

**Commissioners Meeting
July 5, 2016**

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve claims batch #3347 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Kenney reported that CR 950E from SR 62 to SR 162 needs to be added to the 2016 CEDIT plan. Gogel made a motion to approve adding CR 950E to the CEDIT plan. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenny reported they have finished working on CR 350E and CR 500N. They are currently working on CR 475E between CR 1000 and CR 70, a railroad tanker will be delivered tomorrow to replace a culvert. The bridge crew is working on Long Johnnytown Road putting in blocks by a bridge to widen the road.

Elliot Englert – Indiana 15

Englert presented a draft of a financial letter of commitment to be submitted with the grant application for the Community Crossings Grant Program. This letter is required as part of the application and would require approval as soon as possible. There are some spots on the letter that are based on the road bid opening today and will be filled in when the bid is accepted. Gogel made a motion to approve the draft presented to be amended after the bid opening. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Englert explained the list of items he is finishing up to complete the application process and informed the board he is leaving Indiana 15. His plan is to have everything complete for our application by Friday, which is his last day. Lisa Gehlhausen can assist with anything else we may need.

Legal Report

Lindsey presented Resolution 2016-03 ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way for commissioner approval. The ADA transition plan was completed in 2015 by our building inspector, Phil Brown. This is just a resolution acknowledging and adopting this ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way. Seiler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-03. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented a proposed ordinance from Elaine Beatty with Morgan Stanley for a Deferred Compensation Plan for Sheriff's dept. employees. If accepted for first reading this would be ordinance 2016-09. After discussion it was determined that no one fully understood the difference between this plan and the current Hoosier Start Deferred Compensation plan or the need for something different. Gogel made a motion to table the ordinance for further discussion and research. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2016-09 Pre-Employment Policies and Procedures for commissioner review. There has been discussion about what procedures need to be followed before an employee is actively hired and working. This ordinance states that all applicants must complete an employee packet and pass a background check and drug screening if applicable before the first day of work. All offers of employment would be conditional until all necessary screening is complete. There have been issues in the past of individuals being hired and working for up to a week before the Auditor's office is even notified they were hired. This would prevent those situations. Gogel made a motion for first reading of Ordinance 2016-09 Pre-Employment Policies and Procedures. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Road Bid Opening**Mileage = 10.85 miles**

<u>Road</u>	<u>J.H. Rudolph & Co</u>	<u>E&B Paving</u>
CR 800E	\$46,708.45	\$49,187.10
CR 1740N	\$135,841.00	\$151,078.80
CR 475E	\$192,070.40	\$213,101.60
CR 350E	\$35,652.60	\$40,594.60
CR 950E	\$17,683.20	\$15,476.80
Finch Hill	\$95,691.75	\$109,192.50
<u>Fulda Shortcut</u>	<u>\$111,871.90</u>	<u>\$111,311.60</u>
Total Bid:	\$635,519.30	\$689,943.00

Seiler made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business**Dottie Childers – TLC Pals 4 Paws**

Childers emailed the board requesting permission to use the courthouse rotunda and bathrooms on September 16th and 17th from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. She oversees the Spirit of Rockport walk and needs a place to sell tickets and volunteers to change clothes. After discussion it was determined that TLC Pals 4 Paws could use the rotunda and bathroom after providing Proof of Insurance and signing a Hold Harmless Agreement. Seiler made a motion to approve the use of the rotunda and bathrooms on September 16th and 17th from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway – Award Bid

Kenney stated that after reviewing the bids they recommend we accept the bid from JH Rudolph & Co for \$635,519.30. Seiler made a motion to accept the bid from JH Rudolph & Co. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

The next set of bids will be awarded on August 2, 2016.

Ameresco

Logsdon presented the Ameresco Guaranteed Energy Savings Report from period 4/1/15-3/31/16. This is an annual saving report that just requires approval. Gogel made a motion to approve the Ameresco Guaranteed Energy Saving Report. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Unsafe Building

Logsdon reported that on July 15th at Hatfield United Methodist Church there has been a meeting setup with local ministers and other interested individuals to discuss unsafe buildings in that community. Logsdon stated that they requested he bring the unsafe building ordinance with him to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting; it is just an open forum for individuals to discuss possible plans of action to get Hatfield cleaned up. If the town would decide to incorporate it would give them the power to address cleaning up the properties. If the county gets involved it will require hiring someone to handle those duties and money to pay for possible legal fees and demolition. This is a process that will take time.

Insurance Renewal

Carolyn Beck with SIHO and Pete Franzman came to discuss the upcoming renewal and explain different plan changes we've made to save money. The insurance committee had a special meeting this morning and reviewed quotes for the upcoming renewal and has determined what recommendation they wish to make to the commissioner's. Beck also proposed a FONEMED service which is a 24/7 nurse line that employees can access anytime anywhere to ask medical questions. The hope is to better educate employees and get answers to questions that will possibly prevent unnecessary ER visits. The cost for this program is \$1.00 per employee per month. If this program could prevent one unnecessary ER visit it would pay for itself in a year. The insurance committee recommends starting this program. Seiler made a motion to approve the FONEMED system for one year beginning August 1st. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Beck also explained that there was discussion about implementing a narrower network. She will research and collect data on the possible savings this would provide and the possible negative impact on employees if implemented.

