

**Commissioners Meeting
February 7, 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 2:12 P.M.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17th as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3503 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.

Highway Report

Chapman reported they had to order a tanker of fuel, the pump lost prime over the weekend due to dropping below the level needed to hold prime, so they had to do a rush order. Chapman was unsure of what price we had to pay, because Highway Administrator Gina Mullen ordered it. All were in agreement we would still hold off on locking in a price.

Kenney reported that Kenny Coultas with INDOT came down with an engineer and looked at all the guardrail issues on Old SR 45 to SR 161 and gave them an idea of what they thought it would be to fix it. Kenney stated that they are going to check and see who caused the damage and talk to their insurance companies about paying for the repairs. The issue is some of the damages were from drivers with no insurance, so does the county eat that cost or do we place something against the driver. Lindsey stated we will just have to look into that.

Kenney reported we received our bridge inventory and Bridge #307 between Orchard Rd and CR 200W was not in good shape. There are no houses on that road, so Kenney wanted to know what action if any the board wanted to take. Seiler stated that is a very dangerous road and we just need to close it. Logsdon asked Attorney Lindsey what is the process to vacate the road, Lindsey stated that adjoining landowners could file a petition to vacate the road. Seiler is an adjoining landowner and wishes to do so, Attorney Lindsey stated we can get that started. Logsdon made a motion to temporarily close CR 300N from Orchard Rd to CR 200W. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney presented a list of roads that need repair in each district and asked how the board wishes to proceed, some roads need attention now. All were in agreement to have the crew work on the roads whenever possible. Brown stated he doesn't feel these even need to be brought to his attention, just go ahead and fix them.

Kenney stated they are looking into using some part-time help for operators and asked for direction on how much they should be paid. Logsdon asked how much the current full-time operators make and Kenney stated \$15.20/hr. The plan is to work the part-time employees 28 hours per week. Auditor Winkler stated that they would need to address this with the council, because the part-time rate stated in the salary ordinance is \$10.00/hr, so it would need to be amended specifically for part-time operators. Logsdon made a motion to request the council amend the salary ordinance to state \$15.20/hr. for part-time operators. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney reported the new motor has come in for the John Deere road grader and the guys should be finishing it up soon. The new brush cutter is at Ken Shourds and is almost complete.

Logsdon asked Chapman if he contacted Crane Naval Base about the army truck that is located at the Highway Dept. that was discussed at the last meeting, Chapman stated he was told the Sheriff's Dept. has to handle that, because it's their truck.

Kenney presented a road Work Permit from Gigahome BB, Inc. for commissioner approval. Todd Mosby and Tom Kolb from Citgo Solutions and Gigahome BB, Inc. were in attendance to address the board with Town of Richland attorney Bruce Cissna. Mosby explained that they are in the process of bringing fiber optic internet to the Town of Richland and surrounding area. The location that they will connect to the internet is outside of the city limits around CR 900 and CR 300. To be able to connect at that location they have created a route from Richland to that area, which has also made it possible to expand the coverage area for internet into the county area around Richland. Mosby stated that they have completed all the necessary paperwork and

obtained a bond to do the work on the county roads, they now request approval of the permit. Chapman acknowledged that they obtained the bond, but ask if they also submitted everything for the \$50.00 bore fee per bore. Attorney Cissna stated that as they understood per the county ordinance the Highway Superintendent had the authority to decide if the bore fee is required or necessary. Cissna stated that since the superintendent would probably not make that decision they are requesting the Board of Commissioner's waive the bore fee. Seiler stated that he wants to know what other areas of the county they plan to cover. Richland is a very small part of the county, are they planning on only picking certain areas or are they planning to try and provide coverage for the whole county. They are unsure and cannot say at this time what exactly they will do in the future. It is public knowledge that they have signed a contract and plan to develop the Town of Dale as well. There was much discussion about the need in Spencer County. Logsdon made a motion to approve waiving the bore fee. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jim Heck/Angie Sheppard – Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce

Heck came before the board to request an appointment be made to the Region 11 board, Logsdon is the current appointment. It is required that a county commissioner or elected official in a city with more than 5,000 population serve on the board and Spencer County does not currently have a city that large. Logsdon stated that he would be happy to continue to serve if his fellow commissioner's see fit. Brown made a motion to re-appoint Logsdon to the Region 11 board. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jane Stout – Medicaid Supplement Program

