

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 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; Gregory Jordan and Gary Meyer Indianapolis Marion County Public Library Board, Tim Sadler, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Terry Nelson and Helen Hartsock, Auditor's Office

Call to Order: Joan Romeril called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Rodman moved to approve the minutes from both the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of January 13, 2006. Ms. Womacks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Ms. Womacks stated there was no correspondence requiring action.

Public Hearing: There was no Public Hearing.

County-Owned Property: Kitley Property: Mike Rodman reported that there had been an appraisal which came to \$700,000, without the wooded acres - \$400,000. Either way it will require City-County Council action. This will go to Council in March for their approval. We will ask that the wooded acres be separated. There are not that many wooded areas remaining in that part of the county and we would like to save those. Joan Romeril asked Tavonna to research process for establishing a conditional deed to the Parks – stipulating not to sell property or timber. Mr. Meyer commented that maybe somebody in the private sector would have an interest that would be good for the taxpayers, environment and County.

Sutherland Property: This will not need to go to Council. The property is not worth the amount required to be reviewed by Council.

Expedited Tax Sale: This is set up for March 29th. There are 693 parcels for sale. Mr. Nelson asked if the Sutherland Property was to be included in the tax sale. Mr. Rodman replied that it could be added; or pulled as the Kitley property has been. Right now, he feels it should be in the Expedited Tax Sale.

IMCPL Board Report: Gary Meyer, head of Construction committee and Mr. Greg Jordan thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to serve on the Library Board. Ms. Romeril voiced concerns regarding financing and status of funds. Mr. Meyer indicated that the value of engineering decisions were ongoing to reduce costs but not interfere with functionality. Bonds are sold as needed. Funds originally set aside for the project

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are used first, then proceeds from any settlement. Library has put two projects, Lawrence and Flanner House, on hold. Circulation and number of customers utilizing the Library and its services were up in 2005. Mr. Rodman asked about other priorities that may have been left behind. Next big issue is funding – cutbacks have been made, future reductions may require major operational changes. Ms. Womacks asked how other states may fund their library systems.

Alcoholic Beverage: Tim Sadler thanked the board for his appointment. Mr. Sadler discussed in general rules and procedures of the Alcoholic Beverage Board.

Old Business:

Township Assistance Hearing Officer: Ms. Harris reported that she and Patsy Sharpe had interviewed eleven candidates for the Township Assistance Hearing Officer. Ms. Harris recommended the Commissioners hold a Special Session to discuss hiring an individual. It was decided to hold an Executive Session, followed by a Special Session sometime next week. This would take approximately thirty minutes to determine money and mileage.

Guardian Home Ms. Romeril reported that she had talked with Rosie Butler last week. The Foundation gave them a grant of \$5,000 to replace the computers in the dormitories; but not for staff computers. Ms. Romeril indicated she had explored the establishment of a new foundation.

County Human Resources Ms. Womacks stated that Friday, February 17th would be Sara Logsdon's last day. Auditor's Office was planning to hold a reception in her honor. Ms. Womacks made a motion to approve a resolution to recognize Ms. Logsdon for her service. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rodman. Motion passed.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, Ms. Romeril adjourned the meeting at 10:14 AM.

Joan Romeril, President

Attest:

Michael W. Rodman, Vice-President

Martha A. Womacks, Secretary