Pete Franzman explained that he bid out the term life insurance coverage that the county provides and found a lower premium for the same coverage at a new company. This will be the exact same coverage we have been providing, but will save us a small amount of money. The new company is Reliance Standard and Franzman requested that permission be given to the auditor or president of commissioners to sign any necessary documents. Gogel made a motion to approve Reliance Standard as the new life

insurance provider and authorize the auditor or president to sign all necessary documents. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Franzman presented a fully insured transplant rider for commissioner approval. Transplants are more common now than they used to be and we have been carrying a transplant rider for the last 3 or 4 years. The premium on the policy is \$15,684.00 for the year, but we will receive about half of that back in credits on our reinsurance policy. Gogel made a motion to approve the fully insured transplant rider with Crum & Forster. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Franzman reported that we have had a better year than last year and our claims ratio is down. He put our insurance out for bid to 5 different companies and received quotes back from 4. Franzman presented a proposal showing 20 options. After much discussion at the insurance committee meeting it was decided to cut it down to two options for comparison.

Option #7
 Stop Loss Basis – 15/12
 Annual Fixed Costs - \$403,214.40
 Annual Expected Claims - \$2,036,170.37
 Total Annual Exposure - \$3,013,427.36


Option # 11
 Stop Loss Basis – 15/12
 Annual Fixed Costs - \$400,921.44
 Annual Expected Claims - \$2,056,690.37
 Total Annual Exposure - \$3,036,784.40

Our total annual exposure for our current plan is \$3,117,706.24. The company that bid Option #7 was significantly higher until they very last minute when they found out what the competitor had bid. The annual fixed costs are something we definitely will have to pay and our hopes are that our claims are less than the expected claims. After much discussion and comparison it was determined that the insurance committee would recommend Option #11 with TRU/American Fidelity for commissioner approval. They provided a strong quote from the beginning and the annual fixed costs are lower. Gogel made a motion to approve the quote from TRU/American Fidelity for a 1 year period beginning August 1, 2016. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Administrator

Deadline to submit applications are July 15th. An executive session was scheduled for July 19th at 10:00 a.m. to review applications.

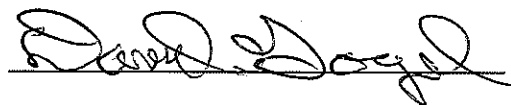
Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
 Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M.


 President



Attest:


 Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Commissioners Meeting
July 19, 2016**

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognize David Gogel and wish him a Happy Birthday!

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from June 7th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve claims batch# 3357 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Kenney reported they are trying to finish CR 350E, Finch Hill Road, CR 500N, and CR 475E and hope to start blacktopping next week. They also anticipate finishing CR 800E and 900E yet this week. The road grader will be brought to Fulda Shortcut to push the shoulders back and mow everything down so work can begin there. Kenney stated that they plan on hauling the big excavator up to CR 1740N and Long Johnnytown to dig out some spongy spots and replace pipes. Chapman stated that John Hagedorn stopped by the office and requested that Fulda Shortcut be closed during the day while crews are working on it for safety purposes. The road would be opened back up at night, only barricaded off during the day while crews are chip and sealing it. They are planning on 2 days to complete the chip and seal. The road will be barricaded from 545 to SR 62 and the chip and seal crew will handle any roads in between. Logsdon requested that the road closing be published in the paper and Seiler recommended it be put on the Sheriff's Dept. Facebook page. Kenney stated that they have been doing research on St. Peter's Church Rd. and the possibility of using flat railcars instead of round tank cars at the first bridge at CR 850. The estimate is a little less than \$10,000.00 per railcar. These railcars are wider than round tank cars and the headers would have to be widened if we decide to go this route. The road could potentially be closed for up to a month to complete the job. After discussion it was decided that Kenney and Chapman will continue to research the cost versus longevity and talk to another county that uses flat railcars to hear pros and cons.

Kenney requested permission to do an additional appropriation for repairs of trucks and tractors in the amount of \$30,000.00. Gogel made a motion to approve Kenney's request for an additional appropriation out of the MVH fund for \$30,000.00 for repairs. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Chapman reported that a 48 hour traffic study is required for the speed limit ordinance on CR 1550. He will work on getting that done. Chapman also reported the license has expired for our traffic study software and the cost to renew it will be \$1,000.00. It was decided that Chapman could renew the license and pay for it out of the equipment line in the MVH fund.

Logsdon wanted to recognize Kenney and Chapman, especially Chapman for all the hard work completing the Community Crossings grant by July 8th.

Gogel stated that permission has been requested to close a 2 block section of CR 687E from Saturday, August 13th at noon to Sunday, August 14th at 8pm for the Mariah Hill church picnic. Permission was also requested to close 4th Street to Brewery Street in St. Meinrad from Saturday, September 17th at 8am to Sunday, September 18th at 8pm for the St. Meinrad church picnic. Gogel made a motion to approve the request for road closings. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon stated that someone approached him with a concern about a sewer pipe on Long Johnnytown Rd that has been caving in with erosion around it. The gentlemen suggested we place of piece of steel over the pipe where it is caving in to ensure no one falls through it. Chapman stated they have been out there and looked at the pipe and it will be a very costly job to fix. They will go look at the pipe again and place a piece of steel over it if necessary.

Logsdon reported that he was contacted by Tom Schipp from Universal Design about an issue with the old jail lot and them having too much settling. The contractor is going to have to dig out so many cubic yards of dirt and replace it with rock. Logsdon promised Schipp that if he gave us 24 hour notice that we would provide 2 trucks to haul dirt away from the lot, as to not incur additional cost for them contracting it out. Kenney and Chapman will accommodate Schipp's needs.

