

Commissioners Meeting
July 5, 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 2:03 P.M.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from June 20th as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3598 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3594 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3602 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3604 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Kenney reported that Rudolph should finish with CR 1400N today. They will then move to CR 2100N, Gries Rd., and CR 600E. The chip and seal crew will finish CR 500E on Monday all they have left is the final coat. Kenney reported they have installed culverts on CR 300N and used plastic culverts instead of metal because they seem to hold up better. They have been doing ditch work on CR 150S and CR 100W and are mostly complete. Seiler asked what the plan was for CR 350 and Kenney stated they will find the center of the road and determine the right of way. Kenney will contact the landowners and address the one causing issues.

Kenney reported they have hired a full-time equipment operator and are looking for a part-time employee for the spray crew.

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2017-03 County Road Sign Ordinance for commissioner review. The ordinance addresses designating the intersection at CR 200N and Silverdale Rd. as a "four way stop." A concerned citizen attended the last commissioner meeting to address this intersection and requested it be made into a four way stop. The stop signs at CR 200N are not obeyed and people fly through the intersection. When there are crops in the field and with a woods on one corner there is no visibility of CR 200N when traveling Silverdale Rd. Councilmen Bunner was in attendance and also expressed his concern for this intersection; he lives on Silverdale Rd. and travels it daily. There was discussion about installing rubber rumble strips on both roads and flashing lights on Silverdale Rd. to make citizens aware of the new stop sign. Logsdon made a motion to waive the rules and approve Ordinance 2017-03 County Road Sign Ordinance on first reading. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey stated that we have a settlement agreement with AT&T to pay \$1,000.00 to fully resolve the issue. Our insurance company feels this is a fair settlement and Kenney agreed. Lindsey stated that the board would need to authorize Kenney signing the agreement on behalf of the Hwy. Dept. Brown made a motion to approve the settlement agreement with AT&T and authorize Kenney signing it. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Nathan Held – Indiana 15

Held presented the Community Crossings Grant Application for commissioner approval. The county is applying for a \$1,000,000.00 grant for 2017. The projects have been broken down into 2 priorities. Priority 1 is \$1,472,357.00 with \$650,000.00 requested in grant funds and Priority 2 is \$900,084.00 with \$350,000.00 in grant funding. If the state is only awarding priority 1 projects that would still give us \$650,000.00. Logsdon made a motion to approve the grant application and authorize President Seiler to sign the application. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Road Bid Opening

District 3 – 5.63 miles

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>CR 100S & 150S</u>	<u>CR 100W</u>	<u>CR 300N</u>	<u>CR200W & 400N</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Metzger Constr.	\$94,902.00	\$135,875.00	\$195,135.00	\$139,448.00	\$565,360.00
J.H. Rudolph	\$97,621.00	\$139,556.50	\$195,488.00	\$140,533.50	\$573,199.00

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

Award Health Insurance Bid

After numerous meetings comparing quotes there remained question on if the \$150,000.00 corridor was included in the total maximum liability on the quotes. Councilmen Bunner was in attendance and stated that was a question that needed to be answered. The board had received a definite answer from all the lowest bidders, but there was still question on if it was included in the quote from NFP. Agent Shawn Norris was in attendance and stated that yes that amount was included in the quoted maximum liability. Brown stated based on the spreadsheet provided by Auditor Winkler your quote is \$2,048,050.92 which is around \$221,000.00 less than our current carrier and Norris stated that total is correct. Logsdon stated that in the quote specs it states \$0.00 in that line and Norris stated that information was incorrect, the figure is included. Bunner stated that the transplant policy is very important also and we need to be sure what we are getting. Being on the county council he is concerned about saving taxpayer dollars, but we need to ensure we are providing good health care coverage to our employees also. Mr. Norris stated that their quote lists the county staying with their current transplant policy provider. Carolyn Beck with SIHO was in attendance and stated that staying with the current carrier is not possible; they are going out of business. Norris stated they were not aware of that and would have to get another transplant policy. Norris also stated there would not be any run-in fees charged for administering the first few months of claims. Brown stated that he greatly appreciated all the quotes and everyone involved in the process and looking at the max liability last year of around 2.9 million any option we choose is saving the taxpayer dollars. Bunner asked if anyone had looked at what the minimum exposure is with each carrier versus the maximum exposure to the county. Norris stated that the minimum exposure would be your fixed costs and if he remembers correctly their costs were around \$114,000.00 less than the current carrier. Brown made a motion to accept NFP as our insurance provider. There was no second. Seiler asked Mr. Norris how they could be so much lower than any other bid. He has been in business for many years and normally from his experience when he finds something like this he gets hammered in the end. Norris stated that since they are a bigger company and the relationships they have with TPA's and reinsurance carriers they can be more competitive. Brown stated that everyone is uncomfortable with change and our current carrier has provided great service to us, but looking at the maximum liability or the minimum liability with NFP reflects a significant savings in taxpayer dollars. Logsdon stated that the devil is in the fine print and there are at least 3 pages in the quote that have to be read with a magnifying glass, is there hidden information or things they don't want us to see. Norris stated that no there is nothing hidden in the fine print, it's just standard reinsurance information. Logsdon asked where the TPA is located, because we currently have a TPA that is very involved and works very hard for Spencer County, and we don't want to lose that service. Norris stated the nearest TPA is located in Anderson and they service many government entities. Seiler stated his opinion is if we are going to switch he would switch to Kincaid Insurance, because they are a local company and have a competitive bid. Seiler stated that he felt we jumped into this process not knowing exactly what we were getting into and we've learned a lot, but do we need to continue to look at this more before making a jump. Bunner stated that he felt it was rather fast and we need to remember there are two parts to this process, we want to save the taxpayer's money, but we also have to ensure we are providing good healthcare coverage to our employees. One of the agents that provided a quote contacted Bunner asking why they weren't being considered, because they feel there was confusion about them offering cost plus coverage and they wanted to clarify that was not the plan they were offering. The county does not fully understand all aspects of these quotes and we possibly did move too fast. Brown stated that he made a motion to bid out the insurance in January and we made the decision to put it off down to the wire. We have been sitting on this for months and should've started the process sooner. Brown was also presented with a fully insured quote, which we did not ask for, but that's something we didn't even consider and Seiler asked if that's something we should consider. Logsdon stated it's really too late for that now. Seiler asked Auditor Winkler how important the TPA is and Winkler stated that is who she deals with on everything. Seiler stated that the concern for hidden costs with NFP and the location of the TPA is a big red flag to him. Seiler asked for a second on Brown's motion. Logsdon seconded the motion so it could be called for a vote, motion died with Seiler and Logsdon opposed.

