

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioners Courtroom, Henry County Courthouse, Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the city of New Castle, In. with the following members present: Kim L. Cronk, William D. Cronk, Samuel R. Beckenbaugh, Linda S. Ratcliff, Auditor.

A public hearing was held prior to the County Commissioners meeting allowing input from residents on a grant proposal allowing reimbursement of FEMA dollars to Henry County for disaster relief. The hearing was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and was held by Michael McDaniel. Quotes were solicited from Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, EDC Richmond-Wayne County, and Nancy Kinder, Executive Director EIDD. Quotes were due to Henry County by June 19, 2009. EDC Richmond-Wayne County declined to quote as well as SIRPC. They were the only two responses received.

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

President Cronk recognized attorney Martin Shields and Connie Stevens on behalf of the South Henry Regional Waste District as well as a representative from the engineering firm of FNTBH. SHRWD will be applying for a grant and the county will be the applicant with SHRWD being the recipient. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to accept the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve payroll, timecards and deductions for pay period ending June 19, 2009, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Judge Mary Willis addressed the Commissioners to discuss a grant that she had received that would provide for a phone line to the Courts called Court Call. Mostly used by out of town attorneys and available state wide this program reduces the cost and time of attorneys, judges, and court personnel. Judge Willis was seeking approval of the Commissioners to have the phone line installed. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to grant the request. Motion carried 3-0.

Judge Willis informed the Commissioners that on December 8, 2008 she had received two television sets that would be used for training videos for jurors and for persons who are filing court cases with no attorney representation. They could also be used in the courtroom during a trial for evidence or videos pertaining to the case. She stated that the televisions would be used to enhance supervised visitation by parents and children. While the grant process for this was started in 2008, Judge Willis wanted to make the Commissioners aware that they were in place. A motion was made by President Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to accept the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Judge Willis also informed the Commissioners of a new court program that she was interested in starting. The program would be a faith based program sponsored by St. James church. The program would allow families to have supervised visitation and exchange of minors without law enforcement personnel or without them being at the jail or a correctional facility. Judge Willis asked for permission to use a room on the 3rd floor of the Justice Center. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by President Cronk to allow the use of the room for visitation with the exception that no incarcerated persons needing monitoring would be included. Motion carried 3-0.

President Cronk issued a statement that there would be a public meeting to discuss the ambulance service agreement on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. The agreement would not be discussed at this meeting.

Mayor Jim Small asked to address the Commissioners. Mr. Small was recognized by President Cronk. Mr. Small indicated that he felt he had been blind sided again by Mr. Cronk and the Commissioners with this statement of a meeting and that he felt the meeting had been set to avoid conflict when the Commissioners saw a room full of volunteer firefighters, first responders and medical personnel. President Cronk reiterated the fact that there would be no discussion of the ambulance service at this meeting.

Members of the audience began to ask questions concerning the agreement and the unwillingness of the Commissioners to discuss the situation when so many were already in attendance.

Commissioner William Cronk made the statement that he felt the Commissioners should hear from the public at this meeting.

After discussion, and a review of the proposed letters from the County and the City both letters were signed by the Commissioners and the Mayor.

A motion was made by President Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to sign the agreements. Motion carried 3-0. The terms of the 2005 contract and addendum will continue for the time being with the public meeting still to be held on June 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and negotiations will begin immediately to resolve the issues of the two entities and provide the best service possible to the residents of Henry County.

The terms of the letter and the contract are inserted at the end of the minutes.

President Kim Cronk issued a challenge to City Council member Vaughn Reid to get the City to adopt the Loit and Public Safety Tax. President Cronk said that he would try to get the County Council to have the meeting to adopt the tax also.

Joe Wiley, Highway Administrator requested permission to talk to the county Attorney about a building that had been erected in highway right-of-way to house phone service. Mr. Wiley had pictures of the structure. Mr. Wiley was told to proceed with talking to the attorney.

