#### Commissioners Reorganizational Meeting January 2, 2014

#### Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by Auditor Lynam at 8:00 A.M. **President** 

First order of business was nominations for President. Toler made a motion to nominate David Gogel for President. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. The meeting was turned over to President Gogel.

#### Vice-President

*Toler made a motion to appoint Al Logsdon as Vice-President. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion approved.* 

#### Attorney

Toler made a motion to appoint Jeff Lindsey as Attorney. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### **Courthouse Custodian**

Logsdon made a motion to nominate Ruth Selzer as Courthouse Custodian. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### **Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor**

Toler made a motion to appoint Milton Pledger as Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# Veterans Service Officer

Toler made a motion to appoint Dean Knepper as Veterans Service Officer. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### Highway Superintendent

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Chuck Painter as Highway Superintendent. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### Chip and Seal Foreman

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Max Talbott as Chip and Seal Foreman. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

## Cum Bridge Foreman

Toler made a motion to appoint Charles Lee as Cum Bridge Foreman. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### **Office Manager**

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Cindy Painter as Office Manager. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### Road Clerk

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Kay Erwin as Road Clerk. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### **Building Commissioner**

Toler made a motion to appoint Phil Brown as Building Inspector. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

#### Assistant Building Inspector

Toler made a motion to appoint Darren Ewing as Assistant Building Inspector. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

### EMA Advisory Board (Commissioner Member)

Logsdon made the motion to appoint Gogel as the EMA Advisory Board Commissioner Member. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# Indiana Region 15 (Commissioner Member)

Toler made the motion to appoint Logsdon as the Indiana Region 15 Commissioner Member. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

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# Child Protective Services (Commissioner Member)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Toler as the Child Protective Services Commissioner Member. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. LEDC (Commissioner Member)

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Logsdon made a motion to appoint Toler as the LEDC Commissioner Member. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# LEDC Joint Appointment with Council

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Larry Harlen as the LEDC Joint Appointment with Council. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. Redevelopment Commission (3 Members)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Paul Brockman as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Scott Singleton as a member to the Redevelopment Commission. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Toler made a motion to appoint Deann Siegel as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. Redevelopment Commission (One nonvoting school representative)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint David Waninger as the nonvoting school representative to the Redevelopment Commission. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# Chamber of Commerce (Commissioner Member)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Toler as the Chamber of Commerce Commissioner Member. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. Advisory Plan (Commissioner Member)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Toler as the Advisory Plan Commissioner Member. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# Advisory Plan (2 Citizen Members) 4 year appointments 2014-2017

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Nathan Helms and Bob Reinke to the Advisory Plan Commission. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Board of Zoning Appeals (2 Citizen Members) 4 year appointments 2014-2017

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Jerry Embrey and Neil Collignon to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. Solid Waste Board (Incorporated Town Board Member)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Karen Waninger to the Solid Waste Board as the Incorporated Town Board Member. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# American Disabilities (Commissioner Member)

Toler made a motion to appoint Logsdon as the American Disabilities Commissioner Member. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. Interlocal Board (Commissioner Member)

Toler made a motion to appoint Gogel to the Interlocal Board as the Commissioner Member. Logsdon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. ABC Board

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Tom Fleischman to the ABC Board. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved PTABOA (2 members)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Jerry Schue and Ron Magnus to the PTABOA. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# Spencer County Animal Control Board (Commissioner Member)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Gogel as the Commissioner Member to the Animal Control Board. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

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# Spencer County Animal Control Board (Humane Society Member)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Joy Zook as the Humane Society Member to the Spencer County Animal Control Board. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# Spencer County Animal Control Board (Rural at Large Member)

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Susan Waterman as the Rural at Large Member of the Spencer County Animal Control Board. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

# Spencer County Board of Health

Logsdon made a motion to appoint Dr. Susan Martin to the Spencer County Board of Health. Toler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. **Meeting Days and Times** 

Toler made a motion to have the Commissioners meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:15 A.M. and the third Tuesday of the month at 1:15 P.M. with the following exceptions: The first meeting in February will be scheduled on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15 A.M. The first meeting in May will be scheduled for Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M. The first meeting in November will be scheduled for Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M. The second meeting in November will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th at 1:15 P.M. The first meeting in December will be scheduled for Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15 A.M. The last meeting in December will e scheduled for Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15 P.M. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Roberts Rules of Order Modified

Logsdon made a motion to conduct meetings following Robert Rules of Order Modified. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

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## Commissioners Meeting January 7, 2014

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Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey,

# Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 8:44 A.M. Minutes

Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

## **Highway Report**

Painter reported that he had received an estimate on replacement for Bridge #253; open grate, steel deck, this is strictly for the material. This bridge was the number one bridge for replacement on the Bridge Replacement Report. He asked if the Commissioners wanted to go ahead with the project.

Toler made a motion to go ahead and bid out the construction on Bridge #253. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Painter explained that William Deom was looking to purchased some property and wanted to open up old 600 E west of the Country Club for access to the property. We need to know who can give him permission to open it up. We don't know if the road was ever vacated or not. Logsdon said we need to table this discussion until Attorney Lindsey, Santa Claus Attorney, Kevin Patmore, and the Christmas Lake Property Association have a chance to look into the matter further to see what action is warranted.

