Commissioners Meeting December 6th, 2019

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Al Logsdon, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Heidi Greene

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

Minutes

No minutes presented.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #4243, 4235, 42229, 4228, 4232, 4231, 4223, 4224, 4226, 4222, 4237, 4240, 4239, 4245 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

VSO Report

Meredith reports he has met with several veterans in the past two weeks. He has assisted them in several ways, such as filing claims, helping families with burial benefits and assisting the veteran in filing for property exemptions. Meredith states that he continues to sell the American flag as he has done in the previous year. Meredith states he looks forward to serving the county and its veterans in the upcoming year.

Hwy Report

Kenney states that in the past couple of weeks the crews have been filling wash outs and grading roads. Kenney states they are trying to stay ahead of the weather, which has not been bad except for the rain.

Indiana Region 15

Tara Damin with Indiana Region 15 states she wanted to give an update on the grant that the county will be applying for. Damin stated that the deadline for the grant application is December 13th, 2019. She states that she has been meeting with Gina at the highway department. Damin states that this is for areas on Hwy 231 from county roads 500-800. She states the county's portion of money will be a 20% match due in approximately 14 months. Logsdon made a motion to have Damin apply for this grant by December 13th, 2019. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.

2020 Census

Rebecca Valois is here today to represent the United States Census Bureau. She states that 2020 will be a census year and she is asking the commissioners to participate in helping spread the word about the census. Valois asks that a commissioner be a representative for the census. She is in hopes to have a committee of town trustees, librarians, superintendents, the public and commissioners. Al Logsdon states he will help on a committee and Butch Meredith also stated he will help. A meeting was set for December 13th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Valois states she is excited to start the census and looks forward to the meeting on the 13th.

Sheriff Reinke

Sheriff Reinke requests that the commissioners allow her to implement a 12 hour shift for her deputies. Reinke states this will allow her deputies to have more weekends off and time to spend with family. She states that several counties have went to the Panama Schedule and it seems to work well. The commissioners asked how the paid time off would be work. Would it be on an 8 hour day or a 12 hour day? Reinke states she would like it to be day per day. Attorney Lindsey states he will get with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates to discuss how this needs to be handled.

Legal Report

Lindsey reports that there has been a rezoning application filed on the former Jack Robinson office. It seems it will become a halfway house for women. Lindsey states if there is any objections there will be a meeting held on December 11th, 2019. Lindsey stated he didn't see any problem with this property being rezoned.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 P.M.