Logsdon made a motion to award the contract to SIHO. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved with Brown opposed.

Logsdon suggested that a joint meeting be scheduled as soon as possible for the council and commissioners to continue to discuss the health insurance and try to gain a better understanding of it. Brown made a motion to combine the council and commissioners as a joint insurance committee. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kay Erwin – Plan Commission

Erwin and Attorney Wetherill came to inform the board they will be presenting an ordinance addressing flood plains and permitting. We were instructed by the DNR that anyone building or doing work in a flood plain must get a permit. This decision was made years ago, but has not been followed and we now have an issue with a farmer that built a building in a flood plain. He came in before building the barn and asked what needed to be done and was told nothing, because it was an ag building. That is incorrect and Erwin is now trying to address the problem. The farmer has been very kind about the situation, but is now out the expense of a survey and possible expense to remedy the problem when he followed the rules and was misinformed. Any work being done on a county road in a flood plain will even need a permit now. There is no action required at this time, Erwin just wanted to make the board aware of the upcoming ordinance change.

Award Road Bid

Kenney and Gelarden made the recommendation to award the bids to Metzger Construction Inc. Brown made a motion to award the bid to Metzger Construction Inc. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Attorney Lindsey informed the board there are 2 vacancies on the Port Authority that need new appointments. Jim Stokes sent a letter stating he could no longer serve and Kerry Dougan has moved to Florida. The board will appoint new members at a future meeting.

New Business

Cornerstone

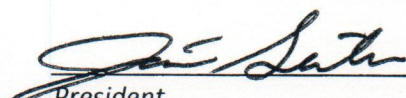
Mark Chamness has not been completing the required cornerstones in the last few years and has had no contact with the Surveyor's office. They have tried to contact him to no avail. Brown made a motion to terminate the contract with Chamness. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Cash Waggner has offered their services on this project. Faulkenberg will check with the other licensed surveyors in the county first and if they are not interested we will discuss what to do next.

Ambulance Agreement

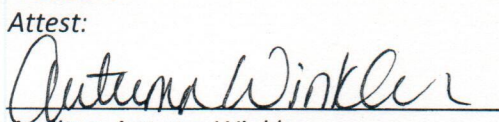
Auditor Winkler presented an agreement between Spencer County EMS and the Governmental Ambulance Payment for the Medicaid reimbursements. Logsdon made a motion to approve the agreement. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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

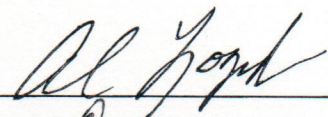
Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

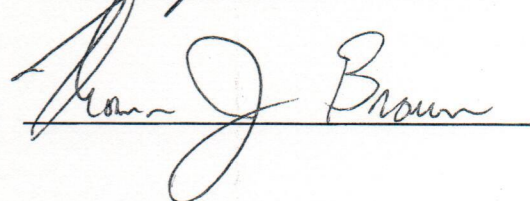


President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler





Brian J. Brown