Legal Report

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2016-09 Pre-employment Policies and Procedures for second reading. One of the questions asked at the previous meeting was if there is a probationary period for new hires. Lindsey reported that there is a 6 month probationary period on all new hires, with the Sheriff's dept and Jail having a 1 year probationary period. This policy will require everyone to follow the same procedures before becoming an active employee and give the Auditor authority to not compensate the employee if all procedures have not been completed. Seiler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-09 on 2nd reading. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey reported that he will meet with Phil Brown on July 29th to complete an ADA report that is due on August 13th. The plan is to have the report completed for commissioner approval on August 2nd; Phil Brown will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Lindsey reported that Kevin Hunter with Access Spencer County will be in attendance at the next meeting to recommend the transfer of approximately \$4,000.00 grant funds to Spencer County to develop the website. This grant was awarded to develop information infrastructure in Spencer County and the \$4,000.00 is the remaining balance that needs to be utilized.

Gogel stated that EMA and EMS are working on upgrading radios to P25 and are a little short on funding. A previous employee of EMS was caught in some wrong doing and was ordered to pay restitution to the EMS. The money received would be receipted into County General and they are wondering how much of that money has been paid and if they are able to use it for assistance with upgrading the radios. Auditor Winkler will check to see how much has been paid and discuss it with Jane Stout and Stephanie Melton.

Old Business

Logsdon reported that he and Seiler attended a meeting at Hatfield UMC concerning unsafe buildings, blighted properties, and long-term camper use. There was also discussion about the grown up properties and cemeteries. This was just an informational meeting and no promises were made. We will stay in contact with them and report any progress.

New Business

Tom Schipp – Universal Design

Lisa Gehlhausen – Indiana 15

Schipp came to inform the board of some developments with the Jail Clearance project. He showed up at the job site to make sure everything was setup according to the specs in the bid and noticed the protective barricade that was planned to protect the neighbor's property was not in place. Schipp contacted Lisa Gehlhausen and Attorney Lindsey to meet at the jobsite and discuss what action to take. They were informed that the property owner informed the contractor that the protective barricade was not necessary. This barricade was included in the bid specs, so Attorney Lindsey suggested a waiver signed by the property owner was needed to proceed without the barricade. Attorney Lindsey met with the property owner and got the waiver signed. Schipp stayed on sight until all fencing and safety measures were in place. After excavation of the old jail it was found that the soil underneath was very soft and would need additional work. Schipp spoke with engineers and GeoTech and determined that the soil would have to be dug out and replaced with rock to provide the firm foundation needed. Schipp spoke with Terry Davis from the City of Rockport and was granted permission for the dirt to be dumped a few blocks away within city limits. Dale Kenney was contacted about the possibility of county trucks hauling the dirt so there would be no additional cost. There will be 24 hour notice provided to the Highway Dept. before hauling is needed. Schipp contacted Mulzer's and got an estimate for rock and the price to deliver. Schipp presented a Change Order to be submitted that listed all the additional work to be done and materials needed. The change order was for \$7,072.50 with a credit of \$487.00 for the protective barricade that was not constructed, bringing the total amount to \$6,585.50. This amount is to be paid to the contractor, it was agreed upon that Spencer County would pay for the rock and delivery. Gogel made a motion to approve the Change Order in the amount of \$6,585.50. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. This goes into the grant so the county will only be required to pay 20% of the change order.

Gehlhausen reported that our Asset Management Plan with LTAP has been approved.

Cobra Rates

Auditor Winkler presented the proposed COBRA rates for the board to set. After discussion, all were in agreement that in the past we went with the maximum COBRA rates. Gogel made a motion to approve the maximum COBRA rates effective August 1st. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Robinson Landscape

Auditor Winkler presented the quote from Robinson Landscape for tree trimming and additional landscape maintenance that was discussed at the last meeting. Gogel made a motion to approve the quote from Robinson Landscape in the amount of \$1520.00. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.


Tri Kappa

Theresa James with Tri Kappa requested permission to use the courthouse auditorium for an art show during the bicentennial events on September 10th. Seiler made a motion to approve the use of the auditorium as long as it doesn't interfere with the previously scheduled ball that will take place in the courthouse rotunda. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

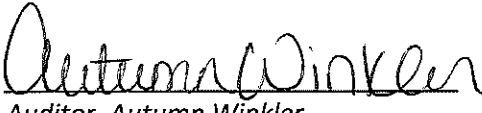
Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 P.M.



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Commissioners Meeting
August 2, 2016**

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence to honor the late Kirby Youngblood.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from June 21st as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Gogel questioned claim #110 that originates from the Plan Commission. Stanley Herron, a member of the Advisory Board, was sued by an individual and the Advisory Board feels it was due to his capacity as an Advisory Board member. There was no claim filed with insurance on this lawsuit, Herron obtained his own attorney. There was discussion at the only board meeting held this year that if Herron was sued in that capacity then he should be reimbursed the legal fees he incurred. Plan Commissioner Administrator Jennifer Adams provided the minutes from that meeting, but they have not had a second meeting so those minutes have not been approved as of yet. Gogel feels that this claim should be tabled until a meeting is held and there can be more discussion and approval of minutes. All were in agreement to table claim #110. Gogel made a motion to approve claims batch #3358 with the exception of claim #110. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey stated that anytime an employee is being sued in an official capacity they must contact the Auditor's office immediately. Logsdon suggested that Lindsey draft a letter explaining the steps to follow if this type of situation occurs and distribute it to all elected officials and department heads.

Highway Report

Kenney reported they started blacktopping CR 500N and Finch Hill Rd and expect to begin work on CR 350E and CR 475 tomorrow weather permitting. The crew is digging out and installing drain tiles along Long Johnnytown Rd at 545 and CR 1740N to repair some soft spots. The chip and seal crew will finish tomorrow on CR 700W by Luce Elementary. Chapman reported that Road Safe has been contracted to complete the striping for 2015/2016 with a total of 325,000 feet of road. Chapman stated that we have 15 roads that need traffic studies and he has been working on getting all the traffic study equipment ready.

