BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Kim L. Cronk, William D. Cronk, Samuel Beekenbaugh, Patricia A. French, Auditor and Joseph J. Bergacs, County Attorney.

President, Kim Cronk, called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag, followed with a moment of silent prayer.

A motion was made by William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beekenbaugh to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beekenbaugh to approve the payroll for April 8, 2011. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Steve Wolfrom, representing REMC, presented a check for $1350 to the Commissioner’s for energy savings at the Highway Department.

A motion was made by William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beekenbaugh to accept the reports as presented: Clerk, Building Department, Memorial Park Golf Course, Planning Commission, INDOT resolution establishing traffic control on State Road 40 in Knightstown and Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) quarterly & financial status reports for 2 grants. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff, Butch Baker, addressed the Commissioners concerning the possibility of the loss of DOC prisoners housed in the Henry County Jail. He stated with the educational programs Henry County provides to the prisoners, his hope is Henry County may not be affected.

Mr. William Cronk acknowledged Randall Smith, new Weights & Measures Inspector for receiving his certification from the Indiana State Department of Health.

Mr. Kim Cronk read the resignation letter of Larry Hightchew, Veteran’s Officer, effective April 1, 2011. With regret Mr. Beekenbaugh motioned to accept the resignation of Mr. Hightchew, followed with the second from Mr. William Cronk. Motion was carried 3-0. With the resignation of Mr. Hightchew, Mr. Kim Cronk asked for a motion to appoint a new Veteran’s Officer. Mr. Beekenbaugh made a motion to appoint John Guglielmi to fill the vacant position. Motion was seconded by Mr. William Cronk and carried 3-0. Mr. Kim Cronk stated Mr. Guglielmi would begin his duties effective April 18, 2011.

The official bond for Stacy Guffey, Coroner, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beekenbaugh to accept the bond as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
Gene Bundy, Treasurer, reported to the Commissioner’s concerning the recently held Certificate Sale. Mr. Bundy stated the sale was very successful, selling 238 properties for a total of $325,000 and all but two buyers had paid. Mr. Bundy also informed the board tax bills would be mailed within the next week. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried 3-0.

An authorization form was presented to replace flexible hydraulic hoses on the elevator, which had not been replaced for six years. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. Kim Cronk to authorize the installation of the hoses. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark Allhands, representing Flatrock Wind Farm Steering Committee encouraged the county to move forward with pursuing the windmills.

Penny York and Bob Grewe, EDC representatives, addressed the Commissioners discussing upcoming events and projects. Ms. York stated the EDC windmill trip to White County would be April 25th and encouraged any elected official to go. She also stated they had showed 2 different vacant ground properties recently to prospective buyers. Ms. York and Mr. Grewe also stated they were need of I-2 ground.

Adam Hollars, Planning Zone Administrator, presented three different proposals for consideration. Mr. Hollars informed the Commissioners John Vann had resigned from the Planning Commission board effective March 25, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to accept Mr. Vann’s resignation. Motion carried 3-0. The second proposal from the Planning Commission board was a request to re-zone property owned by Kim & Teresa Gray from agriculture to residential. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the request. Motion carried 3-0. The third and final proposal from the Planning Commission board was a subdivision improvement agreement for Holwager Commercial Park to widen their entrance. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

A claim for $2800 for Butler, Fairman & Seufert was presented for approval. The claim was part of the right of way acquisition for National Road Heritage Trails. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to approve the claim as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Richard Byers, Surveyor, presented for approval a request to fund the replacement of Bridge #3. Bridge #3 is located on 600W approximately ¼ mile north of 900 N. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to begin the process for federal aid on Bridge #3. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Byers stated right of way acquisition should begin in 2013 with construction in 2014.
The Economic Growth Region 6 Local Elected Officials agreement was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Beekenbaugh and seconded by Mr. Kim Cronk to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Kim Cronk discussed the destruction of the old county home. The estimates presented were for approximately $14,000. A motion was made by Mr. Beekenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to pay a bill for $600 for asbestos inspection and laboratory analysis. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held concerning the state prison and the increase of prisoners that will be housed in the near future. With the increase, those prisoners will be going through the Justice Center security system, which needs to be upgraded. A motion was made by Mr. Beekenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to proceed with the inspection. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Kim Cronk, President, outlined for the public the county’s reorganization plan, which he referred to as “Henry County Bureau of Inspections”. Currently the Building Inspector, Weights & Measures Inspector and the Veteran’s officer are combining duties and are housed in one location. One of the secretaries from the Weights & Measures has become a floating employee, primarily housed in the Auditor’s office, but will float where needed, between the Auditor, Treasurer and Assessor. Another prospective move is to lease or sale the Henry County Public Golf Course. Mr. Cronk stated two different developer planned on constructing a restaurant on the grounds along with fixing the drainage problems the golf course currently has. Mr. Kim Cronk stated he felt any monies generated from the lease or sale should be filtered back through the park for improvements to 4-H buildings, saddle club structures and other different improvements. Mr. Kim Cronk asked for input from the public concerning the possibility of privatizing the golf course, it is currently county owned and the public should have a say on what happens. County government, being financially strapped, is finding it more prospective buyers had shown interest in purchasing the property. One difficult to continue financing the grounds. A meeting will be held on May 4, 2011 with Commissioners, Council and the Park Board in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom beginning at 6:00 P.M. for the public.

Mr. Kim Cronk addressed the New Castle-Henry County Airport grant. An amount of $7,766 was requested from the FAA, with a claim being presented for payment to Woolpert for $8175. Mr. Kim Cronk stated some questions needed to be answered concerning the grant from the aviation board. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beekenbaugh to contact the aviation board and request a meeting for discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joni Williams, Henry County Youth Center employee, informed the Commissioners the Youth Center was operating smoothly and a representative would return during one of the May meetings to give an overview on the operations, since it had been one year on when the Youth Center was leased to Gibault Services Inc.
Casey Gideon introduced himself as the new Henry County Saddle Club President. Melinda Gerrish had resigned earlier in the month.

Joseph Bergacs, County Attorney, updated the Commissioners concerning the Ordinance to collect fines and fees. He still was working on the ordinance and would present when completed.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to recess the meeting until April 25, 2011. Motion carried 3-0.

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Kim L. Cronk, President                                           William D. Cronk, Vice President

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Samuel Beckenbaugh

ATTESTED BY:___________________________________
Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor