

Commissioners Patrick Clawson, William Brown and Ron Slavens met in Regular Session on the 18th day of February 2013 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 4, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written. WB/RS

Payroll claims for period ending February 2, 2013 in the amount of \$166,152.27 were unanimously approved. WB/RS

ELECTRICAL FOR VETERANS' OFFICE: After review of the bids; Ron Slavens made a motion to award the contract for electrical work in the Veterans' Office and Employee Lounge to Watson Construction. William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

AREA PLAN: Kathy Mylet presented the flood hazard ordinance; Ron Slavens made a motion to table the ordinance until the Area Plan Commission had an opportunity to review the document; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

Mylet distributed the Area Plan annual report. Ron Slavens asked Mylet to check with the Town of Flora about the number of building permits they had issued.

Area Plan would like to enter into a contract with Deborah Luzier of GRW for the rural residential zoning district language. It will be paid for through the Area Plan ordinance line. The Area Plan Commission has approved the contract. Ron Slavens moved to accept the agreement, cost not to exceed \$8,200. William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY: Highway Engineer Paul Coutts met with Extension Educator Joanne Lytton concerning the schedule for repair of the hail damage at the fairgrounds. Repairs at the fairgrounds must be completed by June 29, 2013. Advertisement for bids will be published February 27 and March 6. Bids are to be received and opened at the March 18 Commissioners' meeting with the bid being awarded at the April 1 Commissioner meeting. Coutts stated the Exhibit Board would like to include insulation under the roofs of the hog barn, show area, FFA building, goat barn, cattle barn and horse arena. Patrick Clawson stated he was against insulating open buildings; the Commissioners will discuss the insulation with Lytton. Bids should be submitted with and without insulation; if approved the Exhibit Board would be responsible for the cost of the insulation. Ron Slavens made a motion to accept the bid schedule as presented; William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

Coutts shared pictures of the work on bridge #147. They should be able to pour the deck the week of February 25, 2013, weather permitting.

William Brown shared a call he received from a resident of Owasco concerning a railroad bridge being torn down. Coutts has talked to the company doing the demolition concerning the possible damage to roads in Owasco.

Coutts reported the contractor is 40% finished with the HSIP sign project.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE: Don Shockley asked for clarification on the clerical position; asking if the Commissioners had made a final determination on whether the position should be full time. Ron Slavens made a motion that due to the increased work load, the clerical position in the Surveyor's office should be reclassified as a full time 1st Deputy position. William Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

CARROLL MANOR MAINTENANCE: Patrick Clawson explained the maintenance issues at Carroll Manor:

- Water Softener – A bid was received from A&H Chapman Mechanical in the amount of \$2,140.75. The Commissioners will look into other options.
- Lift Station – It should have 2 pumps but only 1 was installed; the 2nd is for a back-up which has been needed in the past. A&H Chapman Mechanical presented an estimate of \$8,587; the money would be available in the Carroll Manor Maintenance Fund.
- Security – One Touch Security did a review and determined the security system was out-dated and submitted a bid of \$1,699.05 to bring the system up to standards. Cost for the upgrade could be paid from the Carroll Manor general budget.

William Brown made a motion to do the lift station and the security upgrade projects. The lift station is to be paid out of the Carroll Manor Maintenance Fund and the security upgrade to be paid from the Carroll Manor general budget. Ron Slavens seconded; passed unanimously.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP: The Commissioners discussed the list of demands from the Jefferson Township Trustee concerning their participation in the County EMS services if the County bowed to their demands. Clawson feels the demands are unacceptable; the letter states the new ambulance garage would have to be located in Jefferson Township.

Concerning the bill that was presented to the Commissioners; Clawson feels the County is not responsible. The Commissioners did not sign the contract and was therefore not responsible. William Brown commented that he too was not in support of the bill; adding that townships cannot make their own path. The Commissioners are waiting to have a meeting scheduled with the Trustees.

OTHER TOPICS:

- A question was asked concerning bridges falling apart. Patrick Clawson stated the County will not be responsible for bridges that do not have traffic; i.e. trails or walking bridges. The County supports the bridges but is not responsible for them.
- William Brown asked Clerk Andrea Miller about feedback after the last election. Miller had reports of long lines, adding that it was a learning process. Brown then asked about fraud at vote centers; Miller explained that driver licenses are scanned which allows individuals to vote only once.

SIGN ON COURT HOUSE LAWN: Habitat for Humanity - February 23 – March 2, 2013. WB/RS

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 meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2013.

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Patrick F. Clawson, Chairman

William R. Brown, Vice Chairman

Ron Slavens

ATTEST:

Elaine Hathaway, Auditor