Road Bid Opening

Mileage = 6.78 miles

<u>Road</u>	<u>J.H. Rudolph & Co</u>	<u>E&B Paving</u>	<u>Metzger Construct.</u>
CR 300S	\$94,001.90	\$94,487.40	\$103,890.00
CR 400W (200S-50S)	\$140,034.90	\$140,860.60	\$155,619.45
CR 400W (300S-200S)	\$88,622.50	\$89,571.00	\$98,221.25
CR 500W	\$124,508.50	\$125,419.40	\$138,309.25
<u>CR 500N</u>	<u>\$52,091.25</u>	<u>\$46,167.50</u>	<u>\$50,172.50</u>
Total Bid:	\$499,259.05	\$496,505.90	\$546,212.45

Seiler made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kevin Hunter – Access Spencer County

Hunter explained that Access Spencer County received a grant when they were established in 1996 to construct communications infrastructure across Spencer County. There is a remaining balance in that grant of \$5,4001.95 that Hunter and Access Spencer County wants to offer to the county. Access Spencer County is an organization that is no longer needed with the advancements in communications over the years and they want to dissolve the corporation. Hunter explained that they would like to use a small amount of the grant funds to pay the legal expense of dissolving the corporation and then wish to offer the balance to Spencer County to pay Perry Spencer Communications fees or improve our website. Seiler made a motion to accept the grant funds from Access Spencer County. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey presented the list of ADA requirements that we need to complete. Building Inspector Phil Brown was in attendance explaining all the guidelines we are required to follow and deadlines to complete the tasks. Lindsey recommended forming a committee to work on ADA and Title VI requirements. We need to begin the process and get a game plan on how to complete each requirement. We have to have a commitment letter submitted to INDOT by August 13th stating that we are working on completing the tasks and establishing target dates. Gogel made a motion to authorize Phil Brown to do what's needed to complete the commitment letter and submit to INDOT. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon stated that we received a letter from Phil Brown announcing his resignation at year end and asked Brown if he has an assistant that would be interested. Brown stated that he does have an assistant, but is not sure he would be interested due to having a full time job for the city. Logsdon instructed Auditor Winkler to put Building Inspector on the agenda for the August 16th meeting to discuss a replacement for Brown.

Highway – Award Bid

Kenney stated that after reviewing the bids they recommend we accept the bid from E&B Paving for \$496,505.90. Seiler made a motion to accept the bid from E&B Paving. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Stephanie Melton – P25 System

Melton explained that the state is making a change on the radio systems and all of our 800 radios need to have a program upgrade to the P25 system. Melton applied for a \$40,000.00 grant to fund the upgrade, but IDHS only awarded us \$20,000.00, so she has been seeking additional funding from other units. Some of the local fire departments have committed to assisting with funding along with other organizations. The remaining balance needed is \$4,465.00. Gogel suggested that an additional appropriation be requested out of the COIT fund for the \$4,465.00, because this radio system is considered infrastructure. The problem is that the work is already being done and we cannot request an additional until next month. Ohio Valley 2-way in Owensboro is doing the upgrade for us and Logsdon suggested that we write a commitment letter to Ohio Valley 2-way to pay the remaining balance owed after the additional appropriation is approved. Gogel made a motion to approve requesting an additional appropriation out of COIT. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel made a motion to send a letter to Ohio Valley 2-way stating our commitment to pay when the additional appropriation is approved. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Tara Damin with Cash Wagner was in attendance and Logsdon asked her if she has seen one of the letter's from INDOT stating non-compliance. She stated she has not seen one, but has heard about them and knows of other counties that have received them and are working on issues. She suggested contacting the County Administrator in Perry County, because she knows they are working on this also. Gogel asked if Cash Wagner is available to assist us with this process if necessary and Damin stated they are. Gogel stated that there is a line in the commissioner's budget for ADA Coordinator and he feels we need to request an additional and put some more money in that line. Logsdon asked Damin how much money she felt we needed to request for this task and she stated that the Perry County Administrator would be a good one to ask about that also. An amount will be determined at the meeting on August 16th.

Maximus Contract

Winkler presented a Maximus contract for commissioner approval. This contract is similar to the one recently approved for the Auditor's office for IV-D reporting. Seiler made a motion to approve the Maximus Contract. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Koorsen Quote

Winkler presented a Koorsen quote for commissioner approval. In our last inspection the keypad failed and 2 batteries need replaced. The quote is for \$350.70 and needs approval signature. Gogel made a motion to approve the quote for \$350.70 to be paid out of courthouse maintenance. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Internet

Lindsey reported that Tom Utter spoke with Pepper Mulharin with AT&T about getting service at the LEDC. AT&T has offered for \$875.00/month to run fiber up to the Lincoln Commerce Center, which will be shared by all organizations in the building. Options are out there and we just need to continue to research what our options are.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

President



Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Commissioners Meeting
August 16, 2016**

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Publicly Acknowledge Rockport Legion Post #254 baseball team that is now ranked 3rd in the U.S.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from July 5th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve claims batch #3370 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Kenney reported the chip and seal crew is working on CR 1550N and we just finished blacktopping CR 475E. Ditch work has begun on CR 300S and 400W with 500W and 500N to follow. Kenney presented the 2016 CEDIT expenses. The expenses listed were for the first 3 bid packets, the estimate of bid 4 and monies used for preparation of the roads. We have enough money appropriated between the CEDIT money and LOIT distribution to cover all the bids, if we do not receive the Community Crossing grant. The 4th bid packet to be released consists of:

CR 1200N – SR 545 to CR 1425E
CR 2000N – Old 231 to CR 500E
CR 500E – CR 2000N to CR 2100N
CR 150E
CR 600E
Gries Rd. – double chip/seal
CR 2100N – double chip/seal
CR 2100N hill – blacktop

Kenney reported he ordered 200 ton of salt from Compass Minerals for \$65.00/ton. We currently have 600-650 ton on hand, but they went ahead and ordered 200 more to prepare for this winter. Last year we paid \$74.00/ton and used about 850 ton.

