

Board of Commissioners

April 21, 2009 – 2:00 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Community Corrections – Work Release

Richard Hedrick, representing Community Corrections, discussed the work being done to secure funding for a work release facility. The tentative plans include office space for the prosecutor, child support and community corrections. Hedrick asked the commissioners for a letter of support to be used in the application of an Indiana Department of Corrections grant. Rininger read the letter:

To Whom It May Concern:

As the chief elected officials of Spencer County, we express our support for construction of a Community Corrections Work Release Facility.

Currently, all work release offenders are being supervised through the Spencer County Jail, which can handle but three to four workers at a time. By contrast, a free standing facility would allow our county to house as many as 40 to 50 offenders. This would enable participants to engage in a productive activity and support their families, potentially removing them from the county welfare rolls. In addition, it would go a long way in eliminating the problem of overcrowding in our jail.

We strongly believe this endeavor to be a positive approach in addressing both the needs of offenders and the safety needs of the public.

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Logsdon made a motion to sign the letter. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Buy Local Resolution

Rininger proposed a Buy Local Resolution at the prior meeting. The resolution was revised and was written as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SPENCER
ON THE SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on residents of Southern Indiana who are struggling to maintain or find jobs; and

WHEREAS, these same residents are the very taxpayers who have provided the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

WHEREAS, Congress and President Obama have passed the taxpayer sponsored recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities, counties, and states to

retain and provide jobs to millions of residents through infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

WHEREAS, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the retention and creation of local jobs and restore the economic vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery monies will immediately help struggling American families and stabilize our greater economy; and

WHEREAS, any economic recovery plan spending should, to every extent possible, include a commitment from the County of Spencer, to buy materials, goods and services that are produced by local companies within the State of Indiana or within the United States, thus employing the very workers who are subsidizing the economic recovery plan in the first place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Spencer in the State of Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of Commissioners will work to maximize the creation of local jobs and restore economic growth to our region by urging all appropriate officials at both the state and local levels to spend economic recovery funds on goods and services that retain and create local jobs to help keep residents employed.

SECTION 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby strongly supports and encourages that recovery funds be used for the purchase of local products and services.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and signing by the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be included in the minutes and reflected in the records of the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County.

Adopted this the _____ day of April, 2009.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPENCER COUNTY

Dan Rininger, President
Thomas A. Logsdon
David Gogel
ATTEST:
Cindy Shelton, Auditor

Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-03. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Joe King Resolution of Respect and Appreciation

Rininger read a Resolution of Respect and Appreciation for Joe King as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-04
RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Joe King will be completing over twelve years of service as Spencer County Courthouse Maintenance person and all around “caretaker” of the Spencer County Courthouse at the end of April, 2009, during which time he has faithfully attended to the maintenance and improvement of the Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Joe King has been active in many community organizations, especially American Legion Post #254 in Rockport, all to the benefit of his community and Spencer County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spencer County Board of Commissioners expresses its respect to Joe King for his 12 years of service to Spencer County and its appreciation for his service above and beyond the call of duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be included in the minutes and records of the Spencer County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 14th day of April, 2009.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPENCER COUNTY

Dan Rininger, President
Thomas A. Logsdon
David Gogel
ATTEST: Cindy Shelton, Auditor

Highway Report

Hatfield Cemetery – Highway Superintendent Painter stated that John Wayman, Trustee of Hatfield Cemetery, asked if the county would maintain the road through the cemetery. People drive through the cemetery because it connects CR 111 N and Old SR 231, even though CR 900 W can be used. After a brief discussion the commissioners agreed that the county cannot maintain the road and that a gate or chain should be installed if traffic is causing problems.

Bucket Truck – Painter stated that the bucket truck has arrived from REC.

Salt – Painter reported that he has put in a bid to purchase salt with the state order.

Tourism Board Appointment

The Spencer County Tourism Commission requested the appointment of Kevin Klosowski. Logsdon made a motion to make the appointment. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Assessor Trending Contract

Assessor Arnold discussed the need for the Trending and Ratio Study. Originally the DLGF was going to do the study for the counties, but with the new DLGF commissioner, it has moved back to the county. The only company to put in a quote was Reller Southern Indiana Appraisal LLC, for \$28,600. They said it can be done by the required deadline. Arnold said it would be paid for out of the Reassessment Fund.

Gogel made a motion to sign the contract. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Lincoln Funeral Re-enactment Resolution

Rininger asked for a formal signature on the Lincoln Funeral Re-enactment Resolution. Gogel made a motion to sign Resolution 2009-02. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Safety Highway Overpass

Rininger discussed the inclusion of the proposed safety highway overpass in the 2010 Federal Transportation Budget by Congressman Baron Hill.

Johnson Control – Jail Maintenance

Don Woods and Bill Payne from Johnson Control discussed the contract to continue servicing the control panel and units in the jail. After a discussion the commissioners requested the following revisions: 1- the units are tested four times a year with full preventive maintenance to be done once a year, 2 – the override passwords are provided to the chief deputy, 3 – four hours of mechanical training for the maintenance supervisor.

The contract will be revised and sent back for signing at the May 5th meeting.

Engineer Report

CEDIT Plan for 2009 & 2010 – Engineer Lloyd gave the commissioners her proposed list of CEDIT projects for 2009 and 2010. Four projects may be paid for by stimulus funds. The commissioners asked Lloyd to have alternative projects when she brings in the plan for final approval.

Stimulus Projects – Lloyd reported that the projects are turned into the district and will be to the state by the end of the week. A decision on the projects is expected by mid-May.

Santa Claus Water Project – Lloyd has received the necessary bond forms from the contractors on the Santa Claus Water Project. Lueken stated that we are still waiting on the certificate of insurance but everything else is correct. Lloyd said the commissioners will need to approve the application for a truck hauling permit on CR 800E. Gogel made a motion to approve the application when the proper certificate of insurance is received. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. Lloyd also stated that the contractor has requested a 100% surety bond and a waiver of the 20% cash bond. Gogel made a motion to waive the 20 % cash bond and accept the 100 % surety bond. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Old US 231 – Lloyd reported that she has been asked by John Curry with INDOT if the commissioners would be interested in a cash settlement in place of INDOT resurfacing the remainder of US 231 before it is transferred to the county. Lloyd will get more details and report back. Lloyd also asked for approval of a letter needed for INDOT to claim the \$400,000 per the Relinquishment Agreement. Logsdon made a motion to approve the letter. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

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Common Wage

Lueken stated that due to the upcoming projects the commissioners should appoint members to a Common Wage Committee. The past appointees have been Anthony Bender, Larry Sigler, and Jerry Wilson, with Tom Litkenhus being an alternate. Logsdon made a motion to re-appoint the past members. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Legal Report

ATV Immunity – Lueken reported that the ATV bill is still moving forward.

State Stimulus Distribution – Lueken stated that a shift has been made on the distribution of the state stimulus distribution from counties to cities and towns. He will continue to follow the progression of the bill.

Luce Sewer

Ed Ingram, LTRSD board member, reported that the district is looking into the payment for crop damage on fields along CR 200. Currently the Town of Richland is not requesting an appointment to the board. Also, the board met with Freedom Bank and the board voted to pay \$75,000 per year to Freedom if any COIT funds are paid to the district.

Gogel stated that on May 1st two members' terms expire, and he thinks Richland should have one of the appointments.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest: _____

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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