Logsdon said he had received a call from Ray Striegel with the Dale Town Council and they would let the county use the salt building for storage.

### **Engineer Report**

Lloyd said she had contacted Rusty Fowler with INDOT regarding the meeting that has never taken place concerning the drainage issues north of Chrisney, on old 231. He responded that he would get back in touch with her later. She explained that she was going to Vincennes to present on the FA3 application for the overpass on 700 N. Lloyd said that she thought Fowler would be in attendance and she intended to speak to him again about setting up the meeting. Gogel said if she talked to him to ask about the status of the 245 project. Logsdon asked that she try to get a copy of the State snow routes so we can better answer questions from our taxpayers when they come up.

## **Chris Middleton-Insurance Renewal**

Middleton explained that this was the last year of a 3 year policy; with this policy we have received rate guarantees. We had losses in 2013 of 49%, 2012 was 26%, and in 2011 it was 8%. For comparison, in 2013 the premium was \$162,802 which included a longevity credit and a 5% loss history credit. In 2014 the premium is \$176,966 which includes a longevity credit but the 5% loss history credit didn't apply because of our 49% loss. After more discussion Logsdon made a motion to approve the insurance renewal at \$176,966. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### Legal Report

Lindsey reported that he had sent a lease to the Prosecutor for the therapy dog, Solomon, and hoped to have it for the Commissioners next meeting.

Lindsey explained that he hasn't heard anything further on the property at the old 231 plaza. Logsdon said he received an email from Richard Tullis concerning the discharge of a substance called Tannerite. The Sheriff's office had been called twice and the family was told there were no ordinances to take care of the situation. Tullis wanted to know if there was some type of ordinance that the county could enact that would prohibit discharging this type of ammo close

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to homes and state or county highways. After much discussion the Commissioners asked that Attorney Lindsey check into it to see what he could find out.

#### **Lieberman Contract**

Lindsey said he had checked over the contract and everything was in order. Toler made a motion to accept the Lieberman Contract. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved. **Cobra Rates** 

Logsdon made a motion to approve the max rates at \$607.25. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### Holiday & Pay Schedule 2014

Logsdon made a motion to approve the 2014 Holiday and Pay Schedule as presented by the Auditor. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### **Lindsey Contract**

Lindsey presented a proposal for the Commissioners approval, his proposal was for \$35,000 out of the \$36,050 that was actually budgeted and an increase in the hourly fee from \$144. to \$155. Toler made a motion to approve Lindsey's' 2014 contract based on his proposal. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### Marsha Bantle

Bantel had sent an email resigning from the Luce township regional sewer board due to health concerns. This is a Commissioners appointment and has a term of 4 years. Lindsey will check to see if anyone is interested in filling the vacancy.

Logsdon made a motion to accept the resignation. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved. **ESPY Services** 

#### Tabled until the next meeting

**Spencer County Tourism Commission** 

Kendell Thompson had sent a letter to the Commissioners stating that Danielle Dowland did not wish to remain in her position with the Spencer County Tourism Commission. Thompson recommended Nancy Kaiser be appointed to fill the position.

Logsdon made a motion based on the recommendation of Kendell Thompson to appoint Nancy Kaiser. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### **December Meeting**

Logsdon made a motion to have the second Commissioners meeting in December on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Toler second the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 A. M.

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#### Commissioners Meeting January 21, 2014

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

#### Absent: Tara Lloyd

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Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:37 P.M. Minutes

Gogel said we needed to insert the word single in the max cobra rates, and the hourly rate in Lindsey's' contract needed to be changed to \$140 and \$150 instead of \$144 and \$155. Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes with the two noted corrections. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### **Highway Report**

Painter reported that Pioneer Oil had called and asked to move some equipment from 350 to Old State; he told them to go ahead and move the equipment while the ground was frozen, and then call and get the paper work lined up to bond the roads.

Logsdon asked when they would let the bids for Bridge # 253. Painter said as soon as he gets a set of plans, they will proceed.

#### Legal Report

Lindsey said he had done some research on County Road 600 E near the Village; at the time the town was incorporated the law was such that the town owned to the middle of the road on one side and the county would own to the middle of the road on the other side. There was no vacating or closing of that little segment of the road. It is still a public right-of-way, just not maintained by either the town or the county. He spoke to the land owners and they indicated they would probably improve the county portion of the road for access. After discussion concerning county liability Logsdon asked Lindsey to contact the manager of the property association and their attorney to let them know what had been requested. Logsdon also asked Lindsey to let the Commissioners know the legal process of vacating the road and how long it would take at the next meeting.

Gogel asked about the lease for Solomon and Lindsey responded that he had talked to the Prosecutor but had not received any follow up.

Lindsey then reported that he had received a response from Kent Irwin with regard to the Sheriff's Department SOP's and the differences with the Personnel Manuel. He has spoken to the Sheriff and his Deputy and will have further discussions about getting the issues resolved. The issue concerning Tannerite, Lindsey felt we could possible regulate its use, but wanted to do further research.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

A conflict of interest statement for David Waninger was presented for the Commissioners signatures.