Chapman reported that we will start a 48 hour traffic study on CR 1550N on Monday. Striping has begun and the spray crew has been working for about a month.

Kenney recommended Gina Mullen for the Highway Administrator position to begin September 1st. Seiler made a motion to accept the recommendation of Gina Mullen for the Highway Administrator position. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey reported he has completed the letter to elected officials, dept. heads and boards about the process if being sued in their official capacity. He will distribute it this afternoon. Lindsey presented Executive Session minutes for commissioner approval. Gogel stated that he is no longer president and that should be corrected. Lindsey stated he will correct the minutes and present at next meeting. Lindsey stated that since we are close to wrapping up the Troy Refinery project and will then proceed with selling, he recommends putting out a request for proposal for an auctioneer. The jail clearance project is almost complete and John Limp, the adjoining neighbor, has requested that the property along his side be mulched instead of grass seed sown, so that he can plant flowers. Limp is currently using a portion of the counties property for his patio area and it was discussed what, if any, action should be taken on this. Logsdon stated that there has been discussion for years about putting some type of building up over there for storage and investigation area. If that were to take place the area that Limp is using would possibly be needed. Sheriff McDurmon was in attendance and fully agrees that another building would be beneficial. Logsdon requested that Gogel work with McDurmon on a possible plan for a metal building to be constructed there and then the commissioner's can go to the council with that plan. Auditor Winkler will put Limp on the agenda for September 6th.

ADA Coordinator

Logsdon explained that a group has been meeting to discuss and address the issues listed in the letter from INDOT. We will be able to complete all necessary ADA and Title VI requirements; it will just take a little time. Jennifer Adams, the Planning Commission Administrator, has agreed to serve as a co-director and work directly with Phil Brown, building inspector, and Tara Damin with Cash Wagner to complete the requirements. Logsdon spoke with Nathan Helms, president of the Advisory Board, and Helms was in favor of Adams assisting with the duties as long as her plan commission duties come first. Seiler made a motion to name Phil Brown as director of ADA/Title VI and Jennifer Adams as co-director. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon stated that Perry County has a non-discrimination notice on all meeting notices and feels that we need to start doing that also. All were in agreement that we need to start including a non-discrimination statement on all public notices. ADA will be put on the agenda for September 20th.

New Business

Logsdon mentioned that there will be a commissioner/council meeting tonight with concerned citizens of Hatfield regarding rundown properties. One of the main concerns is a burned house on CR 900W that is still partially standing and all grown up with weeds. Logsdon asked building inspector, Phil Brown, what the first few steps are in the process to get that property cleaned up. Brown stated that the first step is for the commissioner's to instruct him to go inspect the property. Gogel made a motion to direct Phil Brown to go inspect the property on CR 900W. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

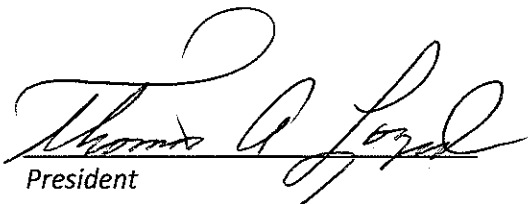
Covered Bridge Certification

Auditor Winkler stated that every year we have to certify if we have a covered bridge. Spencer County has 1/2 of a covered bridge, because we share the bridge with Perry County. Gogel made a motion to approve the certification of 1/2 of a covered bridge. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

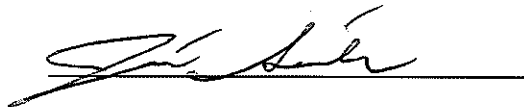
Windstream Contract

Auditor Winkler presented a Windstream contract for commissioner approval. This is a maintenance agreement for the Lifesize equipment used for the phone system. McDurmon stated that his understanding is that we don't want to approve this contract, because we are trying to get out of this agreement due to dissatisfaction with the service. McDurmon called Kati Richard for Auditor Winkler to speak with regarding the contract and Richard stated we need to hold off on approving it, because they want to try and get a Lifesize maintenance agreement not with Windstream. We will discuss it again in a month.

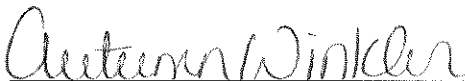
Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 P.M.



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**County Council/Commissioner Informational Meeting
August 16, 2016**

Present: Todd Ruxer, Dave Kress, Blake Bunner, Jack Kroeger, Steve Winsett, Bill Spaetti, Aaron Benton, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler, David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler

Meeting was called to order by Council President Bill Spaetti at 4:30 P.M.

