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MINUTES

Commissioners' Legislative Session

10:00 a.m. Friday, October 2, 2015

Council Chambers Courtroom – Citizens Square

Commissioners Present: Nelson Peters and Linda Bloom
Commissioners Absent: Therese Brown

Others Present:	Chris Cloud	Commissioners Office
	Mike Green	Commissioners Office
	Bill Fishering	County Attorney
	John McGauley	Court Exec. for Superior Court
	Judge Craig Bobay	Civil Division
	Randy Brown	Memorial Coliseum
	Bill Hartman	Highway Dept.

Commissioner Peters called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. Commissioner Peters led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

- 1. Approval of the minutes of September 25, 2015.** Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2015. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- 2. Approval of addition to the Allen County Code Title 12 (Financial) – Article 211 (CourtCall Fee Fund) on behalf of Allen Superior Court.** John McGauley, Superior Court Executive, and Judge Craig Bobay presented this item. John asked the Commissioners to consider the creation of a fund to hold a fee that they will establish through a local rule. They want to add a \$10 fee to what attorneys and outside parties pay for the use of Court Call. It is a service that provides telephonic access to the judges for proceedings that really don't demand somebody to be here in person. We want to do this because the civil division of Superior Court is the only one that does not have a discretionary fund available to them. We want to use what we think will generate about \$10,000 every couple of years. Together in 2013 and 2014 there was about 1,000 uses of court call for things that we quite frankly can't afford out of the general fund budget, such as law books, fees and conference registrations and things like that. Judge Bobay stated that Court Call is a national company out of California and it is primarily used by out of town lawyers who want to participate in conferences with the court and they pay a fee to this organization. It is \$55 per call that they happily pay rather than having to travel to our chambers from typically Indianapolis or Chicago, Cleveland, Louisville and so forth to attend conferences that do not require their personal attendance. The company takes care of setting all this up and arranging it with the lawyers. It saves them and their client's lots of attorney's fees and traveling back and forth. We have been using it about 4 or 5 years. When I came on the bench and discovered that the civil division had no discretionary funds and had to pay for some of these expenses out of pocket, I decided to look and see where else these monies might come from and CourtCall has provided this opportunity. It is something that we have asked counsel about whether an additional \$10 would impact their use of it and they said no they are happy to have this service available to them. The cost would go up to \$65 and the company would then deposit that additional \$10 per call into the fund that we are asking be established. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the addition to the Allen County Code Title 12 (Financial) – Article 211 (CourtCall Fee Fund) on behalf of Allen Superior Court. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

- 3. Approval of Bid Award for Bid Reference #17-15 Identity and Wayfinding Signage Master Plan to Universal Sign, Inc. Cost - \$207,615.** Randy Brown, Executive VP/General Manager of the Coliseum, presented this item. He stated this is connected to the wayfinding study that we have talked about the last several visits. We have hired RLR Associates to be our consultant. They have looked at our full signage system, exterior and interior. The suggested bid award is putting us in a position to do the full package of exterior and interior signage. The engineering estimate was for \$280,000. We had a total of 3 bids ranging from a low of \$207,615 up to \$291,663. The lower bidder is Universal Sign, Inc. out of Grand Rapids, MI for \$207,615. RLR has worked with them in the past and has found them to be a responsive bidder. Today we are asking your consideration to award the contract to Universal Signs, Inc. from Grand Rapids. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the Bid Award for Bid Reference #17-15 Identity and Wayfinding Signage Master Plan to Universal Sign, Inc. Cost - \$207,615. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- 4. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Indiana Department of Transportation for right of way clearing for Lafayette Center Rd/CR 900 N, Project # 1200115.** Bill Hartman, Highway Director, presented this item. He stated this is a not to exceed \$400,000 contract and we bid this last week and the low bid was \$214,628.60. We will pay upfront and will be reimbursed by the State. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Indiana Department of Transportation for right of way clearing for Lafayette Center Rd/CR 900 N, Project # 1200115. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- 5. Approval of Warranty Deed for Diebold Rd-South, Clinton Street to Dupont Rd, Project # 1200312.**

 - a. Parcel 5 – Taco Bell of America, LLC**

Bill Hartman, Highway Director, presented this item. He stated this is the first of 5 parcels that we will need to do this construction. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve Warranty Deed for Diebold Rd., Parcel 5. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- 6. Approval of Contract Extension American Timber Bridge for Highway Department Annual Bid for 2016 Treat Timber Structures at 2015 prices.** Bill Hartman, Highway Director, presented this item. He stated American Timber Bridge has agreed to extend their prices for another year and we'd like to recommend approval. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve of Contract Extension American Timber Bridge for Highway Department Annual Bid for 2016 Treat Timber Structures at 2015 prices. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- 7. Approval of acceptance of payment for easements between the Board of Commissioners and Indiana Michigan Power for the Spy Run – Robinson Park Rebuild project.**

 - a. Parcel 68A**
 - b. Parcel 68B**

Chris Cloud, Executive Assistant, stated that a few weeks ago the Commissioners had approved a grant of easement with AEP. This is the power lines that go through the Coliseum property and IPFW foundation with is actually the County's land. This is the acceptance of payment for those easements. The total is just shy of \$20,000 for the two parcels. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve of acceptance of payment for easements between the Board of Commissioners and Indiana Michigan Power for the Spy Run – Robinson Park Rebuild project. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- 8. Approval of Plat for Signature:**

 - a. Re-plat of Lot 13, Villas of Grey Oaks Section 1**
 - b. Harrison lakes, Section 1**

Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the Plats for signature. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- 9. Approval of claims submitted for payment.** Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment today in the amount of \$432,261.20. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

10. Other Business:

11. Approval to waive the 2nd Reading on any matter approved today and for which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session of October 2, 2015. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve waiving the 2nd Reading on any matter approved today and for which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session of October 2, 2015. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

12. Comments from the Public.

13. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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