Logsdon made a motion to sign the conflict of interest statement for David Waninger. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

A conflict of interest statement for Ken Schaaf was presented for the Commissioners signatures. Toler made a motion to sign the conflict of interest statement for Ken Schaaf. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### **New Business**

To reinstate the Cum Bridge Tax Rate Lindsey explained that we would have to set a hearing date, and publish notice, two weeks in a row to get the process started; the soonest date would be February 18<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon made a motion to have the first hearing on the re-establishment of the Cum Bridge Tax Rate to its original amount on February 18, 2014. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

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Logsdon reported that at the Health Insurance Committee meeting earlier via telephone conference that the annual required health screenings for employees and spouses was set for Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>. Screenings will be performed by Deaconess and overseen by SIHO; a flyer will be sent out to let everyone know the dates and times.

#### **Old Business**

Citizens concerned about the turkey farm operation in Luce Township were present and spoke to the Commissioners. Steve Obermeier passed out an informational copy of correspondence that was sent to IDEM for the Commissioners to read. He said the letter addresses two concerns; the first being the aquifer and the second are items specific to the farm itself. Obermeier pointed out the fact that a new septic system was just recently put in the area and now people want to spread manure on the ground so that seems to be contradictory to the reason for putting in the septic system. At the meeting with IDEM, a utility board member asked if IDEM could assure us 100% that the aquifer would not be polluted and the answer was they could not give us that assurance.

## Nathan Held-Region 15

Nathan Held presented an update on the St. Meinrad Water Project; they are 98% complete, with only a few minor things to finish up. They hope to be completely done by the last of January, latest date would be February. A total of \$425,037.31 in grant funds has been drawn down and disbursed to date in accordance with state fiscal policies and procedures. Held explained that we are at the time of year that all the semi-annual reports are due, so I have reports that need to be signed. First the St. Meinrad Sub-Recipient Semi Annual Report was presented for signatures. Logsdon made a motion to approve the signing of the Sub Recipient Report for St. Meinrad. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved. Fulda Sewer Project Sub Recipient Report was presented for signatures. Logsdon made a motion to approved. Luce Township Regional Sewer Project Sub-Recipient Semi Annual Report was presented for signatures. Toler made a motion to approve the signing of the Sub-Recipient Semi Annual Sewer Report. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved. Luce Township Regional Sewer Project Sub-Recipient Semi Annual Report was presented for signatures. Toler Report. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### Old Business (cont.)

Obermeier stated that spreading of the manure would contain a threat of contamination of the aquifer by pathogenic bacteria. Once this contamination occurs it would be difficult, if not impossible to clean up.

Larry Blair stated that IDEM seemed to be comfortable with this being a sound environmental operation. Blair stated that Byron Stallings has a request for an Environmental Impact Study, because we don't think there has ever been one done in Indiana. Logsdon asked how IDEM could do an Environmental Impact Study if there has never been one done on soil comparable to ours. Blair responded that if one has been done we would like to see the data and if one has never been done we want to get one done. Blair said he didn't think they were getting much from their elected officials.

Gogel explained that since this was first brought to the Commissioners attention that Logsdon has done extensive research on the subject, both by reading materials pertinent to the subject and talking to people in the field who could help us understand the situation better.

Byron Stallings said he felt that we need to decide now, are we going to protect the aquifer. This turkey farm probably won't pollute the aquifer, but once you let them in where do you draw the line.

Fred Isaac spoke of his concern about property values with the turkey farm in such close proximity to residential areas.

Frank Dowdy lives in Winchell Subdivision which is only 6/10's of a mile from the turkey farm and he also voiced concerns about the property values.

Terry Smith said his concern was something that hadn't even been discussed. His sister-in-law has been diagnosed with histoplasmosis from breathing in the dust created by chicken manure.

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She grew up on a farm where they raised chickens and all the children helped with the chores, years later she was diagnosed with the histoplasmosis. We all know that once they spread this manure and work it into the ground dust will be created which could travel for miles. This should be considered as a concern also.

Edie Weber said she had a daughter with a medical problem that is made worse by the dust and smell from the turkey by products.

Carl Woolard spoke and said that when they attended the meeting with IDEM and asked about inspections they were told they would have one in the first 6 months and then one every five years. He asked how IDEM could accurately monitor the situation if they were only going to inspect every five years.

John McBride said his main concern was the smell that the turkey farm would generate, not only the manure but the dead birds that would have to be disposed of.

Byron Stallings said at the meeting with IDEM they were told that if they didn't want the turkey farm here their best defense was at the local level.

Obermeier said he spoke to Travis Goodwin with IDEM about the long term effect on the aquifer and he couldn't tell him anything because they haven't been dealing with CFO's very long. Logsdon said when Mr. Goodwin spoke about working at the local level, the department set up to protect us, is our Zoning Board of Appeals, the proper work was done there. A few years ago when a large swine operation was going to operate in the Midway area we demanded that the setback from the nearest house be almost doubled in comparison to what the state required so, we do listen to what you say. Logsdon explained that he has read all types of material on the subject and talked to people in various departments who deal with this subject matter on a daily basis and will continue to study the subject. As a Commissioner and President of the Drainage Board he is very concerned about well head protection.

