

**Commissioners Meeting
November 4, 2020**

Present: *Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Al Logsdon, Jeff Lindsey, and Auditor Melissa L. Bunner*

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

Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from Commissioner meeting October 20, 2020. Brown seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve Batches #4463, 4485, 4487, 4488, 4489, 4490, and 4491, 4492, and 4493. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Corrections

No report.

Health Department / Kim Hay

Hay reported COVID number is 531, 115 in home isolation (contagious), and 2 Hospitalized. Spencer County is currently in the Orange. It is important to continue social distancing and hand washing.

VSO / Butch Meredith

Meredith presented his progress. For week of October 12, 2020 the total Veterans assisted this week was 43 and total phone calls totaled 51. Meredith was out the week of October 19, 2020. He provided an update on some of the building maintenance projects. The Health Department has new counters and glass partitions installed on the desks and at the door. K & K is working on the tree trimming project today. They have removed the Bradford tree on the corner. Robinson landscaping has been contacted to schedule a time when they can begin that project. Over the next two days, the O2 Prime installation will be complete.

HWY Report / Dale Kenney

Reviewed the bids presented and opened at the October 20, 2020 Commissioners meeting.

Package #1 was for Fuel

Package #2 was for Stone and Gravel

Package #3 was for Gravel and Sand

Package #4 was for Hot Mix

Package #5 was for Oil

Package #6 was for Metal and Plastic Culverts

Package #7 was for Bridges

Kenney made the request to accept all bids. Logsdon motioned to accept all bids and Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Kenney discussed the current Bridge contract we have is expiring in August of 2021. It is currently on a four (4) year contract. He asked the Commissioners if they preferred the four (4) year contract or if they preferred two (2) years. They prefer four (4) years.

Kenney asked the Commissioners if they would like Hwy to try and lock in fuel prices. They can lock in 30% to 50%. Current fuel contract is \$1.39 fuel, \$1.79 on road, \$1.24 off road. Commissioners agreed this is a good idea. Logsdon motioned and Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kenney asked if he could get approval to approach the County Council about paying out OT costs for two (2) Lead men and himself. The maximum number of hours allowed for comp time is 45 hours. He is asking for any hours over the 45 be paid out of the part time budget. The Commissioners asked if there was, anyway, they could work those hours down and Kenney believed they could but not guaranteed. Seiler gave the approval for Kenney to approach the County Council to see what they say.

At the request of Spencer County Commissioner, Seiler, Tara Damin with Clark Dietz was asked to visit the site at CR 200 to take photos and document concerns for drainage issues at the intersection. She was asked to identify culverts and the current road elevation.

Background: This section of roadway is known to carry water over the road during heavy-weather events, causing safety concerns for motoring public, specifically to nearly 200 combined employees of Sceptre and MPW. This section does not have current Average Daily Traffic counts; however, Damin has coordinated with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to conduct traffic counts along this section of road since they are currently conducting traffic counts in the County. The previous average traffic count was 588 AADT on CR200 west of Base Road. Recent data indicated an increase to 709 in the same location. Ind 15 plans to place a traffic count at the designated area near the MPW/Sceptre location.

Damin is providing three (3) funding sources for this project.

#1 INDOT Federal Aid Notice of Funding Availability (LPA)
80/20 Match

It opens 8:00 A.M. EST November 2, 2020 to 5:00 P.M. EST December 11, 2020
Construction 2026 (Downside to Federal Aid Project)

Damin spoke to INDOT. A "10,000-ft view" drainage study will suffice to justify funding as well as the scope since it is in a floodplain. The study will need to be completed and attached to the NOFA application. INDOT indicated "the County needs to make an effort with a drainage study to show their high interest and importance of prioritizing their project." The study is needed to determine where the water will go, how it can best be carried through the area, and who it will impact.

This program will not pay for new bridge/structure, which it does not need. A large culvert will suffice, keeping costs low for the County.

#2 INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG)
75/25 match (Funds Construction only, no design)

Next call for projects is estimated to open late January to mid-February 2021.

The project must be closed two (2) years from the date of award, this provides the County with a quicker construction and for a fast-track improvement.

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#3 EDA Grant (Coal Communities)

80/20 match or more funding since it is a coal community. (Funds design/Construction)

Quality Based Selection (QBS) Procurement System

It closes September 2021 or until funding runs out. (First come first serve based on availability)

Project can be constructed within three (3) years

Damin spoke to IND 15. A "10,000-ft view" PER drainage study is required to justify the funding.

