

**Public Hearing – Unsafe Building
Velotta Property
June 5, 2018**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Al Logsdon, Building Inspector Don Winkler, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler, Plan Commission Administrator Kay Erwin

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 1:00 P.M.

Seiler began the meeting and noted that neither Velotta nor a representative for him was in attendance. Attorney Lindsey stated that he was sent a proposed lease between Velotta and a potential buyer, but is unsure if they entered into the lease. Lindsey stated that one issue he sees is that a septic inspection will need to be done and the county is unsure of what if any type of septic is located on the property. Logsdon stated that he got the impression at the last meeting that everything was run to a holding tank, not lateral lines like normal and then pumped periodically. Brown stated that does not meet Health Dept specifications and must only be temporary. Lindsey stated that according to law that is only allowable for a period of time in anticipation of connecting to sewer or constructing an approved septic system. Kay Erwin stated she spoke with the potential buyers and they acted like they would provide portable toilets with hand washing stations during their time of business. Erwin stated that since they would only be there selling fireworks for a short period of time, the Health Dept. seemed to think that would be ok. Brown stated that it is past the deadline for cleanup and if it's not cleaned up then they are in violation of the ordinance. Erwin stated that they have hauled off a dumpster load and shoved the rest of it to the back of the property. Brown stated we need to get an estimate for cleanup. Brown made a motion to authorize the Building Inspector getting an estimate for cleanup. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Erwin will send a letter to Velotta notifying him of the decision to proceed and to inform him that at the next meeting the board will consider assessing fines and starting the RFP process.

Building Inspector Winkler presented a proposal to serve as the Inspector on Unsafe Buildings for a contracted rate of \$30.00/hr plus mileage for commissioner approval. There was discussion as to if there was funding available to pay for his services and Auditor Winkler stated there is about \$5,400.00 left in the Unsafe Building line in the commissioner's budget at this time. Between building permit inspections and unsafe building inspections, it is practically a full time job. Seiler stated we would be money ahead to make this a full time position. That is something that can be discussed at budget time. Logsdon made a motion to approve the contract for services as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Brown made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 P.M.

**Public Hearing – SWMD Property Complaints
June 5, 2018**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Al Logsdon, SWMD Director Samantha Seckinger, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 1:30 P.M.

Director Samantha Seckinger informed the board that notice of violation was served by the Sheriff's Department on May 13th to the Scott & Heather Deweese property in Hatfield. On May 30, 2018 the property was re-inspected and found to still be out of compliance and now is also a grass violation. Seckinger presented two proposals for commissioner consideration. The first proposal is only to remove the vehicles, the second proposal is to remove the vehicles and mow the grass. Lindsey read both proposals and stated that we have not given them notice of the grass violation and feels we run a risk of mowing and never getting reimbursed or being accused of trespassing. Brown made a motion to approve proposal 1 instructing the owner to remove the vehicles. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. The property owner will be given till July 2nd to remove the vehicles or the county will proceed with removing them and attach any expenses incurred to the property. The board further found that the owners failed to correct the violation and was therefore subject to a fine of \$100.00. Brown made a motion to

approve imposing a \$100.00 fine. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon made a motion to approve the findings of fact as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seckinger then presented information on the second property complaint she is working on owned by Nettie McIntosh in Hatfield. Seckinger stated that notice of violation was sent to McIntosh via certified mail and was returned with the post office writing "deceased" on the front. Seckinger spoke with the Health Dept, because McIntosh also has a violation with them and was told the Health Dept contacted adult services to inquire about McIntosh and was told she is in a nursing home in Evansville. Lindsey stated that since we know McIntosh has not received the notice of violation he recommends Seckinger try to obtain an address for where she is residing and try to resend notification. A second public hearing on this property was scheduled for July 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Brown made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Commissioners Meeting June 5, 2018

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

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 2:02 P.M.

Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from May 1st and May 15th as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3823 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3831 and Batch #3832 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Hwy Report

No highway report was presented.

Bridge Re-Inspection Contract

Auditor Winkler presented the Bridge Re-Inspection Contract for commissioner signature. The contract has already been approved and now needs signed to send to INDOT.

Logsdon stated he spoke with Indiana 15 about printing new maps that include new 231 and they are able to print them for around \$40 - \$50 per map. We will discuss this further and decide how many maps we wish to order.

Veteran Service Officer – Butch Meredith

Meredith gave an update of services rendered since the last meeting. Meredith presented more details on the "Forever Grateful Friday" event at the fairgrounds and announced that recruiters from different branches of the military will be in attendance. Many other vendors have confirmed and Kim Litkenhus will be in attendance providing smoke cessation kits. The event looks to be quite the success.

Legal Report

Broadband Study

Attorney Lindsey explained that the broadband committee has been working with Vantage Point on the study and the counties participation in the study. There has been discussion on what is the best feasible option to reach out to the citizens of Spencer County and get their participation in a survey for this study. A web link was suggested, but with lacking service of internet in parts of the county that is not an ideal option. Lindsey stated that a call in number was suggested which could cost around \$1,500 - \$3,000.00 and mailing out post cards encouraging participation. We can use the Registered Voters list and mail postcards to around 7,000 individuals for approximately \$3,000 - \$3,500.00. The broadband committee has discussed doing fundraising through private sources to pay for this as it is above and beyond the \$25,500.00 approved by the council to do the study. Brown stated that in their phone

conference with Vantage Point they were told that we need to have a certain number of replies to have confidence in the study.

Ordinance 2018-04

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2018-04 An Ordinance Regarding the Control and Disposition of Animals in Spencer County, IN for second reading. Brown made a motion to have a second reading by title on Ordinance 2018-04. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-04 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey recommends having an Executive Session immediately preceding the next meeting to discuss the tort claims filed by AT&T. Brown made a motion to schedule an Executive Session on June 19th at 1:30 p.m. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Brown stated that the drainage board wished to schedule a meeting with Lindsey as soon as possible to discuss findings from the recent study. A special drainage board meeting was scheduled for June 19th immediately following the commissioner's meeting.

Guaranteed Energy Savings - RFP

One RFP was received for the guaranteed energy savings from Ameresco. Brown stated that he would like the sheriff to look over the proposal and give his input before any decisions are made. A copy will be given to the sheriff and all will review before proceeding. Logsdon made a motion to open and take under advisement. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Oakland City University Partnership

Oakland City University contacted the county about a partner discount program they offer that allows for a \$1,000.00 tuition discount for employees of the county that enroll in specific degree programs. There is no cost or obligation to the county; we only enter into a Partner Discount Memorandum of Understanding that states we will offer this program to our employees.

Logsdon made a motion to change the meeting time on July 2nd to 10:00 a.m. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CEDIT Plan

Brown made a motion to add old SR 231 to the CEDIT plan. It is not currently on the plan and we know improvements will be needed in the future. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Robin Roberts – Hatfield Citizen

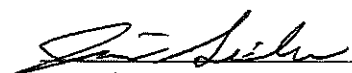
Roberts came before the board to request their consideration on having the speed limit on old SR 66 in Hatfield lowered. Seiler stated that he and Lindsey will speak with the highway dept about lowering the speed. Lindsey stated there will have to be an order establishing it and a public hearing. Roberts stated that he is seeing good things happening in Hatfield with cleanup and hopes it continues.

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

New Business


Information was included in the packet from American Legal requesting permission to review the county ordinances and propose a quote to codify them. Logsdon made a motion to approve American Legal reviewing our ordinances and submitting a proposal. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler