

March 25, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioners Courtroom, Henry County Courthouse Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the city of New Castle, IN with the following members present: Kim L. Cronk, Samuel R. Beckenbaugh, William D. Cronk, Linda S. Ratcliff, Auditor and Joe Bergacs, County Attorney.

President Cronk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to approve the minutes as presented for the March 11, 2008 meeting. Motion carried 3-0

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve payroll, timecards and deductions as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the monthly reports as submitted by the following:

CLERK

IPEP

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Motion carried 3-0.

Information was presented concerning Cobra Benefits, and the method that will be used for employees choosing Cobra when leaving County employment.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to process the out of cycle claim for the purchase of a 2009 Dodge Charger by Community Corrections for the Sheriff's Department. President Cronk asked that the motion be amended to state that any purchase costing more than \$2,000.00 be approved by the Commissioners prior to purchase. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to accept the Copier Lease as presented by the Henry County Sheriff. The Lease is with Canon for \$1335.00 per year for 5 years for 5 machines in the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to accept the Copier Maintenance Agreement presented by the Henry County Extension office for \$2,400.00 per year. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to accept the Copier Maintenance Agreement as presented for the Ambulance Service. Motion carried 3-0.

Quotes were presented by the Veteran's Office for the purchase of grave marker flags. Kenneth Lee James Associates presented a quote for \$2,521.50 and Patriotic Products presented a claim for \$2,861.04. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to accept the quote from Kenneth Lee James as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

A proposal was submitted by Tri County Pest Control for Pest Control in County Offices for \$1,200.00 per year in the Justice Center, Courthouse, Drug Task Force, Community Corrections, Superior 2, Jail, Work Release and the Masonic Building. Mr. William Cronk made a motion to take the proposal under advisement until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh. Motion carried 3-0.

A letter was received by Mr. Mike Lykens, Trustee in Stony Creek Township concerning the need for additional funds for the Fire Department. The County Auditor was asked to invite Mr. Lykens to the April 08, 2009 meeting to discuss the letter.

IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) submitted a Notice of Decision – Approval concerning Draper Inc. A motion to accept the report as received was made by President Cronk and seconded by Mr. William Cronk. Motion carried 3-0.

Grant Agreements and Applications were submitted by the following:

Health Department

Henry County Memorial Park – Repair of Spillway

Henry County Memorial Park – New Floor in Shelter House

Drug Task Force

Henry County Sheriff's Department – Ambulance Service

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

An Early Retirement Option for County employees was presented to the Commissioners for consideration that had been presented at the County Council meeting in the afternoon. Mr. William Cronk made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. The motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by President Cronk to have the County Attorney look at the document and report back to the Commissioners at the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

President Cronk discussed a request he had had from a citizen concerning an ordinance allowing the use of off road vehicles on County Roads. The Commissioners asked the County Attorney to look at a copy of an ordinance they had received from another County and they would discuss the ordinance at their next meeting. A county ordinance would not allow the off road vehicles access to State Highways or US Highways.

Linda Bir-Conn was present from the New Castle Animal Shelter to discuss the ordinance that had been presented in January for animal control. After much discussion and a statement from Cynthia Alcorn who was supporting the ordinance the Commissioners voted 2-1 to table the ordinance until the next meeting. The motion was

made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by President Cronk. Mr. William Cronk voted no.

Mr. Jeff Ray, representing Healthy Communities was present to discuss the Commissioners taking title to property from DNR for the Healthy Communities Project. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to record the deeds as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Donna Tauber was present and asked for permission to apply for a grant for the Henry County Cemetery Association. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by President Cronk to allow the Cemetery Commission to apply for the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Wipple was present to ask permission from the Commissioners to use the Courthouse lawn to sponsor a day to display and sell products made in Henry County on May 2, 2009 from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to allow the use of the Courthouse. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe Wiley, Highway Superintendent discussed a pending lawsuit, use of stimulus money, and applications for stimulus money. Mr. Wiley discussed purchasing vs. repair of a dump truck and the condition of the road graders.

A motion by Mr. William Cronk and a second by Mr. Beckenbaugh was made to approve and submit a claim to the sheriff for an agreement in a settlement. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Byers presented notice from the selection committee that Beam, Longest, and Neff received the construction observation. Letters will be sent to the state and to Hugh Townsend. The project will be paid from Cum Bridge and the money is available.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by William Cronk to close the Commissioners sales that are still open. 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

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William D. Cronk

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Kim L. Cronk, President

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Linda S. Ratcliff, Auditor