Logsdon said we have to ask ourselves some questions; What is farming, is it corn and soybeans, or is it a dairy operation, a poultry operation. We do live in a farming county. If I was adamantly opposed to everything, how do you legally stop it, those are the questions we have to ask ourselves. We will have to work through it.

If the Parker Farm goes into operation, based on what we've seen, there will be more and more organic material spread on farm fields throughout the county. How do you regulate it, how do we protect it. We need to protect our water, our health, and we do live in America. If it isn't protected or denied by a law I don't know how you deny it. We are hearing, we are concerned, and we are trying to find out what needs to be done. We can't make a decision that will lead to a lawsuit that we would lose. We can't make a rule that somebody can't do something if we don't have the right to make that rule.

Fred Isaac asked what can be done to keep this type of operation away from a populated area. Lindsey explained that the community could incorporate and then you could extend zoning out to include a two mile fringe, and in that two mile fringe you can erect barriers to those types of operations; anything existing would be grandfathered in.

After much more discussion Logsdon said we need to put our heads together to figure out how to protect ourselves five to ten years down the road.

Gogel thanked everyone for the way they conducted themselves. He said the Commissioners would continue to study this and talk to the experts to learn how to protect the aquifer. Toler made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 P.M.

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Attest:

Auditor, Jane Lynam

#### Commissioners Meeting February 3, 2014

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

#### Absent: Chuck Painter

Meeting was called to order by President Gogel at 8:23 A.M. Minutes

Toler made a motion to approve the January  $2^{nd}$  minutes from the reorganizational meeting. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Toler made a motion to approve the January 21<sup>st</sup> minutes. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## Claims

Toler made a motion to approve Batch #2922 in the amount of \$338,930. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Stephanie Melton**

Melton presented a grant for the Commissioners signatures. This grant is the EMPG Competitive Grant, they had done away with this grant but decided to go ahead and divide it up between the 92 counties that made their 50 %. This is money that once everyone gets their 50% of salary reimbursement there was money left so they decided to divide it among the 92 counties. Logsdon made a motion to approve the EMPG Competitive Grant. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Engineer Report**

Lloyd reported that she had all the paper work for Pioneer Oil for the Road Bond in the amount of \$53,000, and for the truck hauling permit for the Commissioners signatures.

Toler made a motion to approve the road bonding for Pioneer Oil in the amount of \$53,000 and the truck hauling permit. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lloyd explained that when she went to INDOT to do the presentation on our federal aid application she didn't have time to talk to them about the drainage issues as she had planned. She has sent an email inquiring about both a time they will meet with us regarding the drainage issues on old 231 and the status of the 245 project.

Logsdon asked that since we have plowed old 231 north, as if the drainage issue had been corrected by INDOT and we accepted the road, by providing that service are we grandfathering the fact that we now own that road. Lindsey said he didn't think so, but if we wanted to, we could send the state a bill. Lloyd said our letter of acceptance was based upon the drainage issues being addressed, so we cleaned if off not to be negligent. Toler asked if it would be legal to hire a private contractor to do the job and bill them for it. Lindsey said he felt a letter to that effect would be helpful. Lloyd said she would work on a draft of the letter and get it to Lindsey. **Legal Report** 

Lindsey presented the Canine Lease Agreement for Solomon so he can be put on our insurance policy. Toler made a motion to accept the Canine Lease Agreement for the therapeutic dog for the Prosecutor's Office. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented a Summary of Services to the Commissioners for their consideration. Something he has been working on is an issue in the Treasurers' Office concerning delinquent property taxes owed by employees of civil taxing units in the county; school corporations, county government, cities & towns. We have been looking at the Statute and the Indiana Code requires civil taxing units to certify, twice a year to the Treasurer the name of all their employees; the Treasurer is then required to check tax delinquencies and if they find any property tax delinquencies they are supposed to certify back to the disbursing officer of the government entity and they are then required to periodically make deductions from the money due that person and pay that amount of the deduction to the County Treasurer.

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Because this is mandatory by Indiana Code 6-1.1-22-14 & 15 the Treasurer is going to start doing the certifications.

Gogel said he felt that since we are just starting this he thought it would be a good idea to send a courtesy letter from the Treasurer first to let everyone know what was going on.

Toler said he had spoken to Lieberman Technologies about putting wiring in the Commissioners room so we could add a TV monitor to look at GIS mapping, stuff like that for reference purposes.

Lindsey said he had sent the advertisement to the papers for the notice of the hearing on the Cum Bridge Fund.

Lloyd said she had put in an additional for 2 million dollars from CEDIT. She has also started the process with INDOT to get our RFP out for bridge inspections.

Lindsey said he had a jury trial in Perry County on March 4<sup>th</sup> so he won't be able to attend the meeting that day.

