

**Public Hearing – SWMD Property Complaints  
August 7, 2018**

**Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, SWMD Director Samantha Seckinger, Plan Commission Administrator Kay Erwin, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 1:33 P.M.

**Joiner**

Director Samantha Seckinger presented a Property Maintenance Record on the Lowell and Ruth Joiner property and read aloud the dates and activity on this property. Seckinger explained that the Joiner's are deceased and their niece Sharon Phillipson has been residing on the property. Phillipson has no recorded ownership in the property, but states there are legal documents saying she is allowed to live there as long as she pays the property taxes. Seckinger stated she contacted the building inspector and has spoken with Erwin about the structures on the property. Erwin stated that Building Inspector Winkler has inspected the buildings and feels all the small buildings need torn down and the trailer is in bad shape as well. They are unsure if there is a working septic system on the property. Today's public hearing is not for unsafe buildings, but it was requested a report be given on the structures. Seckinger stated that she is recommending the trash be picked up and the grass mowed to be in compliance with the property maintenance ordinance. Brown asked Seckinger if she has an estimate for cleanup; Seckinger stated she does not, because she was unsure if the board wanted to grant an extension. Phillipson stated she is unable to clean up the property. Lindsey explained the process to proceed with cleanup. Brown made a motion to adopt the findings of facts and set a compliance deadline date of August 21<sup>st</sup>. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Curl**

Seckinger presented a Property Maintenance Record for the Aaron Curl property in Hatfield and explained the timeline of inspections and what improvements were done. On July 6, 2018 a notice of violation was sent out due to no improvements and the owner was instructed that if the property was not cleaned up by August 3, 2018 they would have to report to the hearing authority on August 7, 2018. Property was re-inspected on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with some improvements, but still in violation of the ordinance. Carl Miller was in attendance and asked to address the board, he is purchasing the property on contract from Mr. Curl. Miller explained that the property was in very poor condition when he bought it and he has been working at cleaning it up, but when the flood came thru it overwhelmed him with trash and debris. Mr. Miller has receipts where he has been hauling junk off and is in the process of trying to get help from FEMA to help with the flood cleanup. Miller asked for more time to get the property cleaned up and Seiler stated as long as he is making improvements we are happy to give him an extension. Miller was granted a 2 month extension and will return on October 2, 2018.

**McCoy**

Seckinger presented the Property Maintenance Record and explained the case began in December of 2016. Yoetta McCoy called in after receiving the first letter and requested an extension until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and it was granted. Anthony McCoy called the office in January of 2017 and stated his wife had passed away and he was going to need more time, which was granted. Seckinger then explained to the board the dates and activity on the property since January 2017. There have been some improvements to the property since the case began, but it is still in violation. Anthony McCoy was in attendance to address the board and explain that he has been hospitalized and dealing with medical issues, but is working on cleaning up the property. Lindsey asked McCoy how long he thinks he needs to get it cleaned up and he stated he wasn't sure because he has more doctor appts and may be hospitalized again. Lindsey asked if the county needs to just proceed with cleaning it up, McCoy stated no he is on a fixed income and would like to try and get it done himself. Seiler stated we will give McCoy a 2 month extension like the previous case and he can report back on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Seckinger reported that no progress has been made at this time.

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**Deweese**

Seckinger reported that a fence has been put up, minus one panel and will be re-inspected tomorrow.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

**Commissioners Meeting  
August 7, 2018**

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

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

**Minutes**

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17<sup>th</sup> as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Claims**

Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3872, Batch #3876 and Batch #3884 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Hwy Report**

Kenney reported to Brown they installed a 6' x 40' pipe and a 9.5' x 58' railroad tanker on CR 2200N. They are going to let it settle a little and will come back and chip over it, then put a wedge over it next year. In District 2 they are doing ditch work and replacing culverts on CR 900N and CR 450W. Kenney reported to Seiler that they are replacing an 18" x 70' pipe at the intersection of CR 350W and CR 200S that had caved in. They are hoping to get started on the second bid package next week. Brown stated that some shoulder stone still has to go down, but everything in District 3 looks good. Brown asked Kenney if he had checked on the intersection at Ebenezer Cemetery yet and he stated he had not. Tara Lloyd former County Engineer was in attendance and stated it is just a strange intersection the way it offsets. It was looked into or changed in some way a few years back, but Kenney will look into it. A member of the audience asked Kenney if they had checked on CR 2100N and he stated they were planning on trying to do some tile work up there when they finish projects. It was requested that it be graded now before school buses start running if possible. Kenney will send someone up there to grade it.