The study will need to be completed and attached to the EDA application.

IND 15 indicated there is still funding available for Coal Communities.

#3 EDA Grant (Public Works Projects)

50/50 match or more funding since it is a coal community. (Funds design/Construction)

Quality Based Selection (QBS) Procurement System

It closes September 2021 or until funding runs out.

Task Order #1: County Road 200 Drainage Report

The report will include a preliminary analysis of the drainage issues along County Road 200 east of the intersection with N Base Road. Clark Dietz will collect limited survey points along the road and ditches where flooding is a concern. In conjunction with the survey data, Clark Dietz will utilize the available Lidar data for this area to develop the conceptual design requirements for improvements to the road and the culvert. The intent of this report is to provide the County with the necessary information such as, initial culvert sizing and recommended road improvements for the County to apply for funding. Clark Dietz will provide a summary of the traffic data collected by Region 15, as well as an analysis of the traffic data to support the funding application. Depending on the funding program the County chooses to pursue, Clark Dietz will assist the County with preparing the application or coordinate with Region 15. This task does not include the full design and construction documents for the recommended improvements, nor does it include any fees charged by Region 15.

The estimate for Task Order #1 is \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

Brown motioned to do the drainage study based on funding. Logsdon seconded. Motion approved.

Jordan Sheets HR Manager with MPW expressed his concern for the safety of his employees. MPW also works with AEP and AK Steel and they have heavy equipment going up and down that road. He expressed his safety concerns with the increased traffic on this road and the fact that if you do not know there is flooding on this road, it is dangerous. He has seen cars going 50 mph hit that water and dead stop.

Sheets also provided a spreadsheet showing MPW and Sceptre's Assessment History Information and Tax Bill History Information.

Damin asked about an issue in Hatfield off Parker Street to see if she can offer services to help there as well. There is a ditch that runs through the center of town that needs to be fixed. Levi Leffert from Gruber Industries has visited the site. The problem is with the upstream 1/3 portion that is causing all of the problems. The culverts at that end are completely blocked. There are several that are full of sediments and silt. There are two (2) culverts that go under Parker Road that are entirely blocked. These need to be opened to allow water to flow. Not sure if the culverts downstream are sized correctly due to homeowners putting them in without permission but this will allow the water to flow and not back up.

Since one road is approximately 350' and the other is approximately 400', it can be difficult to jet it out without proper equipment and cameras. Levi is offering to jet it out, video it, and if there are points of failure then he can give a recommendation and plan of action to fix it or rip it out and replace it. On a 400' road there will be driveways and sidewalks that will need to be replaced.

It was recommended to look at Indiana Code 36-9-27.4 on obstructions.

Gruber Industries charges \$250/hour which includes a two (2) man crew, a jetter, and a camera.

The recommendation is that Kenney work with Leffert to devise a plan and see if we have the funding.

Johnson Controls / Jennifer Payne

Payne presented information in regards to the services Johnson Controls provides. JC works with an Energy Services Company and helps fund facility upgrades. Seiler informed her we just had all of the energy upgrades completed last year through Amerisco. She left information for future interest.

Legal Report

Cares Act Funding Update. It is not necessary for us to have a separate agreement for other organizations that are not government entities. For example, if St. Meinrad has a need that falls under the qualifications of Cares Act, we do not need an agreement. It is needed for municipalities across the County.

There is going to be a new ambulance delivered Monday that is being paid for with the Cares Act money. We have authorized Murray Stout to act as our authorized County Agent to accept delivery, sign for it on behalf of the County. He might not be available to accept this delivery. Ambulance Services is asking that Jan Stein from Lamar be the backup to accept and sign for it. Logsdon motioned to accept. Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Lindsey has emailed a draft of a proposed contract with Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Services. An additional provision has been added stating if they receive any additional operating money from the County, they can pay on a monthly basis. This is for a four (4) year term. It runs from January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2025.

Brown motioned to approve. Logsdon seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business

Reinke asked about the email sent in regards to the contract with the County Standards. She is asking who fills that out. Lindsey will take a look at it and advise.

New Business
No Report.

Logsdon motioned to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:04 P.M.



President



Attest:


Auditor, Melissa Bunner