Mr. Wiley presented the budget prepared for the 2010 fiscal year for the Commissioners to approve. The budget is due to the Auditor's office by July 2, 2009. A motion was made by President Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to approve the budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Carol Monroe representing United American Insurance Company was present to present a proposal to the Commissioners for a life insurance plan that she is selling. Mrs. Monroe would like to distribute folders of information to all employees and then schedule meetings with each employee to discuss the life insurance coverage that she has available. A motion was made by President Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to allow Mrs. Monroe to proceed. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Butch Baker discussed with the Commissioners a grant he was seeking that would provide body armor (bullet proof vests) to the sheriff's department. The dollar amount for the grant would be \$12, 810.00. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to proceed with the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Gib Hoover submitted his monthly Weights and Measures report as well as his annual Weights and Measures report covering the period from June 16, 2008 to June 15, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to accept the reports. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to accept the monthly IPEP report. Motion carried 3-0.

Before the beginning of the Commissioners meeting a public hearing had been held by OCRA to allow input for discussion on FEMA re-imburement. Mr. Hoover informed the County Commissioners that all work scheduled to be done was now complete.

Mr. Beckenbaugh presented a proclamation declaring the week of June 21 thru June 27, 2009 amateur Radio Field Day. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to approve the proclamation. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Byers, Surveyor presented a letter from the Indiana Department of Transportation indicating a phase of the Wilbur Wright Trail being completed. They are proceeding to the next phase.

Mr. Beckenbaugh requested that he be granted permission to purchase a wireless connection for his computer at his residence. A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by President Cronk to allow the purchase. Motion carried 2-0 with Mr. Beckenbaugh abstaining.

Proposals for County Liability Insurance were received and opened. The Pfenninger Agency, Inc. was the only proposal received. A motion was made by President Cronk and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to table the discussion and acceptance of the proposal until further review. Motion carried 3-0.

The Henry County Extension Office requested permission to close their office the week of the County 4-H fair. A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to allow the Extension Office to close July 13, 2009 thru July 17, 2009. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. William Cronk and seconded by Mr. Beckenbaugh to reduce the Commissioners budget by \$1500.00 in line item Care of Patients and Inmates and give the money to the Henry County Extension Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Letters to the following individuals were sent indicating that while the County regrets damage received to their vehicles the county finds that it is not responsible for the damages. The highway regularly patches potholes, and keeps up with the patching to the best of its ability.

Terri Chapman – 8350 N CO RD 400 W – Middletown, IN 47356
Joe Magee – 1676 N O RD 300 W- New Castle, IN 47362
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hummel – 5540 W CO RD 950 N – Middletown, IN 47356
Sandy Fairchild – 117 East Broad St – Spiceland IN 47385
Eric Farrell – 1615 S 14th ST – New Castle, IN 47362

A contract was presented by Animal Control for the 2010 year. The amount of the contract is 59,078.00. The amount will be added to the Commissioners budget for consideration by the Henry County Council at budget time.

A letter was received from the Henry County Historical Society inviting the Commissioners to attend the annual Lawn Social on June 27, 2009 at the Historical Society. The Social will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckenbaugh and seconded by Mr. William Cronk to adjourn.

Samuel R. Beckenbaugh

William D. Cronk

Kim L. Cronk, President

Linda S. Ratcliff

City of New Castle, Indiana

Jim Small, Mayor

June 24, 2009

On June 17 and 18, the President of the Henry County Commissioners, the Mayor of New Castle and representatives from the New Castle and Henry County Medics began negotiations concerning the handling of ambulance services in New Castle and Henry County.

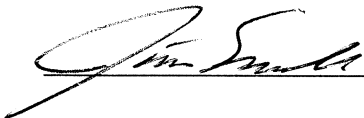
All parties have agreed that they will maintain the 2005 contract and addendum and will continue providing the best emergency medical services possible to the County and to the City.

The New Castle EMS will continue to be the primary Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider for all of Henry County except for Middletown and Knightstown, for which the County currently provides ALS service. The County will not dual respond unless requested by the City.

The County EMS will remain the primary provider for inter-facility transfers, with the New Castle EMS agreeing to assist in life-threatening situations.

By working together we will provide immediate 911 response to all residents without any disruption of service. The City and the County will continue to negotiate any contractual disagreements and develop a cooperative 2010 Agreement.