Citizens of Hatfield

Reverend Cotton from the Hatfield United Methodist Church came with other citizens of Hatfield to express their great concern with blighted and rundown properties in Hatfield. They have determined there are approximately 48 properties that are cause for concern, but know that financially that would cost a large amount of money to clean up. Cotton stated they have narrowed it down to 4 properties that are the main concern. Photos and property information was provided for these properties. Logsdon stated that the commissioner's instructed building inspector, Phil Brown, to go to Hatfield to inspect and prepare paperwork on some of the properties especially the burned down house on CR 900. The community is willing to help clean up the properties if the landowner allows. They have access to an excavator to help tear down the structures, but do not have funds to rent dumpsters. If the county contributes funds to rent dumpsters, we then have financial liability for the project also. The hope is that if they can begin cleaning up some properties, landowners will take the initiative to start helping themselves and clean up their own properties. It was suggested that the community contact local businesses and organizations and seek donations to go towards the project. There is a property maintenance ordinance in place that gives the Solid Waste District and commissioner's authority to take action on properties such as this if necessary. Luce Township Trustee, Sarah Frederick, was in attendance and stated that her office receives lots of complaints about properties in Hatfield and she is happy to work with the commissioner's in any way to resolve the problem. One of the primary issues is that there are not funds available to put towards these projects. Logsdon stated that the commissioner's did put a request of \$10,000.00 in the budget for 2017 for unsafe buildings. All were in agreement to work together and make something happen. Another meeting with citizens and local officials will be scheduled in a few weeks.

Broadband Committee

Tom Utter with the LEDC spoke about the desperate need for good internet service not only for local taxpayers, but also when trying to bring new business to the community. Some areas of Spencer County are equipped with sufficient internet service, but the southern portion of the county is especially lacking. This could be a deciding factor for some companies when considering Spencer County. Utter introduced Kelly Frederick a citizen of Spencer County that works for a tech company and has assisted in getting fiber in underserviced areas. Frederick assisted a committee in Rush County with getting fiber run. Rush County was an underserviced area looking at different options to get good internet and ultimately decided to take on the expense and run the fiber themselves. They were then able to recoup some of the expense by charging others for connecting to their service. The county has been in discussion with AT&T and they are willing to run fiber anywhere in the county we want it, if we are willing to pay for it. There is fiber currently located in the county, but the issue is that we don't know who owns it and cannot connect to it. A committee has been established of local officials, IT officials from both school systems and other interested individuals in the community. Kroeger recommended that the committee research all options and try to get a plan together to bring before the council.

Informational Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

**Commissioners Meeting
September 6, 2016**

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Attorney Jeff Lindsey,
Auditor Autumn Winkler
Absent: Jason Chapman

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:00 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Logsdon awarded the INDOT Community Crossings grant certificate to Superintendent Dale Kenney.

Executive Session Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve all executive session minutes as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from July 19th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve claims batch #3376 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Kenney reported they are currently finishing everything from the second bid packet. They will be finished on Friday with the chip and seal overlay on CR 1740N and Long Johnntown Rd. Work has begun on CR 1615 and should be complete by hopefully Thursday and a crew is working on CR 1910 in Mariah Hill prepping it for chip and seal. Prep work has begun on bid packet #3 and Mulzer's has spread 73's on CR 400W between CR 200S and CR 300S. Ditch work from CR 200S to Eureka Rd. should be done by the end of the week, then they will move to CR 500W.

Kenney reported they had another injector go out on the CAT road grader. The mechanics are looking at it to see if there is a possible electrical problem causing this. Logsdon asked what it costs to rent a grader if we have one down and Kenney reported him and Chapman are looking into that. All were in agreement that if Kenney finds it necessary to rent a road grader they approve. Logsdon asked how long it would take to get everything ready for bid packet #3 and Kenney reported their hope was to have the prep work done in 1-1/2 to 2 weeks. Logsdon stated that he and Gogel noticed when they were up there that a dump truck was down. Kenney stated that yes it was one of the old ones and they are trying to get it cleaned up, because it and another one are the ones they are getting rid of. The new truck from Peterbilt should be here in about 2 weeks.

Town of Santa Claus – Memorandum of Understanding

John Bowen from the Santa Claus Town Board came to discuss the MOU that was approved a year ago, but never signed. The MOU explains that Spencer County previously committed \$100,000.00 for 20 years to the Town of Santa Claus for their water project, but gives authority to the town to use 4 years of those funds for the trail project if not needed for the water project. The number of neither years nor amount has been extended; this is the initial 20 year \$100,000.00 contribution that Spencer County originally pledged. Attorney Lindsey stated that the agreement is actually with the county council, but requires the commissioner's signature also. Gogel made a motion to sign and approve the MOU between Spencer County and the Town of Santa Claus. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey presented an RFP for auction services for the Troy Refinery property. Lindsey can send out to surrounding area auctioneers. After discussion, it was decided that since we have not received the release from IDEM yet, we will wait on contacting auction companies. But, we will proceed with getting an appraisal so we know what the property is worth.

Lindsey presented the loan documents from Spencer County Bank for the AT&T lease agreement financing. The loan is for \$200,000.00 with an interest rate of 1.99%. All the documents list David Gogel as the signer, because this was initially discussed last year when David was the president of the commissioner's. Seiler made a motion to grant David Gogel permission to sign that loan documents. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler asked Lindsey if he had researched anything on Township Trustee's being able to enforce the property maintenance ordinance. Lindsey stated that he had not fully researched it, but that we would probably need to discuss this with each trustee to see if they wish to take on these duties. Gogel stated there is a property maintenance ordinance to address these problems, that there are not individuals out looking for problem areas, it is complaint driven. Seiler stated yes and there are complaints that are not being addressed. Lindsey stated that there should probably be a meeting with the commissioner's and the current person in charge of addressing those complaints. Logsdon stated he feels we need to have a meeting with all the township trustees and give them the option of taking over this responsibility, not requiring it. A Warrick County Commissioner was in attendance and stated that by state statute it is the responsibility of the township trustees, Lindsey will look into this.

John Limp

Limp presented maps of his property and stated he is 22 ft. deep into the county property. Limp stated there are 2 options to choose from. One option is that he can have a survey done and lease the property from the county. The second option is that he can purchase the property from the county and third option would be him moving his property off the counties property. Logsdon suggested we table this until the first meeting in October so the board has time to research each option and make a decision.