Stout stated that she came to discuss the Medicaid Supplement Program that we entered into in 2014. At that time we were told that all ambulance service and county expenses for the ambulance service were eligible for reimbursement, but since then we have been notified that only county expenses are eligible. Stout has completed the paperwork for us to participate again and they have acknowledged receipt. Within the next few weeks the ambulance service should receive a check for \$18,341.16, we have to pay the company that handles this for us \$4,500.00 and then a check for \$13,841.16 will be brought to the county. This is reimbursements from 2014. The ambulance service has entered into an agreement for 2015 and paid the flat \$4,000.00 for their services instead of the 25%. This reimbursement is only for traditional Medicaid, we still have money coming in from managed care which has not been processed yet. Stout came today to request permission to act on the commissioner's behalf to gather all the information needed for 2016. Logsdon made a motion to authorize Jane Stout to act on the commissioner's behalf. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jennifer Adams – Plan Commission

Adams presented Ordinance 2017-01 Amending the Zoning Ordinance by Allowing Reduced Setbacks for all Advertising Devices for commissioner approval. Adams and Plan Commission Attorney Wetherill explained that this ordinance will amend the current zoning ordinance to follow the same rules as the Hwy 231 corridor, stating that all signs or advertising devices be 5' off the county right of way. There have been many exceptions made to the current zoning ordinance through the years which states setbacks of 60 feet on secondary roads, 70 feet on primary roads and 75 feet on arterial roads. The board has found this to be unreasonable and has requested the above stated amendment of 5' off county right of way to be approved. Brown asked that the proposed ordinance be amended to state 5' off county right of way and the zoning ordinance number we are amending. These items are not currently stated in the proposed ordinance. Wetherill and Adams were in agreement to add the suggested information and will present at the next meeting. Brown made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-01 until the next meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey stated that he spoke with the Judge regarding the Windstream contract and Dartt asked Lindsey to speak with Gary Eck their IT person about the video conferencing. The video conferencing is currently still connected to Windstream, due to their concern of Time Warner not having enough band width to sustain the video conferencing with other courthouse internet needs. Auditor Winkler stated that the third floor has their own Time Warner internet service that is not shared with the rest of the courthouse. Lindsey stated that he spoke with Gary Eck and Eck would be happy to come down and look at it, but we will be charged \$125.00 just for service call, so Lindsey spoke with our V.S.O Jeff Heathman who previously worked in the IT field. Heathman checked everything and stated we have plenty of band width to run the video conferencing. Lindsey stated they will discuss this with the Judge and he can then work on terminating our contract with Windstream.

IT/Internet

Lindsey asked Heathman if he would write up a proposal to assist the county with IT work as needed, due to being part-time in the Veteran's Service office and Heathman stated he would be happy to draw up a plan of the courthouse needs for wiring and such, but had no real interest in doing the IT work. He wants to focus on working with the veterans and assisting them in any way possible. Logsdon asked Heathman to stop in and see Gene Steinkamp when he's out helping veteran's and consider the possibility of joining the broadband committee. Heathman stated he would be happy to join the committee and meet with Steinkamp.

Troy Refinery

Lindsey presented Environmental Restrictive Covenants for the Troy Refinery property that have to be approved and recorded. Logsdon made a motion to approve the Environmental Restrictive Covenants. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Old Business

Brown asked about what happened with stop and yield signs at railroad tracks and Seiler stated everything was changed to yield. Brown stated that he has seen areas that still have stop signs. This will be discussed with the highway department.

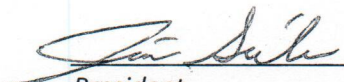
Brown stated at the last meeting he brought up bidding out insurance and has since spoke with our broker Pete Franzman and the individual who provide insurance to Vanderburgh County and he wishes to get the process started. Brown stated that he wants to get bids on the insurance coverage we currently have and not get a consultant involved, just ensure we are comparing apples to apples. Lindsey stated we could do an RFP or we could simply run an ad letting agents know that we are bidding out our insurance and then provide the specs of our current coverage. Logsdon stated that he knew this conversation would be brought up again today, so he spoke with our current broker Pete Franzman and Franzman agreed to provide the full specs of coverage that we have. He will then bid on the insurance again with the other agents. Logsdon stated that he recently spoke with a commissioner from Posey County and they bid out their insurance with no consultant, he would be happy to share the process with us. Brown made a motion to run an ad to request for bids for insurance. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved with Logsdon opposed. An insurance committee meeting was scheduled for March 10th at 2:00 p.m.

New Business

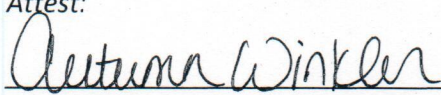
Auditor Winkler presented the conflict of interest disclosure with Ken Schaaf and the Lincoln Heritage Public Library for commissioner approval. Brown made a motion to approve the conflict of interest disclosure. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Auditor Winkler presented a flyer from CASA requesting permission to hold Family Fun Day again this year on the courthouse lawn. The event will take place on April 29th. Logsdon made a motion to approve Family Fun Day on April 29th. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.


Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:12 P.M.



President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler



Logsdon