

**Commissioners Meeting
May 2, 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 2:12 P.M.

Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18th as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3563 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3558 as presented. Brown 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

Kenney reported they are installing culverts on Gries Rd. today and have 2 more to install on the section between CR 2100N and CR 600E. Next week they plan to install 1,086 feet of perforated drain tile on CR 600E, between Gries Rd. and SR 62. They have been cleaning up debris on roads from the flooding this past weekend. Jim Ebert's road had a very large pile of debris that they have cleared to the side of the road temporarily and placed barrels to make it visible at night. They will fully clean up as soon as they have time. Kenney reported that the St. Peter's Church Rd. Bridge is coming along well and they will begin setting beams and bridge decking tomorrow. It is anticipated that this bridge will be shutdown no longer than 2 weeks.

Brown made a motion to allow the county surveyor to use the county side by side for spraying as needed. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney asked Attorney Lindsey how he needs to go about selling the surplus equipment he wants to get rid of. Lindsey stated that he needs to put together a notice of sale for the paper and state that we are accepting sealed bids till a certain date and time. Brown requested that Lindsey work with Kenney to get bid specs and notice together.

Jim Ferguson & Darren Brown – PSC

Brown and Ferguson presented a map of a broadband infrastructure restructure that PSC is doing in the Santa Claus, Fulda, Lamar, Evanston area. There is currently DSL service in that area and they are now running 95.43 miles of fiber optic cable to replace that DSL. This will be done in 2 phases and will serve 501 homes. This will be around a 6 million dollar project and they plan on beginning in June. There will be 175 bores done on this project and PSC is requesting the bore fee be waived. Brown made a motion to waive the bore fees. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Joy Zook & Susan Waterman – Animal Control

Zook and Waterman came to discuss a recent issue with a stray animal. A stray dog bit an individual in the county and after many calls trying to get someone to pick up the dog and bring it to the shelter, it was determined that no one was willing to bring it in. One of the county officers stated that they were instructed not to pick up stray dogs anymore; they don't have time for that. Waterman presented statistics from 2016 regarding the number of animals brought into the shelter and there were a total of 400 animals delivered to the shelter with only 38 being delivered by police officers. 12 animals were brought in by county deputies and 26 animals were brought in by city or town officers. There has been no issue with city or town officers bringing strays in, they have always been happy to do it. Zook stated that the shelter has neither vehicle nor employee to go pick up the animals themselves. Zook and Waterman suggest that the county purchase a vehicle and hire or find someone who is willing to complete the necessary training to handle stray animals. They are not interested in doing that duty themselves, but stated you may even be able to find an off duty officer that would be willing to do it on the side. McDurmon was in attendance and stated that he did not instruct his officers to not pick up strays, but they can't put them in the back of their cars and they really don't have time with so few officers on the road. The officers with pickup trucks could haul them in the back of their

truck. There needs to be more discussion on this subject and a policy setup of who is responsible for this. Seiler asked Brown to work on getting a process started, Brown will research it further.

Concerned Citizens – Proposed Power Line

Numerous concerned citizens came to express their disapproval of the proposed power lines to run thru a portion of the county. They have contacted the federal and state government and were directed back to the county. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has been contacted and was very little help. The set of lines will begin in Cannelton at the dam, run through Spencer County and end in Dubois County. This power will not even be used for this area. A big complaint of the property owners is not only the negative effect it will have on their assessed value, but the fact that many of them already have a power line running through their property capturing about 100 ft. and instead of using the same poles this company wants to claim another 275 ft. easement for the new lines. This line will run not only through farm ground, but also right along beside people's homes. The owners came to see if the county can help them in anyway. It was discussed whether this could be a zoning issue or not and the board stated they would look further into it and speak with the Planning and Zoning Administrator and attorney. The board instructed the property owners to return to the June 6th meeting and we will hopefully know a little more.

Legal Report

Lindsey reported that we still need quotes from 2 appraisers for the Troy Refinery property. We do have the option of a county employee acting as the second appraiser, such as the Assessor or Deputy Assessor. The board requested we meet with the Assessor after the meeting to discuss this possibility with her. Auditor Winkler stated that Harold Gogel is an employee and a real estate agent, so he may be interested in acting as an appraiser on the property also. Lindsey stated he will look further into both possibilities and report back at the next meeting.

Old Business

Tara Damin reported that the ADA Training was completed and with good participation. We are on schedule with all our timelines.

New Business

Broadband RFI

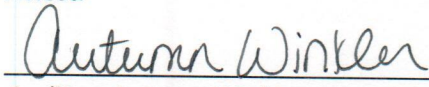
Lindsey stated that the broadband RFI was due today and we received one proposal from our local provider PSC. We sent out the RFI to around 10 providers, but only received the one back. Logsdon asked who can receive a copy of the RFI and Lindsey stated anyone that requests it. A thumb drive was included and the document will be emailed out for the board to review. Darren Brown stated that there are parts in the RFI that are listed as confidential that PSC would prefer not be public information. Lindsey recommended that Brown take the RFI back and remove the portions that are confidential, because once it's submitted to the county it becomes public information. Logsdon made a motion to return the RFI to PSC. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