## Theresa Cail-Rezoning Petition

Cail was asking for the Commissioners approval on a rezoning petition in Hatfield. The petition was unanimously approved at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Plan Commission from R-1 to B-3. Toler made a motion to approve the rezoning petition, Ordinance No 2014-1. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### CR 300E

Lloyd wanted the Commissioners to know she had spoken to Vectren concerning the damage they are doing to the road while putting in a large line in that area. Once they are done Vectren will pay for the damage. Had we known the magnitude of the work when they started we would have made them bond the road. Logsdon said due to the scope of the work being done he felt we should have Vectren bond roads 1700 and 500 before they start there. **Old Business** 

#### Old Business

Chris Middleton told the Commissioners in reviewing their portfolio she tries to keep an eye on all the policies regularly. You have a policy, the Community Corrections program, for those who are participants, required to participate, while they are out getting their hours in, if one were to be injured they would be covered. This is an accident and health program based on the number of participants. Rates have gone up considerably so we started looking around. Maxim was the best when we originally started the policy, but we contacted Provident who works through Chubb. The rate from Maxim for 2014 came in at \$24.50 and we found the same coverage through Chubb for \$14.50. After discussion Logsdon made a motion to approve the change in carrier for our Special Risk Insurance as recommended by our agent Chris Middleton which will now be carried by Chubb Accident & Health Insurance.

#### Health Screenings

Logsdon reported that Health Screenings will be held on Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Garage and Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse. All employees have been notified, for scheduling at the Highway Garage they need to contact Cindy and for the Courthouse they need to contact Autumn. To help save the county money anyone who has had a physical or blood work in the last 45 to 60 days, if the Doctor sends the results to Autumn we will accept those results. Anyone on our insurance who wishes to stay on our insurance must participate in the screenings.

#### Appointments to the Spencer County Tourism Commission

Melissa Brockman requested that Mary Jeanne Schumacher and Kendell Thompson be reappointed to the Tourism Commission. Logsdon made a motion to reappoint, at Brockmans' request Schumacher and Thompson to the Tourism Commission. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Polling Places**

Harney had presented for the Commissioners signatures locations for polling places for the May 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

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Logsdon made a motion to approve the notice to voters on the location of polling places for the May 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved. **ESPY Services** 

Logsdon said he had talked to the Lawrence County Auditor about ESPY and she said they did a very professional job for them.

Logsdon made a motion to hire ESPY to review our telephone bills. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

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#### Commissioners Meeting February 18, 2014

# Present: David Gogel, Mickey Toler, Al Logsdon, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

# The meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M. **Public Hearing on Re-establishing the Cum Bridge Rate.**

Lindsey read the notice that was published in the county papers on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Floor was then opened for the public hearing and comments by the general public. Gogel explained that when the fund was originally established it was set at 10 cents, which was the max rate, and remained there until two years ago when we reduced that rate to raise money in the county general fund; and now we want to go back to the original 10 cent rate. There was no public comment offered. Logsdon made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014 establishing a Cum Bridge Fund. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved. Second reading will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the next regular scheduled meeting. **Minutes** 

Toler made a motion to accept the minutes from February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### Jane Stout

Stout explained that late last year the EMS,EMA and all fire chiefs had agreed to respond to neighboring counties on calls closest to us because we could get there quicker than the county where the call originates. We thought the problem had been taken care of, but there have been a few problems. I am asking that you enact the policy for Guidelines for Handling Out of County 911 Calls. I would like to make sure that the people in Spencer County are taken care of. Toler asked if we had perimeter mapping that would define the area we are talking about. Stout said she didn't know if there was, but it shouldn't be hard to come by. Logsdon made a motion to approve the Guidelines based on acceptance by the majority of the fire chiefs. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel will make sure that dispatch gets a copy of the guidelines.

#### Melissa Brockman-Innkeepers Tax Increase-Visitors Bureau

Brockman said she was here on behalf of the Tourism Commission of Spencer County. They would like to increase the County Innkeepers Tax from 4% to 5% to go into effect January 1, 2015. That will give our lodging time to set the rates this spring for next year without any conflicts. The increase, based on this year's budget would add \$80,000 to the Visitors Bureau operating budget. The Innkeepers Tax is a tax only on overnights and then this money is used to promote the County. Brockman said this information was presented to the Commissioners in order to keep them informed of what was going on.

**Tara Damin** with Clark Dietz was present to let the Commissioners know what they do and to offer any assistance they could provide now or in the future.

**Dan Rininger** with Commonwealth Engineers was present and spoke to the Commissioners about his concern for removing the business personal property tax.

# Highway Report

Painter said we probably had enough salt to last for one more snow event. Bottom ash is what we are out of. Logsdon said the EPA is supposed to rule by the end of the year, if the ruling comes down that it, bottom ash, is a hazardous material what will we use a s a substitute. Painter said we would have to use sand, and we will pay dearly for it.

Painter explained that we need to set a date to sit down for coffee and go over the equipment list. Work session was set for Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:30. We will post it on the door 48 hours prior to the meeting; we won't be making any decisions, just to let everyone know what we plan to do.

#### **Engineer Report**

Lloyd presented a copy of her biweekly report for the Commissioners consideration. She said that she had received a letter from INDOT, a notice of fact, that we did not receive funding for

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the overpass. INDOT suggested filing the papers again the next time INDOT has a call out for projects.

Lloyd presented a letter to INDOT that she and Attorney Lindsey worked on indicating that we had accepted the transfer of 231 contingent upon drainage issues being addressed: other than a notice from Rusty Fowler saying he turned it over to the legal department, we have seen no progress on this issue. Logsdon suggested just the last sentence be in bold, after that change go ahead and send the letter.