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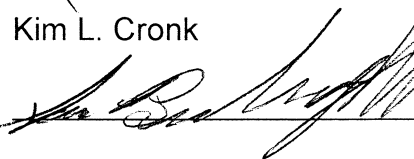


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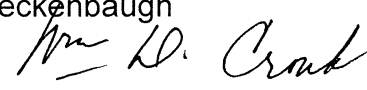
HENRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Kim L. Cronk



Sam Beckenbaugh



William Cronk

ADDENDUM TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HENRY AND THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA

This is an Addendum to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the County of Henry and the City of New Castle, Political Subdivisions of the State of Indiana, dated June 1, 2005 and recorded as document number 200507369 in the Office of the Recorder of Henry County.

In order to provide the best possible care for the citizens of New Castle and Henry County, beginning August 1, 2008, the parties agree:

MUTUAL AID

- A. When the staffing and equipment of the New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit are busy, in its discretion, the Henry County Sheriff's Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be called to provide an ALS ambulance to assist the New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit.
- B. When the staffing and equipment of the Henry County Sheriff's Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are busy, in its discretion, and if a call or calls come in for Middletown or Knightstown, area, the New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit will send an ALS ambulance or a paramedic in an SUV to assist Middletown or Knightstown.
- C. Radio Communications. The Henry County Sheriff's Department EMS agrees to monitor and transmit all of its radio traffic via the fire repeater channel, so both agencies will be able to communicate via VHF radio.
- D. The Henry County Sheriff's Department EMS will have an ALS ambulance and staff available to assist the New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- E. Henry County Sheriff's Department EMS will provide New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit a squad (van or SUV) for New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit paramedics to respond in.
- F. If the patient is stable, and only on the patient's request, the New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit agrees to transport outside of Henry County within a 50 mile radius.
- G. New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit agrees to be the primary ALS provider for all of Henry County except those areas currently covered by the Henry County Sheriff's Department EMS (see map, Exhibit A attached).
- H. Henry County Sheriff's Department EMS will remain the primary provider for inter facility transfers, with the New Castle-Henry County Emergency Unit agreeing to assist when the Henry County Sheriff's Department EMS is busy.

NEWS RELEASE

On June 17 and 18 representatives from the Henry County Commissioners, the Mayor of New Castle and the representatives of the New Castle Medics and the Henry County Sheriff's Department Medics began negotiations concerning the handling of Ambulance Services in New Castle and Henry County. After intense discussions both the Mayor and the County Commissioners and the New Castle and Henry County Sheriff's Departments Medics have mutually agreed to work together as a "unified" life saving team assisting each other on a daily basis on both 911 calls and transfers out of Henry County Hospital.

All parties agree that they will maintain the current contract and addendum on a temporary basis, and will provide cooperative emergency medical services to the County and to the City of New Castle. By working together we will provide immediate 911 response to all residents without any disruption of service. In the agreement the New Castle Medics agree to respond to all 911 calls currently responded to, and the Sheriff's Department will serve as a ~~second and~~ third crew working together with the New Castle Medics. Both the Sheriff's Department Ambulance and the New Castle Medics will respond both in the City of New Castle and throughout the County of Henry assisting each other. By working together there will be one (1) ambulance responding to each 911 call anywhere in New Castle and Henry County. If a resident wishes to go to a hospital within a fifty mile radius, the ~~first responding~~ ^{HCSO} ambulance will transport the patient to the medical facility of their choice. The other ambulance service will immediately replace the ambulance leaving the County.

Because of the inevitable reduction of the tax revenue to fund public safety and government services the City of New Castle and the County of Henry will continue to negotiate any contractual disagreement and develop a cooperative 2010 Agreement for 2010. All negotiations shall be completed by ~~October 31~~, 2009, or the agreement is voided.

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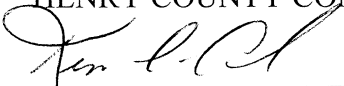
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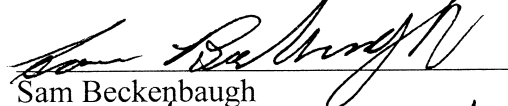


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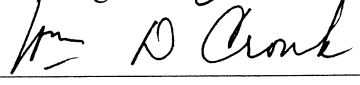
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