

**Commissioners Meeting
January 17, 2017**

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

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

Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15th, December 6th and 20th, and January 3rd as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3494 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon made a motion to approve all claims paid since the last meeting. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Eleisha Shelton - LTRSD

Shelton came to present a binder that shows the LTRSD bi-laws, minutes, ordinances, etc. for the county to keep in the Auditor's Office for commissioner/council review. Shelton will come in and add material to the binder to keep it up to date. It has been discussed the lack of knowledge the county has with what is going on with the sewer district and Shelton has compiled this book to keep the county more informed. She will also periodically attend meetings to update the boards on happenings with the district.

Veteran Service Officer – Jeff Heathman

Heathman came before the board to explain he had been at training and was informed that the state would reimburse the county the cost of a laptop for Heathman to be mobile and able to go to the veteran's for signatures and necessary paperwork. Heathman is requesting permission to purchase a laptop computer upfront and has confirmed the state will reimburse up to \$1,200.00. Logsdon made a motion to allow the VSO to purchase a laptop upfront with the county being reimbursed. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Corrections – Janice Weber/ Dick Hedrick

Weber and Hedrick came before the board to present their proposed 2017/2018 Community Corrections grant. The total grant request is \$315,864.00 which is very close to the current year grant, but an additional \$2,700.00 has been requested for electronic monitoring. There is no approval needed, Weber and Hedrick always come to present their proposed request as a courtesy to the board.

Highway Report

Kenney reported they have received many calls with road complaints and they are out trying to spread rock in the worse areas, but it is too wet to try and work the roads. Part of the problem is that many farmers have contracts and barges to fill in January, so there is a lot of grain hauling taking place which is destroying the roads even more. Kenney reported that on Friday a railroad tanker came in for CR 1075N just east of 545. The current culvert is 8ft. x 28ft. which was too short for the road and the asphalt is falling off the ends, so we are going to install a tanker that is 9.5ft. x 35ft. The 28ft. culvert was just too short when it was installed and through the years they have tried to build up the shoulder, but it just wouldn't hold. Chapman reported that he checked on fuel prices to see if we wanted to go ahead and lock some in. These are the current prices.

	Cash Price
87 Unleaded (Feb. – Aug.) = \$1.855	\$1.533
Off-road (Sep. – Dec.) = \$1.779	\$1.639
On-road (Sep. – Dec.) = \$1.9056	\$1.646

Chapman stated they were told they will probably go down a little bit more. All were in agreement to wait for now on locking in prices and keep an eye on it.

Brown mentioned that we have an old army truck sitting at the highway department that is not licensed, but we are currently carrying insurance on it and wanted to know why or if we could do anything about it. He has been told that we received the truck from Crane Naval Base to be used as an emergency vehicle, but it has never really been used. The truck was given to the Sheriff's Dept. through a grant and Chapman's understanding was that we could not get rid of the truck unless it went back to Crane. Chapman stated that Crane thinks this is a nice truck worth \$90,000.00 and after sitting at the Hwy Dept. uncovered for so many years it is not in good condition, the tarps on top are all torn and it is not worth anywhere near \$90,000.00. If we give this back to Crane they will probably be asking questions of what happened to the truck. Logsdon instructed Chapman to contact the lady at state that handles surplus equipment; she would know what to do. Brown stated that since we have not ever used it or plan to use it we need to check into possible disposing of it. Auditor Winkler stated that first we probably need to see if there is a stipulation in the grant that when we do dispose of it that it goes back to Crane. No one has any documentation or a copy of the grant. Auditor Winkler stated that maybe Chapman needs to contact Crane and explain that they are new and see if they have a file or any documentation they could send us. Logsdon again instructed Chapman to contact the lady at surplus equipment and she would probably know who to contact at Crane. Chapman reported that the new tractor and brushcutter are ready and we will hopefully receive it in about a week.

Logsdon was reviewing the vehicle list for the Hwy. Dept. and asked if the Chevrolet Caprice is still being used and Kenney stated no and they wanted to talk to the board about that. Would the board be in favor of letting the Assessor's Office use that car, so the pickup truck can be used by John Gelarden and him not have to remove all his stuff every time they need it. All are in favor of the Assessor's office using the car and Gelarden keeping the truck.

Logsdon asked what we are going to do about the St. Peter's Church Rd. bridge since INDOT will be using it as part of the unofficial detour when construction takes place on 245. Chapman stated that Brian with INDOT was in the office the other day and he is aware of it being a 6 ton bridge. Chapman stated we need to get started working on it as soon as possible. Logsdon asked if they plan on going with a metal bridge again and Chapman stated yes that we have 50 something of those bridges in the county right now working well, so why change it up. Chapman and Brown will work together and have E & H Bridge draw up the plans for the bid package. Logsdon mentioned the need to get together and determine the 2017 CEDIT road list and how much CEDIT funding to request an additional appropriation. After discussion, it was determined the commissioner's will meet with Kenney and Chapman on Friday morning at 8:00 to discuss CEDIT roads.

