

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, January 13, 2006, 9:12 AM

Meeting Location: Room 801 City-County Building

Attendees: Joan Romeril, President; Mike Rodman, Vice-President; Marty Womacks, Secretary; Tavonna Harris, Corporation Counsel's Office; Cindy Land, Treasurer's Office, Tina Graves and Heather Tolin, County-Owned, Pat Andrews, McANA, Terry Nelson and Helen Hartsock, Auditor's Office

Call to Order: Ms. Romeril called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Rodman moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2005 regular meeting. Ms. Womacks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Ms. Womacks stated there was an item she had received that required action. It was a letter from Rosie Buter of the Guardian Home requesting to transfer \$5,753.20 funds from directed funds to Guardian Home account to pay for some computer equipment. Previous approval for this purchase had been withdrawn by the Care for Kids Foundation and she was requesting the transfer to pay for the equipment. Motion to approve the request was made by Ms. Womacks and seconded by Mr. Rodman. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Romeril inquired if there was a way to withdraw from the Foundation or if there were alternative sources of funding. Ms. Harris replied that that had been discussed this past week and the matter is very complicated. They were checking into the options, to see if there were alternate options. This is a complicated part of the law that takes further study. A plan would need to be created.

Ms. Womacks suggested looking for another 501 (C)(3) even with some of the current members of the Foundation. Ms. Harris replied that someone would just need to investigate that. A worse case scenario would be that the funds would stay where they are. It is a very complicated area. Ms. Romeril discussed a letter received from Kent Baker regarding spending the money. Ms. Romeril to contact someone on guild board.

Response to Public Hearing: Motion to transfer all the properties noted at the Public Hearing to the adjacent owners was made by Ms. Womacks, seconded by Mr. Rodman. Motion approved unanimously.

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IMCMDC Board

Mr. Rodman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Womacks, to reappoint James Curtis to the Metropolitan Development Commission Board. Ms. Romeril noted it was a one-year appointment. Pat Andrews noted comprehensive plan has to be considered when MDC members vote. Mr. Curtis' appointment approved.

Ms. Womacks made a motion to reappoint John Bales to the Metropolitan Development Commission Board. Second by Mr. Rodman. Mr. Bales appointment approved with a caution to watch attendance at the meetings. Ms. Romeril will phone and voice the Commissioners' concerns.

Board Appointments

Patrick Early was reappointed to the Capital Improvement Board for a two-year term. Richard Petrecca and Thomas Grinslade were reappointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for a one year term. Motion made by Ms. Womacks, second by Mr. Rodman. Motion approved.

Ms. Harris left the meeting and was replaced by Jonathan Bryant, Corporation Counsel's Office.

Old Business
County-Owned Property:

3252 Sutherland; Heather Tolin explained there were some interested parties in these properties and felt a special auction was appropriate. Kitley Property Cindy Land: There are a couple of ways Board could proceed. One would be to continue the lease. If that was decided, they were prepared to proceed in that direction. The second option is to sell the property. Because of the value of the land (above \$25,000) the Commissioners would not have final say, and this would need to go to Council before disposing of the property. Funds from the sale would have to go back to County General. Ms. Womacks made a motion to proceed with sale, but it was subsequently withdrawn. Ms. Land suggested that property be divided, and that we talk to the Council regarding tillable acres on the Kitley property and also the 3252 Sutherland property. Ms. Womacks moved to recommend selling the tillable acres in the Kitley and Sutherland properties and protect the forestry area. Mr. Rodman seconded. Motion passed. Ms. Land will obtain an up to date appraisal. Ms. Tolin reported she had spoken with authorities and it would cost approximately one million dollars to bring water to the Kitley property.

Township Assistance
Hearing Officer:

Ms. Womacks reported that she had spoke with Tavonna Harris and they will be holding interviews on the Township Assistance Hearing officers. A discussion followed on the salary to pay hearing officers. Ms. Womacks made a motion to pay hearing officers \$100 a day up to \$10,500 annually. Second by Mr. Rodman. Motion approved.

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Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, Ms. Romeril adjourned the meeting at 10:07 AM.

Joan Romeril, President

Attest:

Michael W. Rodman, Vice-President

Martha A. Womacks, Secretary