

**Commissioners Meeting
March 21, 2017**

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

Logsdon reported that after reading last meeting minutes he wanted to give an update about the light on the tower in Chrisney. Scott Meadors called to inform Logsdon he had received a quote of \$1100.00 to repair the light and Logsdon informed Meadors that was not an acceptable quote, Meadors agreed. Meadors called Logsdon back a short time later to inform him he had received a quote of \$300.00 and due to commissioner approval to repair the light at the previous meeting, Logsdon instructed Meadors to get the job done. Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7th as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Melissa Brockman – 2016 Annual Report

Brockman presented the 2016 Annual Report handout and stated that 2016 was a pretty good year with lots of bicentennial events. A mailer was sent to all residents in Spencer County listing the Fall and Christmas events, plus many bicentennial events. Brockman stated that they redesigned the website last year and just received an award for best tourism website in our budget range. Brockman gave an update on new lodging that will open in 2017 and informed the board that she checked into the question about mileage rate for the tourism commission and found that any visitor's bureau that does not lease their own car uses the IRS mileage rate, not the state rate.

Highway Report

Kenney reported that they finished replacing the box culvert on CR 1950N near SR 62. They are currently working on CR 1400N replacing culverts and doing ditch work. Kenney stated they came upon a huge sandstone coming out of a hill and had a small problem getting it dug out, but did finally get it out and they are installing 4" perforated tile to drain the water from the hill. Logsdon asked what they did to fill the hole after it was removed and Kenney stated they filled the bottom with #5's, installed perforated tile to finish draining the water to the ditch line and covered it all with #73's, so it should harden up very well. Kenney presented the 2017 CEDIT Road plan for commissioner approval.

District 1

- 100W Old 45-50S
- 100S 100W-50W
- 150S 100W-50W
- 200W 500N-6650 feet South
- 400N 200W-Orchard Rd
- 300N 450W-Orchard Rd

District 2

- 2100N Dale City Limits-600E
- 600E 2100N – SR 62
- 600E SR 62 – South 2650 feet
- Gries Rd 2100N – 600E
- 1400N 600E-SR 245
- 675E SR 62 - Deadend

District 3

- 2100N SR 162-875E
- 2000N SR 162-Gravel
- 2000N C&S-800E
- 2200N SR 162-875E
- 875E 2200N-2000N
- 925N Stone Ln-Troy Ref

Logsdon made a motion to approve the 2017 CEDIT Road plan as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Award Bid – Bridge #138

Kenney reported they had looked over the bid packets from the previous meeting and he recommends awarding the bid to Blankenbergher Bro. for the bridge on St. Peters Church Rd. Brown made a motion to award the bid to Blankenbergher Bro. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jack Waldroup – United Consulting

Waldroup presented the 2016 bridge inventory book with a brief summary sheet showing facts from the book. Spencer County has 167 total bridges and we are in full compliance with State and Federal requirements. United Consulting assessed the bridges and compiled a list of the top 5 bridges to be replaced. One of the bridges listed is St. Peters Church Rd. that was just awarded. Waldroup informed the board there will be new Federal requirements for 2018.

Lindsey asked Kenney if he had checked on CR 700 so we can respond to the request from AMROX to release their road bond. Kenney stated he has and he recommends that we keep a road bond on that road, due to the large trucks that frequently travel it. AMROX is being sold, so we would have to release that \$30,000.00 bond, but we can require the new company obtain a bond similar to the current one, before we release the AMROX bond. Brown made a motion that the new owner's post a \$30,000.00 bond before the AMROX bond be released. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Lindsey and Kenney will work together on a response to AMROX request.

Logsdon asked Kenney if they had received any applications for the Road Clerk position and Kenney stated they had 10 applications at the office. Logsdon asked when he wanted to move forward on that and Kenney stated that Mullen had been out sick, but when she returned he hoped they could look over them and then meet with the commissioners. Auditor Winkler informed Kenney there are some applications in her office also. The deadline to turn in applications is March 24th. Logsdon asked Attorney Lindsey if there is any way to expedite filling that position and Lindsey stated that they can go ahead and look at applications they currently have and narrow down a list of which ones to interview, but we will still accept any that come in by Friday. Logsdon asked if they would have to wait after interviews until the next meeting to appoint someone. Lindsey stated that if they hold an executive session for interviews they can immediately follow it with a special meeting to take action on the position instead of waiting until the regularly scheduled meeting. Logsdon stated he feels with it only being Kenney and Mullen that we need to take action soon. There was discussion about scheduling an Executive Session for interviews the following week. Logsdon stated that he feels that since the Superintendent and Hwy Administrator will be overseeing the person that they can interview and determine who the new hire is, unless the commissioners have to be there. Lindsey stated that the board can delegate that to Kenney and Mullen. It could possibly be mid to end of April before the position is filled. Logsdon then asked if it would be possible to speak with the department heads and if they are having a slow time they would send one of their employees to the highway department to work until someone is hired. All were in favor of this and asked Lindsey to draw up a memo. Auditor Winkler asked Attorney Lindsey if there is a legal issue paying someone out of one department and them working in another department, Lindsey stated he felt for a short term emergency basis it shouldn't be a problem. Logsdon stated they have money in the highway budget to pay someone instead of it coming from that department.

