

**Public Hearing – Temporary Road Closure
September 5, 2017**

Public Hearing was call to order by Commissioner President Jim Seiler at 2:00 P.M.

The public hearing is being held to hear any questions or concerns regarding closing SR 161 from Holiday Drive-In in Reo to the Blue Bridge from 6:45 A.M. til 9:30 A.M. on September 23rd for a 10K Marathon. There were no comments from the audience regarding the road closure. Brown made a motion to approve closing the road for the 10K marathon. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to close the public hearing. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Commissioners Meeting
September 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 August 1st and August 15th as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3657 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3650 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3659 as presented. Logsdon 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.

Highway Report

Kenney reported that Metzger Construction began work on CR 300N and will have about 1500 ton of blacktop laid today. Mulzer will lay about 1100 ton of rock on CR 600N so the chip and seal crew can complete that road. They just completed a 2700 ft. stretch of chip and seal on CR 160W and will be moving to Gries Rd., CR 2100N, and CR 600E to put chip and seal overlay on those roads. They are laying rip rap on CR 2200N and CR 2100N and a grader will be sent up tomorrow to start rolling back the sides to widen everything out.

Attorney Lindsey drafted a resolution regarding road/bridge closures. Kenney provided Lindsey with a list of proposed closures for the resolution and the next step will be to notify all adjoining landowners and hold a public hearing. Attorney Lindsey made sure the board is aware that if we choose to close a county road we will no longer be allowed to spend money on that road and will have to remove it from the road inventory which will then result in us no longer receiving funding from the state for that road. A public hearing was scheduled for October 3rd at 3:00 P.M.

Logsdon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-02. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Notice will be sent to all landowners.

Legal Report

Attorney Lindsey presented Resolution 2017-03 condemning racism of any form in Spencer County. Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-03. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Attorney Lindsey presented an Unsafe Building Flow sheet that can be used as a check list for the county to keep track of the process enforcing unsafe building laws. Lindsey suggested that we do a similar type of flow chart for the property maintenance ordinance.

Old Business

Cash Waggoner Agreement – Cornerstones

Brown made a motion to approve the agreement with Cash Waggoner to begin marking our section corners. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Veteran Service Officer

Brown made a motion to appoint Butch Meredith as the new Veteran Service Officer. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. It was discussed that the board would like to possibly hire an additional part time person to be in the office and assist the V.S.O. The board will request an additional appropriation for October to fund another part-time position.

Debbie Steinkamp – Solid Waste District

Steinkamp came to inform the board that the property owner in Hatfield that was given notice to clean up their property within a certain time frame has not cleaned up the property and it is past the deadline. Steinkamp is requesting to proceed with hiring a contractor to clean up the property if funding is available in the Property Maintenance Fund. After the property is cleaned up the county will pay the contractor and a bill will be sent to the property owner. If the owner does not pay the bill a lien will be placed against the property. The property is up for tax sale in September and Auditor Winkler stated that a concern she has is that the lien should not be placed against the property if it sales at the tax sale, because it is not an expense that the new buyer should be responsible for. Logsdon asked if the Sheriff would be willing to contact the property owner and explain the possible legal and financial burdens that will come if they do not clean it up and McDurmon stated he would be happy to speak with the owner. Logsdon attempted to contact the owner with no success. He feels if we discuss this with him again he will take action and clean it up. The property owner called back and spoke with Logsdon and Sheriff McDurmon and stated the container has been ordered for cleanup.

Steinkamp stated the second property on her list is being worked on. She has spoke with the property owner and they are trying to clean it up and have requested another month to work on it.

The third property is owned by an individual that recently passed away and he had no will listing who the property would go to. The mother of the owner does not want the property and stated it would take more to clean it up than it's worth. Attorney Lindsey stated that even though the parents do not want the property the way the law works is that if an individual passes away and has no will, is not married and has no children, then the property goes to the parents. Steinkamp will contact the mother and let her know that her understanding is that the property would now belong to her and see what her plans are.

The remainder of the properties that Steinkamp had listed previously has either been cleaned up or still need to be cleaned up, but there is really no funding for it.

Reverend Cotton from the Hatfield United Methodist Church and other concerned citizens of Hatfield were in attendance to see what plans the county had for cleanup in Hatfield. They have been working with the Catalyst Group and a 501c3 has been formed to hopefully allow them more access to funding to assist with cleanup. Cotton informed the board that he had presented paperwork to the council a few months ago about the blight program with the state and that Indiana was listed as one of the most blighted states in the nation. Cotton stated that Indiana was given 75 million dollars for blighted property cleanup and that Spencer County was awarded \$5,737,500.00 of that 75 million. His question is why do we have no money for cleanup if that money is available? The board was unaware of that funding being available and will check with Indiana 15 about if we are eligible to apply.

Joint Insurance Committee Meeting

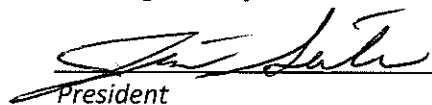
Brown stated that he spoke with the council at their last meeting and an insurance committee meeting was scheduled for September 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Ryan Gogel – Santa Claus Historical Campground 5K

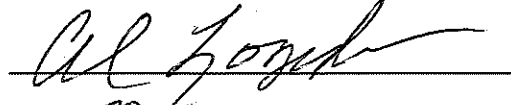
Gogel is requesting CR 1675N and CR 625E be closed for approximately 30 minutes on September 23rd for a 5K to benefit the Santa Claus Historical Campground. Logsdon made a motion to approve the closing of CR 1675N and CR 625E on September 23rd from 8:00-8:45 A.M. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Sheriff McDurmon was in attendance and will assist with traffic.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.



President



Al Gogel

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler



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