BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioners Courtroom, Henry County Courthouse, Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the city of New Castle, Ind., with the following members present: Kim L. Cronk, President, William D. Cronk, Samuel R. Beckenbaugh, Linda S. Ratcliff, Auditor and Joe Bergacs, County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Cronk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent prayer.

The minutes were presented from the July 22, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried 3-0.

Following a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to allow input on a proposed South Henry Regional Waste Expansion Project, Mr. Beckenbaugh made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Mr. William Cronk seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to accept the cooperative agreement with the South Henry Regional Waste District to obtain a Community Focus Fund grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the Fair Oaks Road Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion carried 3-0.

Adam Hollars, Zoning Administrator presented ordinance #2009-05-08-12 to the Commissioners for approval. The zoning change was for Case B: 2091 Pro#377. The ordinance would allow a rezoning of 5 acres of land from Agriculture (A-1) to Local Business (LB). A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to allow the change. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the notice from IDEM concerning Air Permit Application permit # 065-28294-00044. Motion carried 3-0.

The following monthly reports were presented for approval:
- Clerk of Circuit Court
- Veteran's Service Officer
- Planning Commission
- Building Department

A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the payment of claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to approve the payment of payroll, timecards and deductions as presented for payday on 8/21/09. Motion carried 3-0.

A letter was presented by County Attorney Joseph Bergacs for approval by the Commissioners about a complaint from Mr. Dale Salyers seeking reimbursement for damages to his vehicle. Mr. Bergacs does not feel that the County is at fault in this instance. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to mail the letter as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Joe Wiley, Highway Administrator spoke to the Commissioners about revenue being less than last year for the LOHUT fund. The reduced revenue affects the amount of repair work that can be done from the highway department.
Mr. Wiley presented to the Commissioners a claim to be paid for repairs at Memorial Park to a speaker system that was damaged by the Highway while getting ready for the 4-H fair. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to pay the claim from the highway department for $387.38. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Maurice Goodwin was present to discuss the New Castle Board of Aviation with the Commissioners. Mr. Goodwin informed the Commissioners that the Airport would be applying for a grant to help with expenses at the airport. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to proceed with the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Carol Goodwin was present to discuss with the Commissioners that the Innkeepers Tax being collected is so much less than in previous years that the Convention and Tourism Bureau is having a difficult time meeting expenses. Mrs. Goodwin would like increased funding if possible and was seeking ways to increase their revenue.

Jason Williams was present to ask permission for the Henry County Swat Team to use the Courthouse Lawn on Friday, August 28, 2009 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. They will be having a fund raiser for Tony Lorton. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to allow the use of the Courthouse lawn.

Mr. Byers, Henry County Surveyor reported that everything was in place for projects to be completed on Wilbur Wright Road and Rader Road if stimulus money is received. Mr. Byers also presented claims for payment on behalf of Healthy Communities. Mr. Byers had received the claims and they should have gone to Healthy Communities or Jeff Ray.

Mr. Byers, Surveyor presented for approval, a letter to the Commissioners requesting restriction of speed limits on County Road 300 W from 400 feet south of C.R. 150 N – north to 1,400 feet north of C.R. 150N (1,800 feet, 0.34 miles) in both the North and South bound lanes to 30 miles per hour. A request was also made to restrict both East and West bound lanes of W Fairoaks Road from C.R. 125 W east to S.R. 3 3,450 feet, 0.65 miles to 30 miles per hour. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to grant the request. Motion carried 3-0.

Penny York representing EDC reported that Mr. Fuel was still interested in development at the I-70 interchange.

Communication was received from DNR concerning a study that had been done on our Community’s Floodplain Development Plan. Notice was received that our county was in good standing with current NFIP requirements.

Notice of claim was received from Travelers Insurance concerning Todd Kein being injured in an accident totaling his police car.

IPEP (Indiana Public Employer’s Plan, Inc.) notified the Commissioners of workshops to be held concerning employee injury and various matters.

President Kim Cronk presented a letter on behalf of the Commissioners that will be sent to Henry County REMC in support of grant funding being offered from the federal stimulus money. The funding will be used to enhance signals for broadband. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to send the letter. Motion carried 3-0.

President Cronk discussed the proper way to fill out a time card for the people that the Commissioners are responsible to pay. He wants a breakdown of exact times worked.

County Auditor, Linda Ratcliff reminded the Commissioners that the County Council would be holding budget hearings on Thursday, August 13, 2009, and again on Thursday, August 20th. President Cronk made a motion to recommend to the County Council that ½ of
the recommended salary adjustment be granted to County employees if funding was available and that no percentage increases be given. Mr. Beckenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

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Samuel R. Beckenbaugh                                        William D. Cronk

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Kim L. Cronk, President

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Linda S. Ratcliff, Auditor