Community Crossings Grant

Gogel asked if we need to go ahead and do an additional appropriation for the \$1,000,000.00 grant funding, just in case we need to use some of it. Gogel made a motion to request an additional appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 from the community crossings grant to then be transferred to the Rainy Day fund. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. After further discuss, it was decided that we would not be receiving the full distribution at one time therefore could not request an additional for the full amount. Gogel made a motion to rescind his previous motion. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. We will keep an eye on our funding and determine at a later date if we need to request an additional.

Stephanie Melton/ Tim Ross – Air Show

Melton and Tim Ross came to explain the events taking place on the weekend of October 1-2. The annual air show will take place, along with bridge walk day, and a 1 way 10 mile river run. The run will begin in Reo at the Holiday Drive-In and go to the Owensboro riverfront. Ross stated that they have been in contact with the Sheriff's dept. and request that the roads along SR 161 be closed during the run until runners pass. McDurmon stated that he was aware of the event and will work with Ross and Melton on making sure all the roads are closed. Ross and Melton will contact the individuals that reside along that route and a Public Hearing is scheduled for September 20th at 1:30pm for public comment.

Tara Damin – Cash Wagner

ADA/Title VI

Damin presented the ADA Transition Plan that will replace our current plan. This will put us in compliance with the list of items required by INDOT. Damin will provide a flash drive to Jennifer Adams so this can be placed on the county website. Gogel made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-09 ADA Transition Plan and Procedures and Establishing an ADA Director and Workgroup. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Damin also presented Resolution 2016-10 Spencer County Title VI Non-Discrimination Implementation Plan draft. Seiler made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-10. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel made a motion to also approve the Title VI Assurances section that is included in the draft. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Dave Hansen - AT&T

Logsdon invited Hansen to attend the meeting and share some new pricing features that AT&T can provide for enhanced internet. Logsdon asked Hansen how would we know how many megs of service we would need for each location, Hansen stated you would estimate off a similar size county. Hansen presented 2 examples of budget pricing on WAN. The first example shows 10 meg of service run to each location which is quite costly. Example 2 shows a 50 meg service setup with a fiber network to all the locations, this is more cost effective and what most counties do. With a network like this we could get rid of our current phone service, because the phone system could also run through the fiber network. If we found that the 50 meg service was not enough for all locations we can increase the meg. With example 1 and each location have 10 meg run to it, if a location is only using 1 meg the other 9 meg just sits there not being used. With example 2, the 50 meg is shared by everyone so there would not be service sitting unused. Hansen said that fiber is already in most parts of the county, it is just very expensive and most people can't afford to tap on. Logsdon stated he feels we need to hire someone who thoroughly understands the ins and outs of internet and have them come in and explain it all to us. We will continue to research different internet options.

New Business

Auditor Winkler stated that Bethel Church contacted the county requesting to meet on the courthouse lawn for see you at the pole. We have allowed them to do this in previous years. Seiler made a motion to allow Bethel Church to meet on the courthouse lawn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

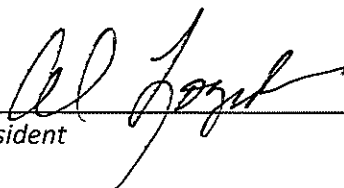
Right of Way

Vectren submitted right of way permits for commissioner approval to run overhead lines to a new residence. Gogel made a motion to approve the permits subject to Highway Dept. approval. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Phil Brown

Logsdon asked Brown what he thinks is a fair hourly rate for his work on the ADA/Title VI duties, Brown stated that it had been discussed previously that it would be \$30.00/hr. Gogel remembered that hourly rate being discussed also possibly when the work was done on 231 Truck Stop. Logsdon asked Brown how many hours he thought he would work. Brown is unsure of how many hours to estimate. He has to inspect all locations and make a list of things that are not ADA compliant and estimate a cost to fix all the issues. We have to do whatever is necessary to stay in compliance so we can receive federal funding. Brown also mentioned that there is no money to even send out letters on the unsafe building properties. Auditor Winkler suggested trying to transfer some money around in his budget to at least send letters out. Winkler and Brown will look at the budget and see if there is any additional funding that is not committed to other things.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M.



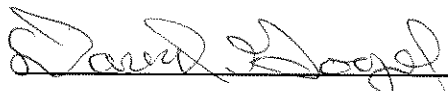
President



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Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Commissioners Meeting
September 20, 2016**

Present: David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey,
Auditor Autumn Winkler
Absent: Al Logsdon

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Seiler at 12:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2nd as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve claims batch #3398 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Woody Burden was in attendance to express his concern with the dust from trucks going to and from Lloyd-Weber Farms on CR 275W. There is about a 1 mile stretch that he feels needs some work. Kenney informed Burden they will get out there and look at the road and see if there is anything they can do. Kenney reported they are trying to finish with the third bid packet this week with the possibility of a little work taking place on CR 500W a few days next week. We have a little more pipe work to do and rip/rap to put down and we should be ready. The contractor is planning on starting paving on the 26th. Gogel asked if the grader is repaired and going and Kenney stated yes except for a small hiccup the day before. New cylinders were put in, but cylinder #5 did the same thing as before with a little mess up hauling a heavy load, but it only happened once. They feel maybe a little air got in there and worked itself out. Kenney stated they are wanting to request an additional appropriation out of the CEDIT fund for \$300,000.00 to complete the CEDIT work they are doing that was not included in the grant. Chapman stated that part of that is also to pay the invoice for road striping, because when we moved the CEDIT money to Rainy Day we didn't allow for the 2014/2015 road striping to be paid. Gogel made a motion to approve requesting a \$300,000.00 additional appropriation from the CEDIT fund. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Kenney reported the railroad tanker came in for Striker's Landing and they're going to try and get that installed soon. There was discussion about when the best time would be to release annual bids where Cindy would still be available to assist. It was determined that annual bids will be opened on November 15th and awarded on December 6th.