**Sara Arnold**

Arnold explained to the board that Secretary of State, Connie Lawson, has released a grant for increased security of election machines. It has been discussed that we could build a small room in the back of the auditorium to house the election equipment, but Arnold was unsure if there were existing plans for the auditorium. Seiler stated that we do not have anything being drawn at this time and asked Attorney Lindsey if there are any other areas that might work, Lindsey stated there is a storage area in the basement used by the Health Dept. that could be made secure. The Health Dept. would still need access to the space, so anytime someone entered the room a Republican and Democrat representative would have to be present. Arnold could serve as the Democrat representative and if Lindsey is unavailable to serve as the Republican someone from one of the Republican offices that is a Republican could serve as the representative. A permanent room is something we can discuss when permanent plans are made for the auditorium. Lindsey stated he felt it would cost maybe \$200.00-\$300.00 materials to secure the area.

**Legal Report**

Lindsey reported that Hugh Miller will be in attendance at the next meeting to explain the online auction process for the Troy Refinery property. The online auction will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup> and end on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Lindsey informed the board he is the president of Think Lincoln, Inc. and an anonymous donor has offered to purchase a life size bronze Abraham Lincoln statue and bench for the courthouse rotunda if the commissioners will entertain accepting it. Seiler stated he is definitely in favor of it and Brown stated yes that is very generous for someone to offer that.

Brown stated he would like to work on getting roads added to the inventory and to work with the Plan Commission on amending the ordinance for existing roads and the guidelines set for these roads.

The address ordinance also needs reviewed, due to issues with property owners trying to get an address, but not having the correct permitting first. To get power run to your property with Vectren it requires a 911 address and we do not give 911 addresses until there is an approved septic and building permit. This protects the county from individuals building structures and residing on property without the county having any knowledge of it. Southern Indiana Power does not require a 911 address so there are no issues with them, only Vectren. The board of commissioners is requesting the Plan Commission look into possible ordinance amendments to remedy this issue.

**WTH Agreement –Survey & Mapping LLC**

Lindsey presented an Electronic Map Data Agreement with Surveying and Mapping L.L.C for commissioner approval. This is the standard map data agreement from WTH allowing access to Spencer County’s GIS data. Brown made a motion to approve the WTH agreement. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Vicki Brauns - Ordinance**

Brauns presented Ordinance 2018-07 Establishing the Manner and Form in Which the Recorder May Provide Bulk Form Copies to a Bulk User and Ordinance 2018-08 Requiring the Recorder to Watermark Bulk Form Copies for commissioner approval. Brown made a motion to wave the rules and adopt on first reading. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Brown made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-07 and Ordinance 2018-08 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Veteran Service Officer – Butch Meredith**

Meredith gave an update of services rendered since the last meeting.

**Old Business**

Brown requested that we contact Indiana 15 to get an update on getting new maps made. Auditor Winkler will contact Lisa Gehlhausen for an update.

Brown asked Attorney Lindsey to work on an Interlocal Agreement between the county and South Spencer School Corporation for the newly approved School Resource Officer. This will be an agreement between the board of commissioners, sheriff and the school corporation. Brown stated that funding for the rest of the year was approved by the council, but no agreement has been approved by the commissioners. Lindsey will work on an agreement for the next meeting.

**New Business**

**St. Meinrad Picnic – Road Closing**

St. Meinrad Catholic Church is requesting that 4<sup>th</sup> St. to Brewery Street be closed from 7:00 A.M. Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. for the church picnic. Brown made a motion to approve the road closing. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**See You At the Pole**

Bethel Christian Center is requesting permission to use the courthouse lawn on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. for See You At The Pole. Brown made a motion to approve use of the courthouse lawn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Lamar Conservancy District Appointment**

Lamar Conservancy District is requesting the re-appointment of Jan Stein for a 3 year term expiring in 2021. Brown made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Jan Stein to the Lamar Conservancy District Board. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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

**Roof Drain**

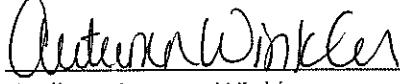
Auditor Winkler stated that she spoke with the City of Rockport and they said we have to get the roof drains fixed as soon as possible. Michael Stevenson with SJCA was in attendance and will meet with the maintenance man next week to look at the drains and work on a possible solution.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:44 P.M.

  
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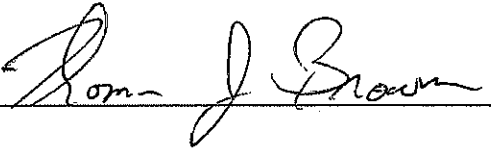
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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

  
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