

Commissioners Meeting
March 5, 2019

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Al Logsdon, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler, Highway Administrator Gina Mullen, Larry Dale Kenney

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

Award Bank Bid

Attorney Lindsey explained to the board and audience that the awarded bank bid at the February 19th meeting was placed on hold after the meeting due to some discrepancies. Lindsey went on to explain that while reviewing the bids it was clear that Freedom Bank had the highest rate, but the bid was not clearly read and it appeared that they were not providing a courier, which was a requirement of the bid. Due to that conclusion, the bid was awarded to the next highest rate at Hoosier Hills Credit Union that clearly stated a courier service in the bid. Another issue is that the bid was awarded around 2:45 P.M. instead of 3:15 P.M. as stated on the agenda and the bank representatives were not present to explain their bids at that time. Freedom Bank arrived after the bid was awarded and stated that it was included in their bid that they would provide a courier and they did have the highest rate. The bids were placed on hold until today for further discussion and to allow the bank representatives the opportunity to answer questions about their bids. Lindsey informed the board that there are 2 legal ways to proceed with this bid; they can award the bid to Freedom Bank, because they have the highest rate and can fulfill all the terms in the bid specs, or they can reject all the bids. Representatives from Hoosier Hills Credit Union and Freedom Bank addressed the board. Brown made a motion to approve Freedom Bank. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #4014 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Hwy Report

Kenney reported that he has not installed the culvert on St. Peter's Church Rd. yet due to the weather, he hopes to get it installed next week.

They have been doing some ditch work and putting down rip rap on CR 600E between CR 1300N and CR 1450N and on CR 1250N between CR 600E and 245.

Kenney and Mullen presented a proposed bid from Cash Waggoner for the project in St. Meinrad on CR 1250E. They explained that they have funding available in the MVH fund that can be transferred to cover this project if approved, but they might have to request additional funding later in the year if they run short. Seiler said if this road is a CEDIT road, can't we take it out of the CEDIT fund. There was discussion about which fund would be better to take it from. Brown made a motion to accept the Cash Waggoner bid and to proceed with the project. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon made a motion for the hwy dept to determine MVH or CEDIT by the next meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Auditor Winkler presented the request from Bill Fike for an unpaid leave of absence for 60 days for commissioner review. Brown made a motion to approve a 60 day unpaid leave of absence. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Victor Ippoliti - Prosecutor

Ippoliti came before the board to request permission for his employees to work 40 hours a week for 6 months and also to create a flexible schedule for his employees. He is requesting an additional appropriation on March 19th for the additional hours for the 6 month period. The new schedule is for employees to work only 4 days a week, but it will be created in a way that the office remains open every day. Brown made a motion to approve the 40 hours for a 6 month period and the flex schedule moving forward. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kelli Reinke – Sheriff

Reinke informed the board that the previous administration purchased a new convection oven at the end of the year and was going to sell the old one for \$500.00. Reinke felt there was a proper way to handle disposing of the oven and it was decided that we would try to get bids from parties interested in purchasing the oven; one bid was submitted. Attorney Lindsey opened the sealed bid for the oven which was from Ferdinand Processing for \$510.00. Brown made a motion to award the bid to Ferdinand Processing for \$510.00. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Reinke addressed the request for an unpaid leave of absence from Ron Heady and stated that it leaves the department in a bad situation being down an employee. Heady has already utilized his FMLA leave; this would be an extended leave. Reinke stated she spoke with Heady and he wants to come back, but physically cannot and doesn't go back to the doctor for a few weeks. Brown made a motion to approve a 60 day unpaid leave of absence. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Reinke informed the board she is interested in participating in a County Law Enforcement Student Engagement Program. The sheriff's dept would check up on students enrolled in virtual school that are no longer participating as they should to assist and encourage them to get reengaged in their studies. There are currently 50 students enrolled in the virtual school and the school will pay the sheriff's dept \$500.00 per month to participate in this program. Out of the 50 students there may only be a small number that is not engaged and will need contact.

River City Wireless

Rodney Nicholson came to discuss with the board his proposal to obtain space on the county owned tower in Chrisney. Lindsey explained that to be transparent we will need to advertise specs of what we're willing to do and get bids on what providers will offer us for that space. Lindsey stated that he sent the information Nicholson provided to Charlie McIntyre and McIntyre said it would not interfere with any of the emergency communications. Brown made a motion to proceed with bidding out space on the tower. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Veteran Service Officer – Butch Meredith

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

Legal Report

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2019-02 regarding septic systems for second reading. Brown made a motion to table until April 16th to allow the health dept task force time to work on it. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

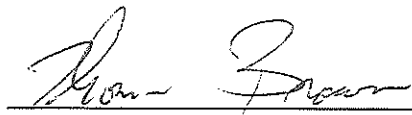
Lindsey received the revised proposal on the Verizon tower lease; we can now proceed with getting the property appraised. After getting an appraisal we would request permission from the council to enter into a more than 3 year lease. Brown made a motion to proceed. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

An Executive Session was scheduled for March 19th at 1:00 P.M. to discuss the lawsuit filed by Allie Cat Allies and Ms. Woodson.

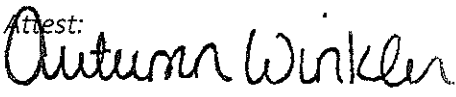
Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 P.M.



President



Ron Brown

Attest:




Al Logsdon

Auditor, Autumn Winkler 