

**Commissioners Meeting
February 1, 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.

Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the December 22nd minutes. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to approve the January 5th minutes. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve Batch #3276. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Hwy Report

Kenney reported they picked up 220 ton of salt that was being stored at Mulzers; there is a remaining 80 ton available. Kenney presented the 2016 CEDIT road plan for commissioner approval. Gogel made a motion to add the 2016 list of roads to the CEDIT plan. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon requested that Kenney provide the full CEDIT plan at the next meeting. Anticipated bid dates are March/April.

Chapman reported he spoke with Jim Gruber about a HydroVac that Gruber is considering purchasing. Gruber would like to do a demonstration on the pipe located on 1000 to see if the HydroVac will blow out debris and cut a groove to assist with drainage as he expects. If we see that this machine does open up pipes to aide in drainage, he wishes to discuss if the county would be interested in contracting him to clean out clogged pipes. This might be more cost effective than replacing pipes, if they pipes are still in good condition and it will not disrupt the road.

Chapman asked Attorney Lindsey to look into adding safety guidelines to the employee handbook. At the recent CPR training, hard hats and vests were distributed to each employee and they were instructed when they were to wear them. This has not been well received by all employees and Chapman stated this is not just a county requirement, but an OSHA requirement. Chapman has contacted the uniform company about prices on getting reflective gear on the uniforms as another option if someone doesn't want to wear the vest. Logsdon asked Auditor Winkler what company would be dealing with the liability if an employee were injured and did not have the correct safety equipment, Winkler informed them our Worker's Comp insurance is through Bitco. Chapman stated that Bitco comes up there, but it is always scheduled so the employees are wearing the safety gear when they know he is scheduled to come. Bitco is under the impression we are doing what we are supposed to do. Not all employees are currently wearing steel toed boots and this is another safety article that needs to be required. Chapman will contact Krutz Boots about the cost for steel toed boots and all were in agreement that the county will pay some part of the expense for each employee to have steel toed boots. The exact amount will be determined at the next meeting, when this topic is discussed again. Logsdon instructed Auditor Winkler to put Safety Attire on the February 16th meeting agenda.

Legal Report

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2016-01 Dust Reduction for 2nd reading. Gogel made a motion to approve ordinance 2016-01 Dust Reduction. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2016-02 Traffic Signs at Railroad Crossings for commissioner review. We need to contact Chris Middleton and get her opinion on the liability we face for only having yield signs, not stop signs. Kenney and Chapman asked INDOT what to do at the crossings that have 2 signs and they were instructed to remove our stop signs. We currently have yield signs on Norfolk Southern railroad crossings and stop signs on Hoosier Southern railroad crossings, which are causing confusion. Lindsey will check with Middleton about the county liability. Seiler made a motion to approve ordinance 2016-02 for first reading. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Quiet Title Action – Troy Refinery

Lindsey reported he has the quiet title action drafted and about ready to file. This will be filed against Freeman Cline, which we can serve personally if we know where he is or by publication if we cannot locate him. Lindsey requested an Executive Session be scheduled to discuss the status and how he anticipates this going. Logsdon stated we can schedule an Executive Session on February 16th at 11:45 a.m. before the regularly scheduled commissioner meeting and asked Auditor Winkler to put it on the agenda.

2016 Election

Lindsey explained that Clay 1 polling location has in previous years been held at Heritage Hills Baptist Church and they have requested to no longer be a polling location. This brought up the discussion of polling locations for Clay 1-3 and Carter 4. After looking at different locations it was decided that all 4 precincts could be moved to one polling location at the Santa Claus Community Center. Seiler made a motion to approve having one polling location for Clay 1-3 and Carter 4 at the Santa Claus Community Center. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey mentioned that the 1st scheduled commissioner meeting for May falls on May 3rd, which is the Primary Election Day and the courthouse will be closed. Gogel made a motion to move the May 3rd meeting to May 4th. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Old Business

Sheriff McDurmon stated that they will be leasing the basement from Martin-Serrin for storage space and he needs a lease agreement drafted by Attorney Lindsey. Lindsey asked McDurmon if he is moving everything, if not he needs to coordinate with the Prosecutor on his items. McDurmon stated he is not moving everything and will contact the Prosecutor about all the files and evidence that belong to him.

Township Cemetery

Logsdon brought up the discussion from a few months back about individuals being buried in township trustee cemeteries without giving any notice, purchasing a plot or contacting anyone. A township trustee had contacted him about this concern and what steps could be taken to address it. Logsdon will contact the local funeral homes and make sure they contact the appropriate person before completing a burial.

Spencer County Library Board Re-Appointment

Bobbie Wood with the Spencer County Library Board has sent a letter requesting the re-appointment of David Taylor to the board for another 4 year term. Taylor's term will be from 1/1/16 to 12/31/19. Seiler made a motion to re-appoint David Taylor to the Spencer County Library Board for a 4 year term. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Seiler expressed a concern about oak trees we have in the county that are infected with disease and falling. Seiler has been working with the Highway Dept and has gone out with them to investigate trees. He feels that we need to take action on these trees and try to remove as many as we can, before they fall. This can cause a huge hazard if trees are falling across roadways. Seiler stated we need to get bids out to remove the trees or start doing it ourselves, but his recommendation is bidding it out. Chapman stated that we need to have the employees that are cutting brush back make note of where the infected dead trees are so we can compile a list. Logsdon stated that was a good idea and when they get this information they can make it part of the Highway Report.

Courthouse Security

Sheriff McDurmon, Judge Dartt, and Deputy Harold Gogel came before the board to discuss courthouse security and the progress so far. Gogel is actively in the courthouse full-time from 7:30 to 4:30 every day. His primary duty is courtroom security, but when court is not in session he is patrolling the courthouse. Gogel expressed some concerns about not having an SOP for courthouse security and asked Attorney Lindsey to look into getting one. Gogel has introduced himself to each office and makes his presence known. He informed the commissioners that he previously had a first responder certification and expressed that he felt that might be something beneficial for him to obtain again. He also mentioned that although some drills are practiced at the courthouse an active shooter drill has never been done and he feels this would be a very beneficial drill for employees and local emergency departments. These types of drills have been performed at local schools. Logsdon asked Judge Dartt if he has court scheduled every day and he stated yes, but there are times when court ends early and during that time Gogel has been

working on other projects, such as the metal detector and security cameras. There are updated security systems that would allow Gogel to remotely monitor all cameras from an Ipad or some type of mobile device even while in the courtroom. There are many items to address and a meeting is needed to just discuss courthouse security. Logsdon suggested that everyone meet on February 16th at 11:00 a.m. before the executive session. All were in agreement that they would make sure to attend that meeting.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler


