

REGULAR SESSION**COMMISSIONERS****MAY 16, 2011**

Commissioners Patrick F. Clawson, William R. Brown and Ron Slavens met in Regular Session on the 16th day of May 2011 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 May 2, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously. RS/WB

Payroll claims for period ending April 30, 2011 in the amount of \$154,378.37 were approved unanimously. WB/RS

COUNTY HIGHWAY: County Highway Engineer, Paul Coutts reported he has driven County Road 800 S twice; he is not looking to mill the entire road, but an intermittent grind, and was open for discussion of what the Commissioners thought. William Brown has been down the road several times and asked the audience for their comments. They asked for it to be done in chip and seal. Paul Coutts stated that it was not a collector road so the parts that have been reclaimed are not scheduled to be chipped and sealed. If parts are ground, they cannot be chipped and sealed until it sets for a while. There is a total of 800' in four spots. Stone has been added on top of the chip and seal to fill the holes. They have not reclaimed anything yet, they will grind the stone with the chip and seal to get a good base. Brown stated that 800 S does have a lot of traffic with nice homes and would not like to see it go. Brown made a motion to reclaim sections of 800 S as needed to build a base and then chip and seal next year. Ron Slavens added that areas not reclaimed be durapatched. Ron Slavens then seconded, passed unanimously.

Coutts gave a status report on the environmental study for Bridge 181, Lockport Arch. All comments are in and will hopefully be submitted the first part of June. The next step is to determine right-of-way areas. Coutts asked for a \$60,000 additional to cover some engineering and the right-of-way process, including purchase. One land owner is agreeable and he has not heard from the other landowner. William Brown moved and Ron Slavens seconded the motion to allow an additional \$60,000 for the next step. Passed unanimously, Coutts will go before the Council to ask for the additional.

Commissioner Brown asked about the prognosis for 650 S on the west side of State Road 39 in Clay Township. Coutts will ask the crew and report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Clawson stated he has received complaints about the north/south road that runs by Carroll Elementary School. Coutts will check the plans for that road.

Coutts reported that he has not received dates for road closures in Rockfield. There has been relinquishment done, but nothing else. Coutts will try to get information on the closings. It was reported that there will be no more trees cut down until October due to tree bats.

Rex Millhouse reported that on North Lake Shore Drive there is a ditch that is filling up with brush and tree stumps. Coutts will look into the problem. Millhouse also asked if the temporary bridge could support the weight of a fire truck. Coutts responded that they will close only one lane at a time.

Commissioner Brown asked Coutts to call Jerry Frey to explain to him what is going to happen to their road.

Coutts announced that the deadline to request dust control work was May 20, 2011.

CLERK'S OFFICE: Clerk Andrea Miller appeared to ask the Commissioners what account to use to pay a \$7,900 Maximus bill. Miller said if paid out of a fund other than her Incentive Fund, the County would be paid back at two-thirds. The Commissioners suggested that at this time the bill be paid out of the Clerk's Incentive Fund.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Auditor Elaine Hathaway reported that she had received notice from the State that they were going to raise the mileage rate to \$.44 per mile. Past policy has been to use the same mileage rate as the State. Ron Slavens made a recommendation to go with the Federal rate, \$.51 per mile, rather than the State rate. William Brown seconded, passed unanimously.

- Approved sign on Courthouse lawn for VFW fish fry, May 8 – 15, 2011. WB/RS
- Approved sign on Courthouse lawn for Tri County Art Association, August 9 – 14, 2011. WB/RS
- Approved 4-H Building usage by Carroll School Corporation, May 13 & 14, 2011. RS/WB
- Approved application and admission of Eve Mullendore to Carroll Manor at a negotiated rate until she sells her property; at that time she will be a private pay resident. WB/RS

All the above passed unanimously.

Commissioner Slavens commented that REMC will locate the electric lines on the southeast corner of the Courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Clawson commented the he was impressed with the LED light demonstration.

Rex Millhouse asked about record retention for Township Trustees. Ron Slavens said that once a year the Clerk sends out information and he should check with Andrea Miller.

Mr. Perry asked about the two hour parking. Commissioner Clawson stated he was talking to Mayor Strasser about negotiating some parking for jury trials, etc. Any changes to the present parking restrictions will be communicated to the public.

NEXT MEETING: There being no further business to bring before the Commissioners, a motion to adjourn was made by William Brown and seconded by Ron Slavens. Passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011.

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Patrick F. Clawson, Chairman

William R. Brown, Vice Chairman

Ron Slavens

ATTEST:

Elaine Hathaway, Auditor