

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES - 6-6-97

THE COMMISSIONERS MET IN THEIR OFFICE IN THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1997 AT 9:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONERS DICK PUCKETT AND WALTER WOOD AND AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL, ELAINE SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SENIOR CENTER AND HUBERT TUCKER, PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR CENTER BOARD.

MRS. SMITH HANDED OUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE MARION\GRANT COUNTY SENIOR CENTER. THE BUDGET FOR 1997 INCLUDED \$35,000 FROM THE CITY OF MARION AND 18,500 FROM GRANT COUNTY. UNITED WAY PROVIDES BETWEEN \$18,000 AND \$21,300 AND THE SENIOR GROUPS RAISE BETWEEN \$6,000 AND \$8,000. MRS. SMITH EXPLAINED THAT AREA 6 USED THE KITCHEN TO SERVE LUNCH TO BETWEEN 120 AND 125 SENIORS EACH DAY AT THE CENTER AND APPROXIMATELY 130 HOMEBOUND EACH DAY, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND THEY PAID \$4,391 FOR THE RENTAL OF THE KITCHEN IN 1996. IT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME FOR 1997.

WALT EXPLAINED THAT WHEN HE WAS CAMPAIGNING HE WAS ASKED TO CUT BUDGETS FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES, AND HE ASKED MRS. SMITH AND MR. TUCKER IF THE SENIOR CENTER BUDGET COULD BE WEANED DOWN. MRS. SMITH EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD BEEN CUT DOWN IN 1995, BUT HAD CAUSED A SEVERE FINANCIAL STRUGGLE.

MRS. SMITH EXPLAINED HOW THE SENIORS "TEAM UP" WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY. EXAMPLES WERE THE STEP AHEAD BLOCK PROGRAM, TUTORING IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MAKING BLANKETS FOR MARION GENERAL HOSPITAL'S GREAT BEGINNINGS PROGRAM, COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE SALVATION ARMY AND MAKING PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR FAMILY SERVICE'S 1ST PLACE PROGRAM.

WALT ASKED THE HOURS THAT THE CENTER WAS OPEN. MRS. SMITH ANSWERED FROM 8:30 TO 4:00 WEEKDAYS AND TWO EVENINGS EACH MONTH. SHE ALSO STATED THAT HER FULL TIME SALARY AND PART TIME SALARIES FOR BOTH A RECEPTIONIST AND A BOOKKEEPER WERE FUNDED. EVERY THING ELSE IS VOLUNTEERED. THE ACTIVITIES ARE MOSTLY RAN BY THE SENIORS.

MRS. SMITH ALSO REPORTED THAT INDIANA WESLEYAN, TAYLOR UNIVERSITY AND BALL STATE STUDENTS USED THE SENIORS FOR ALOT OF RESEARCH.

HUBERT TUCKER STATED HE HAD VISITED SENIOR CENTERS IN OTHER COUNTIES OF INDIANA, AND IN OHIO AND FLORIDA, AND BELIEVES MARION\GRANT COUNTY'S TO BE THE BEST.

MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 9:12. DAVID GLICKFIELD CAME IN AS THE SENIOR CENTER REPRESENTATIVES WERE LEAVING AND WAS INTRODUCED TO THEM.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TAX SALE SUPPORT ADDENDUM FROM SRI AT A COST OF \$40. PER PARCEL. DAVID GLICKFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED THREE AYES. THE TAX SALE WILL BE HELD BY SRI ON OCTOBER 7, 1997.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE;

CUTTING THE SOLID WASTE BUDGET LEVY BY TWO CENTS.

SUITS BY BOTH ANDY SZAKALY AND TONI NELSON AGAINST THE COUNTY
DUE TO NATALIE CONN DISMISSING THEM UPON HER ELECTION.

CINDY VIRONET HAD ASKED SHARON IF THE COUNTY CAR SHE HAS WILL
BE A PART OF HER INCOME ON HER W-2. THE COMMISSIONERS
SUGGESTED
SHE CALL HER TAX CONSULTANT AND ASK THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

WALT SUGGESTED THE COMMISSIONERS ATTEND THE HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
SEMINAR PUT ON BY STATE AT THE COMFORT SUITES ON JULY 7TH FROM
7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

A LETTER DATED APRIL, 1996 FROM KURT KOHLMORGAN WAS DISCUSSED.
IT STATED THAT MANY OF THE COUNTY OFFICES NEEDED NEW COPIERS,
DUE TO THE OLD ONES BEING TOO OLD FOR MAINTENANCE. THE
COMMISSIONERS SAID PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD PURCHASED COPIERS
FOR MANY OF THE OFFICES WITH REVENUE SHARING MONEYS, BUT
THAT EACH OFFICE WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST EQUIPMENT
MONEY AT BUDGET TIME. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL REQUEST FOR
THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AND THE MAIL ROOM.

THE MULTIPLE TAX SALE TRANSFERS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
WAS DISCUSSED. THE COMMISSIONERS WANT TO RE-ADVERTISE THE
REMAINING PROPERTIES AND THE OLD GRANT COUNTY JAIL. HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY WAS INTERESTED IN SOME OF THE PROPERTIES AND
DIDN'T GET THEIR REQUEST IN, AND THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD
LIKE MORE PROPOSALS FOR THE JAIL.

DAVID STATED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH TARA DAVIDSON AND SHE
REPORTED THAT THE HUMANE SOCIETY COULD KEEP THE COUNTY
DOG WARDEN'S DOGS AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. THEY DISCUSSED
LEAVING THE FREEZER AT WALNUT CREEK FOR ROAD KILLS.

PAUL BAKER CAME IN AT 9:50. HE HAD BEEN TO AREA PLAN AND WAS
ANGERED BY THE RESPONSE THERE IN REGARD TO THE RAILROAD
PROPERTIES. PAUL SAID HE HAD STRAIGHTENED OUT 2 MILES OF IT.

WALT STATED THE COMMISSIONERS NEED TO MEET WITH THE HEALTH
DEPARTMENT. COLLEETN IS TO SCHEDULE KATHY RODRIQUEZ AND/OR
DR. RUSSELL AT 9:30 ON 9TH.

DISCUSSED MEETING WITH SHERIFF LAWSON AND CAPTAIN BACK
ON A SHERIFF'S CONTRACT FOR 1999, POSSIBLY 1998.

MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 11:00 A.M.