

**Commissioners Meeting  
May 16, 2017**

**Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Larry Dale Kenney, John Gelarden, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 2:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

No minutes were presented.

**Highway Report**

Kenney reported they laid over 6,000 ft. of perforated drain tile on CR 2100N, CR 875E, and CR 2000N. They will install another 4,000 – 5,000 ft. over the next 2 weeks. Crews are still doing ditch work by Gries Rd. and CR 600E and have some culverts to install. We have started doing some mowing and staying busy getting roads prepped for the bid packet we are letting out. Kenney stated he had spoke with Tim Sigler with JBI, Inc. about a rubber tire excavator they are wanting to sale. It is a 2005 model with 4600 hours and is comparable to the one we have. Kenney requested permission to purchase the machine if there are no issues with it. Logsdon asked if there is enough money in the budget and Kenney stated there is. Lindsey stated that we cannot just purchase a piece of equipment without getting quotes. Kenney asked what the limit is on purchasing without quotes and Lindsey stated anything over \$25,000.00 we need multiple quotes.

Kenney presented a road bore permit and asked the board if they wished to sign off on the permits in meetings or if they wanted Kenney to handle the permits. Seiler stated he felt that was something Kenney could handle. Brown made a motion to authorize Kenney to sign off on the permits and to amend the form to remove the commissioner's signature. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney presented the Annual Operations Report for commissioner signature.

Brown stated he wanted to make sure that Bridge #132 gets completed this year and instructed Kenney to move forward on it as a complete project.

**City of Rockport – Sherry Roeder**

Roeder came before the board to explain the issues she is having with items being flushed down the sewer lines and causing damage. She has found a bed sheet, t-shirt, socks and lots of trash at the Fifth St. lift station that destroyed the cities pump. Roeder is confident these items are being flushed down the toilet at the county jail. The repairs at the Fifth St. lift station will be \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. The city is requesting an in-line grinder be placed at the Fifth St. lift station or a grinder be placed at the jail. If a grinder is installed at the jail it would be a larger expense and the county would be responsible for maintaining it. The Fifth St. lift station is already equipped for an in-line grinder, but has not had one for many years. The old one was pulled for repairs years ago and the city didn't have the money to put it back. The cost to put in an in-line grinder at Fifth St. is about \$30,000.00, but a new grinder at the jail would be approximately \$50-75,000.00 plus we would need an engineer. This issue is happening in jails and prisons everywhere, not just here. Other facilities are using in-line grinders and bar screens to fix the problem, bar screens are more costly. Brown stated that he didn't know if county dollars should be used on city infrastructure. It was discussed that if the grinder were placed at Fifth Street the county and city could split the cost and the city would still maintain it. Brown asked Roeder if he can come to the plant and see the issues she is describing and Roeder welcomed him to come. All this trash is getting deposited into the sludge that gets hauled off and Roeder is concerned there will come a day that the sludge gets rejected. The board requested that Roeder come to the council meeting that night since there is a possibility of needing funding for this project.

**Road Bid Opening**

District 2 – 4.77 miles

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>CR 2100N &amp; Gries Rd.</u>	<u>CR 600E</u>	<u>CR1400N</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
E & B Paving	\$187,023.00	\$97,639.00	\$228,549.00	\$513,211.00
J.H. Rudolph & Co	\$182,388.75	\$88,236.75	\$213,894.50	\$484,520.00

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

**Legal Report**

Lindsey reported that he sent out a letter to the utility companies making them aware of the ordinance and the need to abide by it.

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2017-02 addressing the termination of the AK Steel Economic Development Area for commissioner review. This ordinance would confirm the commissioner's approval of the Spencer County Redevelopment Commission Resolution 2017-01 and 2017-02 declaring and confirming that the AK Steel Rockport Works Economic Development Area be terminated. The ordinance can be addressed as a first reading or if all are in favor the rules can be waived and it can be approved on first reading. Brown made a motion to accept Ordinance 2017-02 and the recommendation of the Redevelopment Commission and terminate the AK Steel Economic Development Area. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved with Logsdon opposed. Due to this not being a unanimous approval, this is a motion to approve on first reading.

Lindsey explained that we still have not received another bid for appraising the Troy Refinery property and statute states an employee that is familiar with real estate can act as an appraiser and Harold Gogel has stated he would be willing to do it. With us now having 2 willing appraisers we can open the first bid from Brooks Galloway of \$3,000.00. Logsdon made a motion to table the bid until the first meeting in June. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Lindsey asked if they wished to open the auctioneer bid or wait until first meeting in June. Brown made a motion to table the opening of the auctioneer bid. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Award Road Bid**

Kenney stated after reviewing the bids they recommend the bid be awarded to J.H. Rudolph for \$484,520.00. Logsdon made a motion to award the bid to J.H. Rudolph. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Kay Erwin – Property Complaint**

Erwin explained that she received a property complaint from a property owner in Midway about an old building next door to their property that was very damaged. Erwin went out and took pictures of the property that showed pieces of roof about to fall off and other issues. The board of commissioners has to instruct the building inspector to go inspect the property, so Erwin is requesting that permission. Logsdon made a motion to instruct the building inspector to inspect the property. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Vicki Brauns – New Computer Software**

Brauns explained that she will be getting some new computer software and Fiddlar is offering a free training at their office in Iowa. It is not common for employees to travel out of state for training and Brauns is requesting permission to go to this conference. She will be driving so it is 0.38/mile plus the cost of her hotel. All travel expenses will be paid out of her Recorder Perpetuation Fund. Logsdon made a motion to approve Brauns going to the training in Iowa with the cost staying around the discussed amount. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**SpyGlass – Jon Finucan**

Finucan came before the board to explain that they are a company that audits your phone bills and finds ways to save you money. Over a period of years the phone companies add hidden fees and SpyGlass works to find ways to help eliminate those fees. The board requested he send an email with more information about their services.

**Congressional School**

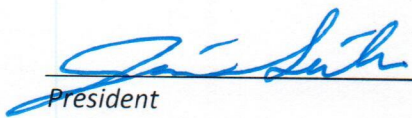
Auditor Winkler presented the 2017 Congressional School CD balance form for commissioner approval. This information must be submitted to the state each year. Logsdon made a motion to approve the Congressional School CD balance form. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Claims**

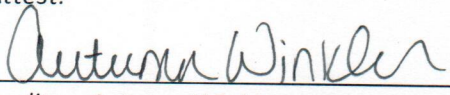
Logsdon made a motion to approve all claims paid since the last meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

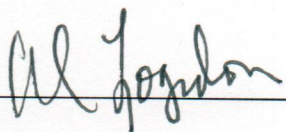
Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion approved.

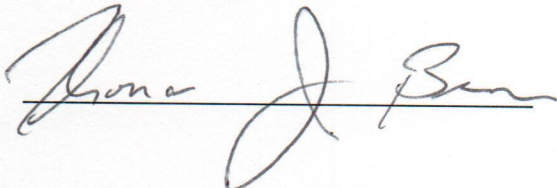
Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 P.M.

  
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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

  
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