Tina Gehlhausen - CASA

Gehlhausen came to present information on GAL vs. CASA from 2010-2016 and the cost savings to the county. There has been a significant increase in juvenile CHINS cases thru the years and prior to the CASA program those cases were always handled by GAL attorneys that were paid by the county. Spencer County currently has 66 CASA volunteers, which is more than surrounding counties with programs that have been established longer. The CASA program is a 501c3 that gets a contribution from the county, but is primarily funded thru donations. Gehlhausen explained what a benefit this program is to the children, but also to the county. The summary presented showed significant increase in children being served with county expense going down.

Kay Erwin – Plan Commission

Erwin came to request appointment to the position of ADA/Title VI Coordinator. This position was previously held by Jennifer Adams. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Erwin as ADA/Title VI Coordinator. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Tara Damin was in attendance and stated that we still need to do the dept. head training. We stated in our plan we would have it done by the end of April. Erwin, Damin, and Auditor Winkler will work together on establishing a date for the training.

Legal Report

Lindsey reported that AT&T is suing us on a damage claim and he suggests we schedule an Executive Session prior to our next meeting to discuss it. An Executive Session was scheduled for April 4th at 1:00 p.m. Pepper Mulharin with AT&T was in attendance and Lindsey discussed the issues we are having with her regarding location of AT&T lines. We have an ordinance that was established in 1999 that states where and how lines are to be placed in our ditches, but in many instances the lines are laying on top of the ground in the ditch, so when we clean the ditch we cut the line. Recently there was a line running across a bridge and it took weeks for us to get AT&T to respond on moving the line so we could proceed with work. The lines and boxes are also being cut with the brush cutter, due to improper placement. Lindsey stated we are not saying AT&T is the bad guy but there are contractors not doing the work correctly. Mulharin stated we are responsible for those contractors.

Broadband Committee-Kathy Reinke, Gene Steinkamp, Paul Dauby

Lindsey reported that he looked over the RFI for broadband and feels it is ok to send out if the board wishes. Brown stated that he feels there has been some confusion as far as the authority given to the broadband committee by the commissioners. It has been stated that the board of commissioners appointed the broadband committee and Brown stated he doesn't feel that was correct, it was made up of the Catalyst Group and some other organizations. Kathy Reinke stated that the committee was formed at the end of June per request of the county council. Brown stated that he does not see anywhere that the board of commissioners took formal action to be in partnership with the broadband committee, that it was just a committee created by word of mouth and different groups. Steinkamp asked if Brown felt action needed to be taken on this partnership, because we are nearing the end of our journey and Reinke stated "No, we are nearing the beginning." Brown stated that he feels there needs to be action taken to formalize the partnership if the board approves. Dauby stated don't you think indirectly the commissioners did approve the committee, because you approved the money for the committee to move forward with the RFI. Brown stated no we approved the RFI, not the committee at that time. Reinke stated she distinctly remembers it being brought up, but she doesn't know if it was brought up in a commissioner's meeting or in a broadband committee meeting with any commissioners that were in attendance. Brown stated he thinks that is what happened, but if it didn't take place in a public meeting then it didn't happen. Lindsey stated that the issue at hand is if the board wishes to send out the RFI and how to get it out to the providers. If we approve this we can ask the committee to assist with getting it out to all the necessary providers. Brown stated that he has an issue with the language where it talks about the committee, he feels it should state the board of commissioners, because it makes it sound like the board is giving the committee authority to make decisions. It just needs to be clear that the broadband committee is working with the commissioner's, but the board still holds the authority. Logsdon made a motion to approve a joint effort for publication and release of an RFI to improve broadband services in Spencer County. Brown seconded the motion, with a change to the RFI to state the board of commissioners or joint with the committee, motion was approved.

Mowing Bids 2017

Lindsey presented the submitted bids for mowing at the courthouse and LEC.

	Courthouse	Alt.	LEC	Alt.
Meece Mowing Service -	\$60.00/wk.	\$25.00/mo.	\$55.00/wk.	\$25.00/mo.
Four Seasons Lawn Care-	\$70.00/wk.	\$0.00/mo.	\$50.00/wk.	\$0.00/mo.

Logsdon made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. We will award the bid at our April 4th meeting.

Troy Refinery

Lindsey reported that he has been in contact with IDEM and IFA regarding the final steps on the Troy Refinery property and we are now released to proceed with selling the property. Brown made a motion to send out the RFP for Appraisal Services on the Troy Refinery Property. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon made a motion to authorize Lindsey to send out the RFP for Auctioneer Services. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

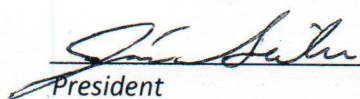
Claims

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

New Business

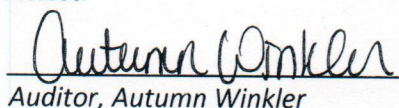
Logsdon stated that they received a letter from the V.S.O requesting some items and assistance. He is very busy working with veterans and could use some assistance with office work, a seating area for individuals waiting to meet with him and some updated office furniture. All members of the board stated that they have been contacted about what a wonderful job he is doing and what a benefit it is to the veterans. Logsdon stated that he asked Heathman to give us a month to try and accommodate his requests. After discussion about the hours worked and the possibility of adding hours or hiring additional help it was decided to pursue a PT position for that office. Logsdon made a motion to request that additional help be discussed with the council. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