Lloyd explained that when Rusty Fowler called her to talk about 245 he said that the project was on a July letting for 2016. It is back on their plans; they are at a point now where they will have to re-bid out some design plans.

Logsdon said he felt we needed to send two letters, one to Rusty Fowler and his staff for assisting us in making sure old 231 is accepted, and one to Sue Ellsperman thanking her for her assistance in getting the 245 project back on track. Logsdon asked if CR 1400 was going to connect to 245, there is no culvert there, we need to know this. Is Old 245 going to be milled and what about access to CR 600 E will that be leveled out. Logsdon asked Lloyd to see if she could have some answers for them by the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Susan Harris-Treasurer

Harris just wanted to let the Commissioners know that she was losing an employee, and was asking to fill the position. After some discussion the Commissioners told her to go ahead and start the process to hire the new employee and thanked her for following the handbook policies. **Legal Report** 

Lindsey said he had been contacted by the Prosecutor with a request concerning Ordinance 2002-2, Bad Check Policy, with regards to changing the wording to: shall be delivered monthly to the Spencer County Auditor in the manner of fees collected by County Officers, for deposit by the Spencer County Treasurer.

Toler made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2014-3, an amendment of Ordinance 2002-2, for first reading. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey then presented a Resolution concerning doing away with the Business Personal Property Tax; we want to let Governor Pence know that Spencer County is strongly opposed to that plan. Logsdon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-01. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Old Business**

After discussion Commissioners decided to wait on having ESPY Services do a telecommunications audit. Toler will check with Dave Hanson from AT&T to see what they can do for us.

#### **New Business**

Gogel asked Lindsey to look into the management of 911 and exactly what is allowed. In some counties they have a Communications Board that works in an advisory capacity to operate the 911 system and all communications systems. Is there a state code that says who is responsible for running the 911 system, because ultimately the buck stops with the Commissioners. Logsdon said we could find out by asking the Association of County Commissioners, we can ask which County Commissioners have exerted their influence where they are now in charge of the dispatch center. Lindsey will see what information he can find and report back.

Toler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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#### Commissioners Meeting March 4, 2014

Present: David Gogel, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

#### Absent: Al Logsdon

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 8:30 A.M. Claims

Toler made a motion to approve Batch 2932 in the amount of \$293,087.20. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Highway Report**

Painter reported that due to the weather his overtime budget has pretty well been used up. He said he felt he would probably make it through the end of the year, but might have to go back and ask for additional money for overtime later. We have enough salt to make it through one more snow; we can't get anymore now so hopefully we won't need it. We have used all the salt we had stored in Dale; we really need to look at some type of storage for salt at the highway garage location.

#### **Engineer Report**

Lloyd presented a road bond for Vectren on County Roads 500 E and 1700 N. She said they requested the cash bond be waived and let them post a 100% surety bond; the total bond would be \$150,000. Toler made a motion to waive the cash portion of the bond and accept the surety bond for Vectren. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Toler made a motion to accept the road bond and the truck hauling permit for Vectren. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was granted.

Lloyd said she had changed the letter as requested by the Commissioners concerning the drainage issues on 231 and sent it on to INDOT.

Lloyd presented her official letter of resignation to the Commissioners effective March 20<sup>th</sup>. She explained that it was a hard decision to make, but it was just time to move on. She plans to help with getting some loose ends tied up before she leaves on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Toler, Gogel and Lindsey all thanked her for all the work she has done for the county and wished her luck in her new job. Toler asked if they could get a CEDIT five year projected list from her before she leaves and she said she would get that done for them.

#### Bridge 253-Bid Opening

Engineer Estimate was \$49,948.00; money will come from Cum Bridge Fund. There was only one bid from Youngblood Farms for Bridge 253 in the amount of \$51,958.00. Because it was the only bid and it was within the 10% range of the Engineers Estimate Toler made a motion to accept the bid from Youngblood Farms for Bridge 253 in the amount of \$51,958. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Lloyd said she would work with Painter about getting out the notice to proceed.

Toler asked about patching and Painter replied that once the weather clears up we will get started and we will have a lot of work to do, this winter has not been kind to the roads. We will have lots of pipe to be replaced where it has pulled apart due to the freezing and thawing. Painter said his suggestion would be to pave the roads that were chip and seal rather than going back and doing chip and seal again. I realize we can't do them all that way, but it just seems to make more sense to do as many of them as we can that way; that's my suggestion. Legal Report

Lindsey presented the Cum Bridge Fund Ordinance 2014-03 for second reading. Toler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-03 on the second reading. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Lindsey then presented Resolution 2014-04, a Resolution with regards to expenditures from the AK Steel Settlement Funds for Ice Miller in the amount of \$19,314.40 and \$5,850.75 and Lindsey Law Office in the amount of \$1,440.77. Toler made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-04. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented a copy of the annual report from the Redevelopment Commission required by Indiana Statute for the Commissioners consideration.

A contract with Sheriff Kermit Lindsey was presented for the Commissioners approval setting his salary at \$90,000, the same as it has been for the last eight years. Toler made a motion to accept the contract with Sheriff Lindsey. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Lindsey's next item was a letter he sent to the Commissioners regarding copy machines that contain hard drives, these hard drives retain 40 to 50,000 images. If when you trade your copier in or give it away you are passing those images on to the next person. Some material is sensitive on those hard drives and needs to be wiped clean or destroyed. Lindsey felt that destroying or wiping the hard drive clean should be a condition of getting rid of the machine. Commissioners asked Lindsey to draft a letter to send to all department heads regarding this matter.