Legal Report

Lindsey asked if the board wanted to reschedule the Executive Session, all were in agreement to reschedule the Executive Session for February 7th at 12:30 p.m.

Lindsey checked with the Judge's office regarding the Time Warner internet and they are satisfied with the service, so Lindsey will send a letter to Windstream terminating the contract.

All information has been sent to Paul Recanzone for the RFP for broadband service and it was determined it will be a two step approach. We will first do an RFI and then if we are interested in any we will do an RFP. Lindsey gave him the information that will go in an RFP.

Lindsey asked if there was interest in discussing the meeting with the Judge regarding the 3rd floor and Seiler stated he had spoke with Universal Design about coming down to look at everything, but has not heard back from them yet with a set time. Logsdon asked if anyone had spoke with the council yet about the meeting and Lindsey stated he saw a few of the councilmen at the Redevelopment Commission meeting and filled them in. Seiler stated it would be good if the judge could come talk with the council tonight at their meeting about his plans. Lindsey will check with the judge's office to see if he's available tonight.

Lindsey presented the Microvote Maintenance Agreement for commissioner approval. This is the standard annual agreement of \$12,000.00. Logsdon made a motion to approve the Microvote Maintenance Agreement. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented the conflict of interest disclosure from Ken Schaaf regarding his position as a board member for Carter Fire and his independent work doing accounting for Carter Fire. This is the same conflict of interest we approve every year for Schaaf. Brown made a motion to approve the conflict of interest for Ken Schaaf. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Richard Miller – Property Tax Complaint

Miller explained to the board that he discovered in 2012 that he was being taxed for his neighbor's garage. According to the property lines on WTH GIS it appeared that the neighbor's garage was on his property so the assessment for that garage was moved to his parcel. He discussed this with the Assessor's office and was told they have to tax him for it unless he can prove it's not on his property. Miller stated he came and spoke with the Assessor again in August of 2016 regarding this matter and she sent him a letter stating he would need a survey showing it was not on his property. Miller contacted an attorney and got a survey done which proved the garage was not on his property. He stated he has been out lots of money and trips down here trying to correct this problem and wants something done. Miller was instructed to contact the Assessor about filing an appeal on his taxes and to try and go before the PTBOA board. There is nothing the board of commissioners can do it is something that must be addressed with the Assessor. Lindsey informed Miller that in situations such as this if a taxpayer disputes an assessment the burden of proof is on the taxpayer to prove it is incorrect. There is a process that must be followed to appeal an assessment.

New Business**Covered Bridge Certification**

Logsdon made a motion to certify that we own ½ of Huffman Mill Bridge. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Re-Appointment Spencer County Public Library Board

Logsdon made a motion to re-appoint Ranella Mason to the Spencer County Public Library Board for a 4 year term. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Health Insurance

Brown stated that he knows there has been much discussion about our health insurance and bidding it out and he would like to make a motion to ask for request for proposal for health insurance so we can start the process of bidding it out. Logsdon asked if we could discuss this for a few minutes and stated that the insurance is bid out every year. Our broker gets quotes from at least 4 different companies each year, Brown stated that what he meant for the motion to be is opening it up to other brokers also. Logsdon stated that it's not an easy or cheap process to do that and he spoke with a company from Indianapolis that said it would cost us in the ballpark of \$35,000.00 to have a consultant handle the RFP process for us. We paid APEX \$16,000 - \$18,000.00 a few years ago when we bid it out. Seiler asked if we have had an insurance committee meeting recently and Logsdon stated they had one in December. Seiler stated he would like to meet with the insurance committee before making a decision on that. Logsdon stated if we decide to do it we would have to get started now for our August renewal, Brown stated that is why he wants to start the process now. If we are going to meet with the insurance committee we need to get a meeting scheduled so can make a decision soon. Logsdon asked why we would be bidding it out is it dissatisfaction with SIHO or what and Brown stated it has nothing to do with that as Logsdon stated it has been 6 years and it is a matter of transparency and ensuring we are getting the best deal. Brown stated we bid other projects to save the taxpayer's money and he can't stand and say that we are currently getting the best deal. Logsdon stated that we just approved a huge amount today for property and casualty that has not been bid out in his 12 years on the board, Seiler stated we bid it out next year. It was decided to try and schedule a meeting with the health insurance committee on Feb. 7th at 8:00 a.m. Brown stated the broker will not be here correct and Logsdon stated yes the broker will be here, Brown asked why we would have the broker here to discuss this and Logsdon stated because we're not going into it with the automatic understanding that we are going to bid it. Brown stated that he strongly discourages having the broker at the insurance meeting. Logsdon stated that we need someone who understands the insurance and how it works, which is why we would need a consultant. Brown stated that we could have an RFP drawn up that is exactly what we are wanting and not accept bids that don't meet those specifications. Seiler and Logsdon will check with Bunner to see if a meeting on February 7th works for him.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 P.M.

Jim Seiler

President

Al Lopez

Attest:

Autumn Winkler

Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Thomas Brown