaway asked for nominations for Commissioner Chairman. William Brown nominated Pat Clawson, seconded by Ron Slavens. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from December 30, 2010 special session were approved as written. (WB/PC)

Early claims for September through December 2010 in the amount of \$257,077.93 were approved. (WB/RS)

COUNTY HIGHWAY: County Highway Engineer Paul Coutts reported the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant was approved in the amount of \$544,829. The grant is for a sign replacement project that includes traffic signs and road identification signs. It also includes an engineering study, reflectivity meter and construction phase for replacement of signs. There was discussion on the use of Wheel Tax money to purchase road signs. Paul Coutts reported that he had contacted the State Board of Accounts and they informed him that the purchase of road signs was an allowable use of Wheel Tax money.

Paul Coutts presented a request for a 6 month unpaid leave of absence for Highway employee, Jeff Walker. William Brown pointed out that the personnel policy states a 30 day leave and the request was for 6 months. Ron Slavens moved that based on the personnel policy the request be denied, William Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GROUND REMEDIATION: Jeff Berebitsky of Restorial Research reported that he researched the insurance coverage for the County with respect to environmental issues with the potential land to be sold to IPC and the additional 40 acres. He reported that if there were an issue involving an insurance recovery action, the County would have insurance coverage. He further stated that the agreements from Restorial Research and SESCO Group that were presented are to cover the County if there was an environmental issue. He stated that from the point they are hired it would take 4 to 9 months to complete the ground water contamination study. The site is confirmed to have diesel fuel contamination. County Attorney Nick McLeland will review the two agreements. The Restorial Research agreement covers the insurance aspect to fund the project and the SESCO Group agreement is to investigate the clean-up, contingent on the insurance being there. This process will be at no cost to the County, all money would come from the insurance companies. David Valinetz, President/CEO of SESCO Group commented that Indiana law is great on this insurance issue. There should be no cost to the County for this service. The old land fill could be capped and used as a recreation park. IDEM would be very involved in the project.

Laura Walls of the Economic Development Commission asked to speak on the issue of the 29 acres to be sold to Indiana Packers. She stated that an analysis had already been done on the land and it is relatively clean. She is concerned that if we wait 9 months, the deal to sell the land to IPC could be over. Economic Development could pay \$5,000 for an environmental firm and lawyers to help with the environmental analysis done to date. She suggested using SESCO Group for the remaining 40 acres. Laura will bring an access agreement to the January 17, 2010 meeting that has first been given to Nick McLeland.

Pat Clawson stated it was important to move forward with the sale of the land. William Brown made a motion to table all action until January 17, 2010. Ron Slavens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NORTHWEST SOLID WASTE DISTRICT: Pat Clawson stated that the landfill could no longer accept electronics and that this issue needs to be further addressed.

William Brown made a motion to appoint Ron Slavens as the Commissioner's representative to the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Board of Directors, and Jamie Rough as the County Council representative. Pat Clawson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The County can have three representatives on the Citizen Committee. William Brown made a motion to reappoint Joe O'Donnell to the Northwest Solid Waste District Citizen Committee, and to advertise that anyone interested should contact the Commissioners. Ron Slavens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4-H BUILDING USAGE: Ron Slavens made a motion and William Brown seconded the use of the 4-H Building by the German Baptist conference. The Flora Community Club requested permission for trailer storage in the swine barn, except during the Fair. William Brown made a motion to approve the usage at no charge, Ron Slavens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Ron Slavens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by William Brown. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Patrick F. Clawson, Chairman

William R. Brown

Ron Slavens

ATTEST:

Elaine Hathaway, Auditor