

RESOLUTION 2005-02

WHEREAS, the William E. Natcher Bridge across the Ohio River was dedicated on August 16, 2002, by the Governors of Indiana and Kentucky, thereby providing four lanes of enhanced opportunity for economic development and growth in both states; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kentucky invested \$70 million of state and federal funds with the expectation that the State of Indiana would promptly be providing 21 miles of four-lane modern access on US 231 to Indiana's growing economic corridor along Interstate 64 from the Wabash River to New Albany with future expansion of US 231 to the economic centers of Huntingburg, Jasper, Loogootee, and Crane to connect to Interstate 69; and

WHEREAS, contracts have already been awarded and construction already begun on the 6 miles of Phases I and II of the new four-lane US 231 project from the Natcher Bridge across the Ohio River north to State Road 70 east of Chrisney, bids have been opened on construction of the Phase VI new interchange at Interstate 64, and most land acquisition by the State for the 14.5 miles of Phases III, IV, and V from SR 70 north to Interstate 64 has already been completed with its consequent displacement of many Spencer Countians from their residences, farms, and businesses and the removal of millions of dollars of assessed value from the property tax rolls of Spencer County; and

WHEREAS, any substantial delay in the completion of the remaining phases of the new four-lane US 231 project, and most definitely a failure to even advertise a contract for construction of those remaining phases until 2014, would condemn Spencer County and the surrounding area to years of economic stagnation and even economic downturn as its residents, farmers, business owners, and local governments contend with the impact of closed state and local roads, utility relocations, and higher property taxes due to reduced assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, the failure to complete the new four-lane US 231 project will seriously impede commerce within and through Spencer County not only to and from Kentucky but also with the Indiana & Michigan power plant and the AK Steel integrated steel mill in southern Spencer County, and with Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Lincoln State Park, and Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial tourist attractions in northern Spencer County as traffic is diverted from the newly-completed four-lane US 231 onto SR70 to travel on the crowded, winding, hilly, two-lane US 231 through the towns of Chrisney, Gentryville, and Dale to reach Interstate 64;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rockport Common Council that it urgently requests that Governor Mitch Daniels and the Indiana Department of Transportation apply all federal funds dedicated to the completion of US 231 and all available state transportation funds to the immediate construction of the remaining phases of the new four-lane US 231 project without delay; and

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)
AS
THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF ROCKPORT.

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all City of Rockport departments and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the City of Rockport's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes;

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the City of Rockport; and

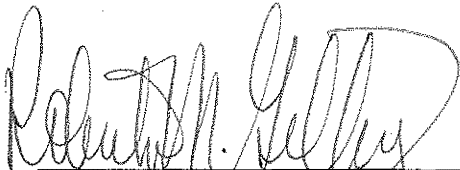
NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council for the City of Rockport, does hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the ~~county~~^{City} standard for incident management.

On the 30th day of November in the year Two Thousand and Five.


BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ROCKPRT

By: DuWayne Keenan
DuWayne Keenan, President

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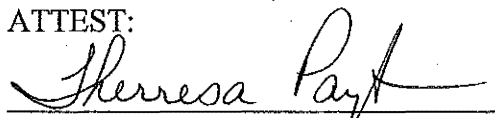


Gerald Payne, Council Person



Owen Wells, Council Person

ATTEST:



Theresa Payton, Clerk-Treasurer



Beth A. Packer, Mayor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Rockport Common Council urges Congressman Michael Sodrel and Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh and Representative Russ Stillwell to secure all available federal funds necessary to assure completion of US 231 in a timely manner; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Of Rockport Common Council encourages all residents, farmers, business owners, and other local governments in Spencer County and the surrounding area to express their concern about the delay of the completion of the US 231 project to Governor Mitch Daniels and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2005.

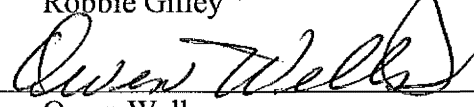
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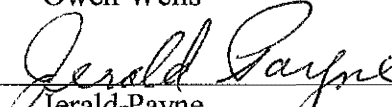
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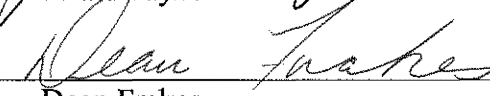
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