

**Commissioners Meeting
March 6, 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.

Quotes – Courthouse Renovation

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Quote #1</u>	<u>Quote #2</u>	<u>Alt. Quote E-1</u>	<u>Alt. Quote E-2</u>	<u>Alt. Quote E-3</u>
Seifert Con.	\$130,635.00	\$45,885.00	\$5,305.00	\$3,485.00	\$6,655.00
Ettensohn Con.	\$122,300.00	\$20,300.00	\$4,574.00	\$3,036.00	\$5,892.00

Logsdon made a motion to take the quotes under advisement. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6th and February 20th as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3759 and Batch #3769 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Murray Stout – EAS

Stout presented an Entity Authorization for signature that states Murray Stout is an authorized signer to act on behalf of the Spencer County Board of Commissioners. Brown made a motion to approve signing the Entity Authorization. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Attorney Lindsey presented Resolution 2018-01 for commissioner approval. The resolution states that the board of commissioners approves the borrowing of not more than \$109,711.00 from Freedom Bank at an interest rate of 2.76% with three annual payments beginning on July 15, 2019. The board further designates Murray Stout as authorized agent for Spencer County to execute necessary financing documents and title the new ambulance. Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 as presented. Brown 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.

Samantha Seckinger – Solid Waste

Seckinger came before the board to inform them of work being done on property maintenance clean up and that a public hearing has been scheduled for April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. If the property owner asks for an extension on cleanup, Seckinger wants clarification on if she has the authority to give an extension or if it is up to the board of commissioners as the hearing authority? Attorney Lindsey stated that if the property owner can prove they are making progress that Seckinger could grant an extension of up to 2 weeks.

Jim Heck – WorkOne Southwest

Heck came to invite the board to the annual Local Elected Officials Breakfast Meeting on April 27th 8:00 a.m. at Vincennes University – Fort Branch Campus. WorkOne has participated in local Job Fair/Expos, the Holiday Open House and has attended the Chamber of Commerce meetings to provide service information to businesses. From July 1st – December 31, 2017 there were 78 Spencer County residents that used Indiana Career Connect. The unemployment rate for Spencer County in December 2017 was 3.1% which is down from December 2016 at 4.1%. Heck stated that unemployment is trending at less than 3% for the region and that is the lowest he has ever seen. We have more jobs open than unemployed; we need people to move here.

Joy Zook/Susan Waterman – Animal Control
The Animal Control board is recommending a full time Animal Control Officer be hired to replace Zook and Waterman. Zook stated that in the last meeting she had mentioned that a vehicle would be needed also and the Humane Society will be meeting soon and discussing whether or not they wish to sell their van. It is a 2014 with 49,000 miles and if they decide to sell it they will offer it to the county first. Brown made a motion to recommend hiring a full time Animal Control Officer to the council. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Vicki Brauns

Greg Bachman – Fidar Technology

Brauns came before the board as a courtesy to inform them of a hardware and software upgrade she is doing with Fidar Technology. Fidar is our current vendor, but they have new software that is greatly improved from what we have now. It will provide disaster recovery software and replicate all the documents to an outside source. The public will then be accessing the replicated data not our actual data. This does not require commissioner approval, Brauns is only providing information about the new software and informing the board she will be entering into a new contract.

Dan Wilkinson – Community Corrections Advisory Board

Wilkinson came to request the appointment of Father Jeremy King to the Advisory Board. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Father Jeremy King to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Kennedy reported they are working on roads and clearing debris now that the water is finally receding.
Kennedy presented the sign RFP for commissioner signature.
The guardrail replacement project on SR 45 should be completed tomorrow.
Repairs on Bridge #239 on CR 300E should be finished tomorrow, which will knock another one off our list.
Kennedy reported there were lots of wash outs on roads over the last few weeks and he has crews out with grader blades trying to repair them.
Resolution 2018-02 a Resolution of Flood Response was presented for commissioner approval.
This resolution expresses thanks to all agencies that came together for flood response. Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Award Quotes

The quotes came in well over the \$120,000.00 appropriation that the council approved. Tom Schipp has made a list of items that can possibly be removed, but will need to meet with the Judge to discuss this. Brown made a motion to table the quotes. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. We will call a special meeting if changes are made to the quotes before the meeting on March 20th as to not hold up the process.

Legal Report

Unsafe Buildings

Orders of demolition were sent certified mail on February 20th to Dreiman, Simmons and Velotta. The order requires clean up of the demolished structures by April 21, 2018. A public hearing has been scheduled for March 20th at 1:00 p.m. Velotta has been in contact with the building inspector and very much wants to get the property cleaned up and has requested the hearing be scheduled for a later date. The owner of the Simmons property is now deceased and his parents are unable to demolish the property. We are unclear at this time what the progress is with the Dreiman property. Lindsey recommends that as long as the meeting went well with the building inspector and Velotta that we reschedule his hearing until at least April 6th. Lindsey stated that another complaint has come in on a property in Hatfield and asked if the board would like to instruct the building inspector to check this property also. Brown made a motion to instruct the building inspector to take action on the property. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Auditor Winkler stated we received a letter from Lincoln Hills Development Corporation requesting appointment of Robert "Bob" Compton Jr. to their Board of Directors. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Robert "Bob" Compton Jr. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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


Brown made a motion authorizing Lindsey to work with Boultinghouse Funeral Home on a flexible lease agreement for the coroner's office. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CASA

CASA employees and board members came in to express their frustrations with the current office space provided for them. It is very difficult to do their jobs with no confidentiality and being told everyday to be quiet. A preliminary sketch of the auditorium has been given to them and they also wish to express their concerns with this space. They would like to ask Tom Schipp some questions about the sketch and get clarification on what renovations will actually be done. They do not feel the auditorium would be acceptable without significant renovations and asked about the other possible locations of the Election Office and Commissioners room. They are willing to move to a location out of the courthouse if the county is willing to cover the expenses. We will work with Tom Schipp and continue to look at possibilities for the auditorium.

Auditor Winkler informed the board that she was contacted by employees requesting permission to have a tree planted in memory of Rick Wetherill. Logsdon stated he wished to think about that until the next meeting.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

