

**Commissioners Meeting
January 16, 2018**

Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Larry Dale Kenney, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from November 21st and November 27th as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3737 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Kenney was not in attendance due to road conditions from the snow and ice we received. The board expressed their great appreciation to the highway dept for the wonderful job they do.

Legal Report

Lindsey stated that he was asked to look up the populations for each township due to a proposed legislation change. In the proposed legislation it states that townships with a population of 1200 or less would be required to consolidate with a neighboring township.

The 2010 Census populations by township are as follows:

Jackson – 891

Huff – 1156

Grass – 1241

Hammond – 1727

Harrison – 2000

Luce – 2572

Clay – 2801

Carter – 3258

Ohio – 5306

Jackson and Huff townships are the only two that would currently be affected by the legislation change. The other part of House Bill 1005 is that if a township trustee denies payment of a claim and the citizen appeals it would go before the Board of Commissioners. If the citizen does not agree with the commissioner's decision they can then appeal with the circuit court. House Bill 1005 is proposed to go in effect in 2023 if passed, but it is only proposed at this point and changes could still be made.

Lindsey will contact Rick Voyles regarding union contract discussions right away. Hopefully we will have proposed union contracts for review at the next meeting.

Lindsey spoke with Kent Irwin and determined the meeting on January 18th to discuss the personnel policy and job descriptions will work with his schedule. Irwin will then meet with department heads on January 19th and distribute the job description surveys.

The building inspector will be looking into three properties to see if they qualify under the unsafe building code and will give a report at the next meeting.

Community Corrections – Janice Weber/ Dick Hedrick

Weber and Hedrick came before the board to present their proposed 2018/2019 Community Corrections grant. The total grant request is \$313,264.00 which is the exact same amount that was approved for 2017/2018. They are not allowed to request any more funding than was approved last year. Probation is requesting a grant in the amount of \$61,500.00 for salary and benefits for their Field Officer. The Sheriff and Jail Commander are requesting a new grant this year for Jail Treatment in the amount of \$8,238.14. The Jail Treatment grant would be used for Community Corrections materials and counseling sessions from Southern Hills for inmates. They are looking at serving 5 groups, with 5 inmates each, for 8 week periods. Brown made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Narrative Summary and Strategic Plan. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Veteran Service Officer – Butch Meredith

Meredith gave an update of things he has worked on since the previous meeting.

Logsdon requested a 5 minute recess at 2:34 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 2:38 p.m.

Universal Design – Tom Schipp

Schipp stated that he was asked to look into the possibility of turning the balcony in the basement auditorium into office space and has found that it will not work because it is not handicap accessible. Existing offices are exempt from accessibility, but new office space would have to be ADA accessible.

Judge Dartt was in attendance and stated that he is in favor of allowing CASA the use of the jury room on a temporary basis. They will also need part of the Plan Commission office for storage. There is no need for walls to be built in the jury room; nor attorney pods be built in the courtroom since this is temporary. Everyone will make do with the space as is so no unnecessary additional costs are incurred. Schipp wanted to know how long they plan on CASA being in the jury room and Brown stated if he gets a design and cost done for the auditorium that we can sell to the council, the temporary will be shorter. Schipp stated that they are currently working on a design for a large company and he feels confident he can get some insulated sound-absorbing partitions for free. A nice office space could then be constructed in the auditorium for CASA. Gehlhausen stated that she had recently spoke with the Judge about an option earlier discussed of putting the Plan Commission and Assessor office in the current CASA space, moving the Election office to the Coroner's office and CASA moving in the Election office. That was discussed in the beginning, but has not been explored recently, is that a possibility? Gehlhausen stated it could be a permanent space with little cost. Brown stated he wants Schipp to get an estimate on converting the auditorium into office space for CASA. Logsdon stated he agrees with Brown and would like a quote on turning the auditorium into first class office space for CASA. Seiler stated that we've got to get started and the first step is moving CASA to the jury room. Schipp will check on the possibility of getting partitions. Logsdon stated that if that doesn't work out then the county will just have to cover the cost of renovating the space to ensure it is a first class office space for CASA. Schipp discussed different things that can be done to fix up the basement for little cost. The first step of moving CASA will hopefully be done by the end of the month. There will be no renovations we just need to clean out the jury room and have the phone and fax line moved.

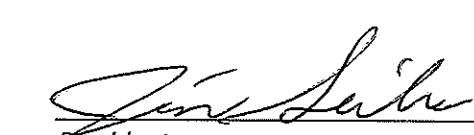
New Business

Janie McGinnis – AK Steel

McGinnis wanted to let the board know that in about a month she will be bringing a proposed contract for real estate appraisal for AK Steel. We contracted TMA to do the personal property audit which they have almost completed, but we will also need a real estate appraisal. The audit and appraisal are due to appeals filed by AK Steel.

Logsdon made a motion to approve all claims paid since the last meeting. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

