

## **Commissioners Meeting**

**March 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 2:00 P.M.

### **Minutes**

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from February 21<sup>st</sup> as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Claims**

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3521 as presented. 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.

### **Highway Report**

Kenney reported they found box culverts and pipe that need repair on CR 600E and 1300N. He is looking into the possibility of using a rail tanker in place of the box culvert.

They are busy doing ditch work on CR 1400N in between CR 600E and 245 and plan on having it complete in 1 to 1-1/2 weeks.

Kenney requested permission to hire 2 full-time operators and stated that Chapman will be leaving at the end of the month. Kenney stated a requirement would be the ability to run the backhoe, grader, and track hoe. Logsdon asked if they have the money in the budget to fund the positions and Kenney stated that they do. Logsdon made a motion to approve the highway department advertising for 2 full-time operators with the skills stated above. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Chapman presented the completed Pavement Asset Inventory list and reminded the board that they needed to include 5 letters from businesses in support of the Community Crossings Grant and the need for road funding.

### **Legal Report**

Lindsey presented a memorandum from Kent Irwin summarizing what he will be doing on updating the Personnel Policy. We need to approve the memorandum to get the process started. Brown made a motion to approve the memorandum from Kent Irwin for the personnel policy. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey will check with IDEM again on where we are at in regards to the Troy Refinery property. We have completed all the necessary steps and just need to get approval before proceeding. When we get approval we will send out an RFP for appraisal and then discuss how we plan to sale it.

### **New Business**

Logsdon stated that he was contacted by Scott Meadors with Carter Fire District regarding the light on top of the radio tower at Chrisney. The light is out and Meadors has spoken to someone at state that told him we have a few weeks to get the light repaired. Meadors is requesting permission from the commissioners to contact a tower climber to repair the light and the county pay the bill. Logsdon made a motion to approve Meadors contacting a tower climber to repair the light on the Chrisney radio tower. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sheriff McDurmon explained the need for a new water softener system and a fire alarm panel. He has money in the budget to pay for these expenses, but will need to request an additional appropriation later to finish out the year. The estimate for the water softener is around \$10,000.00 and the fire alarm panel is around \$11,000.00. Logsdon made a motion to approve McDurmon's request. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Bid Opening – Bridge #138**

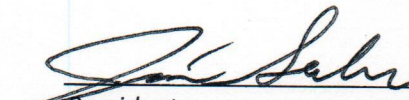
D.K. Parker Co, Inc.	\$90,800.00
CLR Inc.	\$87,833.47
Blankenbergher Bro.	\$83,400.00
Ragle Inc.	\$123,916.10

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

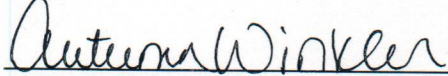
**Broadband Committee – Paul Dauby and Kathy Reinke**

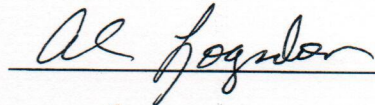
Dauby explained again the need for internet service throughout the county and stated that at a previous meeting the board approved contracting with Mid-State Consultants, Paul Recanzone, to draw up a RFI. Dauby and Reinke came to present the RFI from Mid-State Consultants. Brown asked Dauby why the committee had received the RFI when the commissioner's have not received it yet. County dollars paid for the RFI to be completed and it should have come to the commissioner's first. Logsdon asked Dauby when they RFI were sent and Dauby stated it was sent on February 11<sup>th</sup> and that it was sent to Logsdon, but he was out of town and had computer problems. Dauby, Steinkamp, Logsdon and a few others received the initial email from Recanzone. Brown stated it should have went to the commissioner's first. Reinke presented the board with copies of the RFI and stated that she had inserted dates in it. Seiler asked if the Broadband Committee needed to have another meeting to look over this and Reinke stated "No" the committee had the smaller tech committee look at it and said once it was presented to the commissioner's to go for it. Lindsey stated that when he spoke with Paul Recanzone he requested that it be sent to him first to look over and he is just now seeing it also. He is concerned with the dates listed and Reinke stated those were left blank and the committee inserted those dates. Lindsey stated that it should be backed up to release at the next meeting. So, the new dates will be listed as March 21<sup>st</sup> for release, March 28<sup>th</sup> for questions due, April 4<sup>th</sup> for responses provided, and April 18<sup>th</sup> for responses due. Lindsey feels they should be opened in a public meeting and then the commissioner's can review them. Dauby stated that we need to look at what do they offer, what are they willing to do, and what do we need to do to help them accomplish what they are proposing. Reinke stated that she knows this is aggressive, but the committee has met time after time for the last 8 months and now there is momentum and we don't need to let a long period of time lapse in between. Lindsey stated that we are requesting the updated RFI in advance so that we can make a decision yes or no at the meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Brown stated that he wants to make sure that all information from providers is coming to the county, not just the committee. The committee can obtain the data, but everything needs to be presented to the county so an intelligent decision can be made. Reinke stated that is why there are commissioner and council representatives on the committee, to ensure the county is included in everything.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

  
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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

  
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