Lindsey then handed out his list of services rendered for February for the Commissioners consideration.

# Mean Muggin Movers-County Road 350N

Randy and Jayne Wangler asked if something could be done to improve the condition of County Road 350 N maybe chip and seal or paved. They operate their business from that location now and are in the process of getting U-Hauls also at that location; would like to have a better road for their customers to travel. Commissioners will look at the road and see what could be done. **Old Business** 

#### **Telephone Contract**

Toler said he wanted to talk to Dave Hanson with AT&T again before we do anything; confirm we are on the same page. A phone call was made to Dave Hanson and he told us that he would have to do another contract to put in the migration clause that we asked for. Toler asked about doing an activity audit on our system, is it possible to get it done relatively quick since this contract expires on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Hanson said they could do a traffic study on the lines and as soon as we get the information to him they will put it into the system and get started. Toler said we're sure that there are lines in here that aren't being utilized. On the current contract with the Centrex system we now have we are committed to 100 lines, is that a bundle price or can we go down to say 60 lines. Hanson replied that it can be lowered; you can contract for any amount you want; you have to have a minimum of 11 lines in one location.

Toler asked if we could get an extension on the contract since we wouldn't know how many lines will be active until they do the activity study. We don't want to have to pay any additional charges because the contract has expired. Hanson said it couldn't be extended unless they had a signed contract; however it is unlikely they would change your rates for 30 days, so he felt we were safe for 30 days. Hanson explained that when he talked to Ann she told him that we would probably want to reduce the amount of lines and have a migration clause in the new contract. Due to this he would have to send it back and have it re-written and he wouldn't be able to get it back for at least two weeks. However he didn't think they would catch the billing change before we got everything taken care of. Toler asked what he needed from us to pursue this, to identify how many active lines we have. Hanson said we needed to send a request saying we want an activity study on these lines or if we want to do all the lines on the account all he needed was the account number. All this is going to do is give us a report telling us how many calls were made to and from this particular line. Keep in mind that you will have elevator lines, alarm lines, etc that won't show any usage.

Lindsey asked if we contract for 80 lines and in 2 months decide we need 85, will the additional 5 lines be at the same contractual rate as the 80? Hanson said yes it would be, you can always add lines, your commitment level remains the same, whatever the contract says, that's your commitment level, you can add additional lines at the same contractual rate.

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Lindsey asked about the migration clause, if we decide to go digital in the future for all or part of the lines will we still be locked in to this monthly charge for the balance of the 48 months. Hanson said the migration clause says if you decide at anytime during the contractual period to change types of service with AT&T you can do so without incurring any early termination charges. He said he would try to get the contract to us as soon as possible with a commitment of 75 lines and a migration clause.

#### **New Business**

Eric Sermersheim had requested to farm the ground owned by the County south of Huffman Drain again this year. Commissioners agreed to let him farm it this year, but next year they will put it out for bids. Toler made a motion to approve Sermersheim renting the property for 2014 with the caveat of change. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Lindsey will notify Sermersheim of the decision.

Lamar Conservancy District asked the Commissioners to reappoint Robert Mosby Sr. to the Lamar Conservancy District Board. Toler made a motion to reappoint Robert Mosby Sr. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

The Commissioners needed to certify to the State a Covered Bridge Certification. Toler made a motion to accept the Covered Bridge Certification. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Toler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

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#### **Commissioners Meeting** March 18, 2014

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M. Minutes

Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## **Highway Report**

Painter said we discussed earlier, at our work session, about looking at equipment how do you want to handle that. Logsdon said he thought we should take action on the equipment request that we had earlier; do you have a priority you want us to consider, what do you want to do first? Painter said he would like to have the two single axle trucks early enough to get them ready for chip and seal; \$200,000 should get what we need right now.

Logsdon made a motion to ask for an appropriation of \$225,000 out of the State Road Relinquishment Fund for 2 tractors and 2 single axle trucks for the Highway Department. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Painter then asked about going ahead and hiring 2 new employees. Gogel said it has been budgeted for, so go ahead and advertise per the policy in the personnel handbook.

#### **Engineer Report**

Lloyd passed out copies of the 2014 CEDIT Plan. She explained that if the Commissioners planned to move forward with this plan all the roads listed under new projects and the two roads under striping would have to be added to the CEDIT Plan.

Logsdon made a motion that all county roads listed under the heading new projects be added to the CEDIT Plan and be listed as CEDIT Roads for the improvements that are determined to be made on them for 2014. Toler seconded the motion, motion was granted.

Toler made a motion to add County Road 350 N and Base Road to the CEDIT Plan for striping. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the CEDIT Plan as listed for 2014 projects. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lloyd then passed out a five year projected plan and she is working on a ten year plan and expects to have that to them by tomorrow. Lloyd then explained that she is the ERC, Employee in Responsible Charge, person for Spencer County, since she is leaving there will be no one in this position, and you have to have someone in this position in order to get federal aid funding. She said the County needs to get a letter sent to INDOT to let them know that we are in the process of getting another ERC, but we will have a lull where we won't have anyone in that position, but will have someone at the class in October.

