

REGULAR SESSION**COMMISSIONERS****MARCH 21, 2011**

Commissioners William R. Brown and Ron Slavens met in Regular Session on the 21st day of March 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to conduct business pursuant to the laws of Carroll County and the State of Indiana. Patrick F. Clawson was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously. RS/WB

Payroll claims for period ending March 5, 2011 in the amount of \$159,374.93 were approved unanimously. RS/WB

TAX STATEMENTS: Treasurer Beth Myers reported that she had contacted the State and there is no provision that would not allow the Commissioners to insert a notice about public meetings for the new zoning ordinance in the tax statements. Myers explained she had perforated paper left over from previous tax statements and there would be little or no cost involved.

COURTHOUSE CONCRETE: The concrete that was poured last year for the handicap ramp is deteriorating. It is pitted and in some areas has gone back to gravel. The circle drive has some problem areas also. Mike Kessler of Extreme Contractors admitted that the concrete has some issues that would be addressed. Brim Concrete will look at the concrete also. It is believed that the salt used this winter would not have created the problem. A solution will be presented at the April 18, 2011 meeting.

COUNTY HIGHWAY: County Highway Engineer, Paul Coutts reported that he attend the Hoosier Heartland meeting on the Rockfield bypass. Walnut Street will be closed to work on the bridge, as will several roads around Rockfield. Work will begin soon.

The transportation committee met March 14, 2011 and decided to meet each quarter; the technical group will meet at 2:00 p.m. and the administrative group will meet at 3:00 p.m.

Paul Coutts distributed an eight year projected chip and seal plan. Wheel Tax money will be used for the project. Over the 8 years, figuring 3 miles per day, they should be able to do 90% of the 330 miles of paved road. Patching of potholes is separate from the eight year plan. In order to accomplish this task Coutts remarked that he needed new equipment. He can purchase a 2010 roller with 100 hours on it for \$48,500, cost new was \$61,000. He also needs a distributor. The present one is a 1998 with 38,606 miles, is not dependable and worn out. A new distributor would cost \$137,000, used is \$102,500. He has enough money in the equipment line to purchase both pieces of equipment. There is a lease option for the distributor; at 3.4% interest, the total paid over 3 years for the used one would be \$105,967. This would leave money to purchase a single axel dump truck should they find a good one. Ron Slavens made a motion to purchase a distributor on the three year lease plan of \$35,323 per year. Seconded by William Brown, passed unanimously. Ron Slavens made a motion to purchase the roller for \$48,500. Seconded by William Brown, passed unanimously.

Dan McCain was present to discuss closing the road down to the Carrollton Bridge. McCain stated that the County has no right-of-way around the bridge, all the property belongs to the Canal Association. McCain commented that the fires set under the bridge have not been large ones and he saw no evidence of fire damage. He suggested that rather than close the road, post signs that fires are prohibited. Ron Slavens stated there was an ordinance that there are to be no fires around bridges. Attorney Nick McLeland is to research the County's liability at the Carrollton Bridge site. George Mears reported that a new map being published lists the Carrollton Bridge as a site for a canoe boat ramp and by closing the road that would prohibit use of the boat ramp. Ron Slavens asked the Canal Association to make a safer boat launch for canoes at the Carrollton Bridge. Lynn Corson stated that if there is a safety hazard then it needs to be addressed. The Canal Association will take a look at the area to see what needs to be done and will report their liability coverage at the bridge. Ron Slavens stated we need to know what the County's responsibility is in, around and under the bridge. William Brown would like to have the County place a sign that states the ordinance for no fires. It was stated the County may have acted in haste to close the road and will work with the Canal Association to make it safer, put up signage and determine responsibility and liability. Ron Slavens moved to table further discussion until the April 4, 2011 meeting. William Brown seconded, passed unanimously.

Ron Slavens asked Paul Coutts to look at an old cottonwood on the northwest corner of the Carrollton Bridge. He stated it may need to be taken down before it falls on the Bridge.

BRIDGE INSPECTION: Leo Rumschlag of Rumschlag Technical Services presented the 2011 bridge inspection schedule. He does not anticipate finding any major problems and will present his final report in September. Commissioner Brown asked him about fires under bridges. Rumschlag stated it would take a good sized fire to damage a bridge. Suet is an issue from an appearance standpoint, not structural. Rumschlag also distributed the list of 16 bridges he is monitoring during storms.

MAXIMUS IV-D CONTRACT: Andrea Miller, Carroll County Clerk, reported that the Maximus contract to provide IV-D reimbursement had been completed and the contract could now be terminated. They finished with back collection, collecting over \$12,000, and are now up-to-date. Miller wanted to know how to pay for their services, the money could not come out of the perpetuation fund as previously thought. Ron Slavens made a motion to cancel the contract as soon as possible, seconded by William Brown, passed unanimously. Ron Slavens asked Andrea to contact Maximus to see what is needed to cancel the contract.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Russell Knowles asked if there are any plans to have animal control again. Ron Slavens stated that the Sheriff's Department should handle complaints in the County and the police departments in the city and towns. William Brown added that he was sorry, but at the present time there was no animal control.

OTHER BUSINESS: In the absence of Attorney Nick McLeland, Callie Schimmel presented a document from Tecumseh Area that needed to be signed and returned by the following day. Ron Slavens and William Brown would like for McLeland to fully explain the document at the next meeting.

Auditor Elaine Hathaway reported that Sheryl Shockley had keys to the Museum doors. There is concern about security to the rest of the Courthouse; Randy Myers, Vice President of the Historical Society, will work with Sheryl for a solution to secure the doorway into the Courthouse rotunda. A list of individuals that have keys to the Museum was provided.

Auditor Hathaway also reported that work had begun on the new GIS program, Schneider Corporation has scanned the first two plat books.

Mr. Perry asked the Commissioner to take a look at the money given to Economic Development. He did not believe that \$15,000 to "brand" the County was a good use of funds and could better be used for roads. William Brown stated that Pat Clawson was the Commissioner's representative for the Economic Development Commission and that budget discussions would be coming up and evaluated at that time.

Courthouse usage was approved for the YWCA Domestic Violence program, the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Ron Slavens made a motion to accept the usage for six months and to reevaluate the open-ended request at that time. William Brown seconded, passed unanimously.

Ron Slavens made a motion to accept the applications to Carroll Manor for Shirley Bengaman and Dorothy Riley. Seconded by William Brown, passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: There being no further business to bring before the Commissioners, a motion to adjourn was made by Ron Slavens and seconded by William Brown. Passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011.

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

_____Absent_____
Patrick F. Clawson, Chairman

William R. Brown, Vice Chairman

Ron Slavens

ATTEST:

Elaine Hathaway, Auditor