

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
801 City-County Building
200 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 28, 2006; 9:00 AM

- Meeting Location:** Room 801 City-County Building
- Attendees:** Joan Romeril, President; Mike Rodman, Vice-President; Marty Womacks, Secretary; Tavonna Harris, Corporation Counsel; Terry Nelson and Helen Hartsock, Auditor's Office; Kevin Vaughn, Treasurer – County Owned; Greg Jordan, Gary Meyer and Peter Briazzo, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board; Doug Brown, Capital Improvements Board; Ronald Miller, Marion Superior Court Administration
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- Call to Order:** Joan Romeril called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.
- Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Womacks moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2004 meeting. Mr. Rodman seconded. Motion passed.
- Correspondence:** Ms. Womacks reviewed the correspondence:
Paul Smith – Parks – to clear weeds on Kitley property.
Guardian Home - Inspection went well.
Stealth Ethanol Plant – Ms. Harris to answer records request.
- Response to Public Hearing:** There was no public hearing.
- County-Owned Property:** Mr. Vaughn presented fifty-one properties for the October 20th sale. Ms. Womacks moved that these be declared surplus properties, Mr. Rodman seconded. Motion approved.
- Mr. Vaughn reported that he had attended an Assessors' meeting and had obtained information regarding properties with retention ponds. There was discussion on procedures that would be established whereby the retention ponds would have no value but each parcel in each of the subdivisions would include a percentage of the whole value.
- A discussion followed on the procedures for several CDCs. If necessary there would be a special meeting called to review disposition of additional properties. Mr. Vaughn will invite Jeff Bennett to a future meeting.
- Capital Improvement Board:** Doug Brown reported on the new domed stadium and the financing plan. The historical perspective is that the state took over financing and the bill that passed did not include funds to operate the facility. A \$10 million operating budget shortfall is anticipated. There are ongoing discussions to resolve this issue. The Colts stadium is scheduled to be ready for the 2008-2009 season opener. The Convention Center would be in place for a 2010-2011 opening. Mr. Brown and Pat Early will keep the Commissioners informed.

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Court Administrator: Ron Miller, Court Administrator presented a proposed resolution for the Commissioners' approval. Mr. Miller stated that according to Administrative Rule 16 of the Indiana Court Rules the Court may ask the Commissioners to approve a fee and obtain authority to set up a sub-fund called Court Technology Fund. It would be a sub-fund of the General Fund. These fees would be generated by a convenience fee added to credit card processing for on-line filings. Both Lexus Nexus and Civic Net would add additional fees that would go to this new fund. Ms. Romeril wanted to know if the Rule allowed for the use of the funds. Mr. Miller stated that is somewhat open ended. A statement requiring annual review of the sub-fund by the Marion County Commissioners was added to the resolution. Also, the sub-fund would need approval of the City County Council. Ms. Womacks moved and Mr. Rodman seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion passed.

Indianapolis/Marion County Library Board: Gary Meyer spoke first. Mr. Meyer related that some unforeseen conditions have arisen with the construction – building issues, a new construction manager and architect. He stated that visits could be made at any time. The building is scheduled to open at the end of the summer of 2007. It would take three months to move back once construction was completed. Costs mediation continues. They have settled with prior architect and now pursuing others. Contingency funds are in a separate fund – they are selling bonds as needed. The library is exploring options on three other properties. Circulation is up 3-5%; more walk-in traffic; and internet access is up significantly. In the last year the library has purchased 40,000 new titles.

AFSCME requested the library board to adopt a resolution regarding unionization, which the board subsequently did. They had received as many as 10,000 e-mails for the unionization.

Greg Jordan stated that the Board had approved the 2007 budget, then the Council asked for a special meeting and increased the amount of the levy at County level.

Old Business Hearing Officer: Ms. Harris has interviewed a potential candidate for the hearing officer. (Note: Later in the meeting Ms. Womacks moved and Mr. Rodman seconded a motion to keep Ms. Trina Saunders Ray as hearing officer. The motion passed.)

Ms. Romeril left the meeting. Mr. Rodman then chaired the meeting.

New Business Mr. Vaughn returned to the meeting and reviewed a list of properties that could not be included in the October 20th surplus sale. These properties will need to be presented at next month's Public Hearing.

Mr. Rodman reported that he had attended the Guardian Home Foundation meeting. Ms. Harris stated that she will need a memorandum to establish a relationship between the Childrens' Guardian Home and

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the foundation.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Rodman adjourned the meeting at 11:04 AM.

Joan Romeril, President

Attest:

Michael W. Rodman, Vice-President

Martha A. Womacks, Secretary