Lloyd then presented a list to each Commissioner with items that needed to be addressed.

- 1. She will forward the email to them from Daniel at DNR; he has narrowed down the list of trees.
  - 2. Continue work on bridge inspections.
  - 3. Make sure you advertise work being done on any road paving projects.
  - 4. Will make sure the girls in the office know where the bonds are located in case they need them.
  - 5. The roads that are going to be striped in the spring, someone will need to make a list for the stripers.
  - 6. Need to find out if it is required for a licensed engineer to prepare plans and specifications for bidding jobs. Lindsey will do research on this.
  - 7. Computer in the office is no longer working, but she has a new lap top that is fine for whatever needs to be done.
  - 8. Cell Phone and Wi-Fi Hot Spot at \$80.00 per month, do you want it shut off and then if you hire someone have them turned back on. Commissioners said to have them turned off. The PSCI email address should remain open; just have it forwarded to Kay and Cindy at the Highway email address.

Logsdon said we all know that Patronville Road from old 231 to Boonville Boat Club is a CEDIT Road. Earlier this morning we each recommended the possibility of designating portions of three Roads from each district so they could be improved with CEDIT funds, how do you put that on a

10 year plan, you don't put 300 S anymore you put 300 S from such and such to such and such. Lloyd said what you will see on the ones that are temporarily added will have temp next to it such as CR 1450N from 600 E to 475 E. In 2010 we did an HMA base on it and in 2011 we went back and did a chip and seal surface, because they are temporary I haven't put any future on it. You may or may not go back and remove them from the CEDIT plan.

#### Melissa Brockman-Tourism Commission-2013 Annual Report

Brockman explained that most of the information she presented was what we went over before, you just have the full year's figures now in front of you. The Council did agree to raise the Innkeepers Tax from 4% to 5% beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This information is just to keep you informed of what is going on.

# New Business

## Gay Ann Harney

Harney wanted the Commissioners to how that she needed a new filing system, it would be a three tab system like she currently has. She has three estimates on the system. Because of the weight that will be added, Ralph Pund with Universal Design will do the engineering study. If the study finds no problem she would like to go ahead with the middle estimate out of the three she received. Estimates she has are \$20,970 which is exactly like the system she now has, \$25,000 and \$15,840. She isn't asking for any money she will take it from the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund and part of the Clerk's IV-D Funds.

Gogel said just make sure the engineer clears it for the extra weight. Toler said to have him give us the maximum loading so we don't have to go through this again. There was much discussion about what to do for storage in the future for the courthouse. Harney then asked what to do with the case that she will be replacing. Lindsey said it would have to be declared surplus first and then she can find out what it is worth and go from there.

Harney then asked about using the Courthouse on September 20<sup>th</sup> for the Civil War Ball for the Friends of the Lincoln Pioneer Village.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the request to use the Courthouse for the Civil War Ball. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### Legal Report

Lindsey said he was still working on the 911 dispatch situation and will have a report by the next meeting. Gogel asked Lindsey to check into the IDACS coordinator also.

#### **New Business**

Logsdon asked who would make the decision on who would use the space the Extension Office is getting ready to vacate. Toler said the Commissioners were the ones that would make that decision.

#### **Appointment for Solid Waste Board**

Gogel explained that Kim Litkenhus, Town Clerk of Chrisney, had agreed to take the position on the Solid Waste Board. Toler made a motion to appoint Kim Litkenhus to the Solid Waste Board. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### Resignation

Commissioner Toler turned in his letter of resignation effective March 18<sup>th</sup>. He said it had been a pleasure to serve and regretted having to resign, but he needed to re-enter the private sector with his company Sceptre Mechanical. Logsdon and Gogel both said they hated to see him go because he was a real asset to the County. Logsdon said this would be a real loss to the County, but wished Toler the best.

## Ken Schaaf-Conflict of Interest

Logsdon made a motion to approve the conflict of interest. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### Jessica Richardson-Director of Child Services

Richardson has requested permission to hold their candle light vigil on the Courthouse Lawn on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 Central time. This year they want to place pinwheels on the front lawn and leave them for the month of April because April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the request for the use of the Courthouse lawn on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### Mowing Bids

Mowing bids need to be advertised so the Commissioners can open bids on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

#### **Potential Problem**

Logsdon said north of Chrisney on old 231 where the drainage ditch runs parallel to the highway until it gets right in front of county road 950 N where that road turns and makes a sharp turn to the east; it is eating out the shoulder next to 231 and that is going to erode and the road is going to fall in if something's not done.

He asked Painter how soon could we have your common sense approach to fixing it and find out if it will work or do we need to have something engineered to fix it? If we wait very long we are going to have a real problem. Painter said we can fix it, put rip rap in there and see if that will slow it down, if not we will have to do something else.; that is part of the drainage problem I wanted to talk to INDOT about.

Lloyd said she would send another email to Rusty Fowler. Logsdon said to see if he would meet Chuck there sometime this week and look at that because that's part of what we expect to be fixed; otherwise we are going to spend thousands of dollars trying to remedy that situation. Toler made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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