Legal Report

Lindsey reported he spoke with Kevin Hunter from Access Spencer County about the grant money they wish to give the county to upgrade the county website. They want to get the money out of their account before year end, so they can close out Access Spencer County. Lindsey suggested that we enter into an agreement with them promising to use those funds on a website upgrade. We will not have the upgrade completed by the end of the year, but this will make it possible for them to go ahead and provide the funds to us.

Lindsey stated he has not found the statute yet that authorizes Township Trustees to oversee property maintenance, but he is still looking into it. Gogel stated that he had a trustee inform him over the weekend that they were not happy with the possibility of being given more responsibility without asking them first. Maybe we can give the trustee the option to do it if they choose, but not require it.

Phil Brown – Unsafe Building

Brown stated that Logsdon said that the property owner in Hatfield with the burned down house had until today to get it cleaned up; he just went by and it's not cleaned up. It is all pushed in a pile ready for cleanup and some old cars and things have been removed. Seiler suggested that Brown contact the property owner and thank him for the work done so far and ask that he complete the cleanup. We will discuss it again in 2 weeks.

Brown reported that they began inspecting all the county buildings today for ADA compliance. He will compile a list when finished. Auditor Winkler asked if the board wanted to discuss requesting an additional appropriation to pay Brown for his ADA/Title VI work. A previous additional was requested for \$10,000.00 to pay Cash Wagner for their work on the ADA and Title VI plan and there should be some money left over that can be used to pay Brown. Gogel made a motion to request a \$2,000.00 additional appropriation out of the Riverboat fund, just in case there is not enough money left over. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Road Bid Opening

Mileage = 5.63 miles

<u>Road</u>	<u>J.H. Rudolph & Co</u>	<u>E&B Paving</u>
CR 2000N	\$146,616.00	\$179,250.60
CR 500E	\$98,304.50	\$119,282.00
CR 1200N	\$135,875.00	\$165,210.00
<u>CR 150E</u>	<u>\$80,690.00</u>	<u>\$83,732.00</u>
Total Bid:	\$461,485.50	\$547,474.60

Gogel made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Lindsey presented the November 8th polling locations for commissioner approval. The locations have already been approved by the Election Board and worked well in the primary election. Gogel made a motion to approve the polling locations for November 8th. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway – Award Bid

Kenney stated that after reviewing the bids they recommend we accept the bid from JH Rudolph & Co for \$461,485.50. Gogel made a motion to accept the bid from JH Rudolph & Co. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Crossings Grant

Tara Lloyd with Beam, Longest, and Neff was in attendance and explained that INDOT will pay the full grant amount in one installment, not broke down per bid packet amount. They have been told we should expect to receive this funding hopefully in November or December. INDOT will come down and inspect all the completed projects that you requested funding for. If you do not complete all the projects you’ve proposed or if you have funding left over that money will have to be sent back to the state to go in for next year’s projects.

Mayor Gay Ann Harney – City of Rockport

Harney requested permission for the ABR to use the courthouse December 2nd and 3rd for Christmas at the Courthouse. Gogel made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse for the ABR Christmas at the Courthouse. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel made a motion to recess until 1:30 P.M. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was recessed until 1:30P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Seiler at 1:30 P.M.

Public Hearing – Road Closure

Seiler asked for public comment on the SR 161 road closures and received no comment. Stephanie Melton stated that Tim Ross provided the document where the property owners along the road signed off and mentioned that they also received hospitality tickets to the box to watch the show. Gogel made a motion to suspend the rules requiring 2 readings of Ordinance 2016-09. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-09 closing the road. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lifesize Agreement

Kati Richard, Communications Director, came before the board with Sheriff McDurmon to discuss their dissatisfaction with Windstream Communications and the possibility of trying to get out of the contract with them. They are unable to provide the service needed for the video conferencing to work as planned. We will have to pay an early termination fee if we discontinue service with Windstream, because we signed a 3 year maintenance contract that does not end until June 2017. Lindsey will contact Windstream and discuss the contract termination, because they are not providing the service we need. Richard presented a maintenance agreement with Lifesize for 1, 2, or 3 years maintenance on the equipment we already have installed. Richard explained that on the quote it states quantity of 3 and that is the software for the auxiliary courtroom, main courtroom, and rec room at the jail. After discussion all were in agreement that it is better to go with a 1 year contract, because with all the changes in technology we do not want to be stuck in a contract long term again. Gogel made a motion to approve the 1 year Lifesize Technical Support and Software Agreement in the amount of \$897.00. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel made a motion to instruct Attorney Lindsey to deal with Windstream concerning the issues and contract. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lori Hermann – Luce Elementary

Seiler requested that Mrs. Hermann come in and explain how much the school is using iPad's and the need for good internet service throughout the county. Starting this year all students have an iPad they work on at school. The upper grades in the elementary schools take those home, but the younger students do not at this time. Many schools in the state have begun doing E-learning days where 1 day a year the student will do their school work on their iPad or tablet, which gives the teachers a day to have a workshop/ networking day. Seiler asked if there is a need for internet service for students to complete their work on an iPad and Hermann stated that there are some apps loaded on the iPads that students can use that do not require Wi-Fi. When you get to middle school and high school there is definitely need for internet service with some of the homework.

Old Business

Gogel made a motion to pay the invoice from Phil Brown for ADA duties he has performed contingent on the county council approving the additional appropriation to be presented tonight for ADA expenses. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

