

SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2007

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in a special session on January 1, 2007 at 11:30 A.M. for the purpose of assigning departments to the newly elected officials. Present were James A. Brown, Mayor, Attorney John Lair, Commissioners William C. Doan, John M. Keith, Jr., James H. Martin, and James R. New.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and stated the purpose. Mayor Brown thanked George Jacobs of The Cynthiana Democrat for coming out on a holiday.

MEETING CALLED
TO ORDER

Mayor Brown stated his goal is to work 110% with every Commissioner. Hopefully, each Commissioner will work together as one unit and with the Harrison County Fiscal Court since all are in Harrison County. Mayor Brown stated that there is a lot of work to do – all cities, large and small, have a lot of work to do. There are a lot of infrastructure problems and we have an old water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant. He further stated there will be no micro managing – everyone will work together and work through all problems. The goal is to make this a better community, a better place to live, and bring jobs back.

STATEMENT OF
GOALS

Mayor Brown stated that Commissioner Keith had indicated that he would like Public Finance. After that, the paramount concern is water and wastewater departments.

DISCUSSION OF
DEPARTMENT
SELECTION

Commissioner Doan stated he had worked four years and seven months with four years of that in the Public Finance Department, and he stated he feels very comfortable in that slot.

Commissioner New questioned if Commissioner Keith was on the Board at the Farmers National Bank. Mayor Brown replied that Commissioner Keith was on the Board at the bank. Mayor Brown also stated that was not a problem when he served as Finance Commissioner, and he did not foresee any problems with Commissioner Keith.

Commissioner Doan commented that the Finance Department recently sought bids on rates for City investments. The bids were opened with two individuals present but he made the decision as to where the investments were made.

Mayor Brown stated that it could be a myth that the top vote received in the Commission election could have their choice of departments.

Attorney Lair said that it does seem to be the case in some instances, but in his twenty-plus years in City government, he has never seen the recipient of the top vote choose a position where someone had served and had no desire to give up the position.

Commissioner Keith stated he was interested in learning the financial structure of the City. He stated that he is the “freshman” on the Board, and he would concede to the decision of the Board.

Mayor Brown stated the Public Utilities Department has had a lot of problems. There will be a lot of work to be done in that department.

Commissioner Doan said that Harry Johnson, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, and Kenneth York, Public Utilities/Public Works Director, are both top-notch employees who have made strides in these departments.

Mayor Brown stated he was sticking with his original recommendation of Commissioner Keith, and he would entertain a motion to that effect.

Commissioner Doan made a motion to have Commissioner Martin continue as the Commissioner of Public Safety. Commissioner Keith seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION FOR
MARTIN TO
CONTINUE AS
COMMISSIONER OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Martin made a motion to have Commissioner New continue as Commissioner of Public Works. Commissioner Doan seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION FOR
NEW TO CONTINUE
AS COMMISSIONER
OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner New made a motion to have Commissioner Doan to continue as Commissioner of Public Finance/Property. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION FOR
DOAN TO
CONTINUE AS
COMMISSIONER OF
PUBLIC FINANCE/
PROPERTY

Commissioner Doan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Keith as the Commissioner of Public Utilities. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO
APPOINT KEITH AS
COMMISSIONER OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Keith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

James A. Brown, Mayor

