

**Commissioners Meeting  
June 7, 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**

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19<sup>th</sup> as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Claims**

Seiler made a motion to approve claims Batch #3330 as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel made a motion to approve claims Batch #3336 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Kenney reported there are 3 roads that need to be added to the 2016 CEDIT plan.

District 1 – 400W 300S to 200S

District 2 – 700N 450W to Orchard Rd

District 3 – 1200N 545 to 1425N

Seiler made a motion to approve adding the roads to the CEDIT plan. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney presented the Highway Administrator job description for review and asked that this be advertised no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. Lindsey stated that this description can be taken to the Work One office also, if we wish to utilize their services. Logsdon requested this be on the agenda for the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Kenney reported that everything is progressing well on ditch work to prepare for blacktop/chip and seal. The chip and seal crew is currently laying overlay on last year's blacktop roads.

Chapman reported there are 21 roads that will be on the grant application that need a traffic study.

Indiana 15 will check the list to see if we have traffic counts from prior years for any of those roads.

Logsdon asked if we have received the road grader and Kenney stated it should be delivered tomorrow June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lindsey stated that Chapman contacted him about reducing the speed on CR 1550-Fulda Lake Road.

There is not a speed limit sign therefore the speed limit is 55 mph. Lindsey stated that if the board finds that it is in an urban district then we don't have to do an engineering and traffic study and we can lower the speed limit to not less than 25 mph. Chapman stated there are ball fields out there and he has received calls complaining about the speed on that road. Logsdon asked what speed they recommend and Chapman stated 25 mph. Chapman suggested setting the speed limit from 545 passed the ball fields at 25 mph and then when passed the fields bump it up to 35 mph until the blacktop ends. We will need to formally find that this is an urban district first then proceed with changing the speed limit. Chapman will write something up and get it to Lindsey to be put in legal form.

**Lisa Gehlhausen – Indiana Region 15**

Gehlhausen stated they are there to discuss the Community Crossings grant through INDOT. This grant is for up to \$1,000,000.00 with a \$1,000,000.00 match and must be submitted by July 15, 2016.

Gehlhausen explained what information is required to apply for the grant. Indiana 15 has offered their services in assisting with the grant process. Gehlhausen presented a contract for \$6,000.00 for these services. Seiler made a motion to approve the contract with Indiana Region 15 for the Community Crossings Grant. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Elliot Englert reported that the most recent soil sample taken at the Troy Refinery property came back with no contaminants, we will submit to IDEM for approval and hopefully get a release soon.

**Lee Chestnut – Perry County Development Corp.**

Chestnut came to discuss an OCRA Workforce Grant that was awarded to assist with workforce development in Perry, Spencer, Crawford, and Dubois counties. This grant is comprised of 3 interrelated actions. The first is to identify the unemployed and underemployed in this area, second to provide the training necessary to receive a Southwest Indiana Manufacturing Certificate, and third to provide the students with completed training to employers in this area. The training will be provided at the Ivy Tech location in Tell City, hopefully by July 11<sup>th</sup>. Chestnut stated he has met with all the counselors of the area high schools and made them aware this program is available. The required hours for this program are 140 class hours. The grant states that 51% of the students must be from a low to moderate income household.

**Legal Report**

Lindsey presented a settlement agreement between Indiana Counties and Black Knight Real Estate Data Solutions LLC in interest of LPS Real Estate Data Solutions LPS for the fees owed to the county Recorder's. The agreement is for \$0.25/page with \$0.10 going to the legal counsel and \$0.15 being returned as reimbursement. It is also stated that moving forward for the next 2 years we will receive \$0.10/page. Gogel made a motion to approve the settlement agreement. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jennifer Adams – Plan Commission

Adams presented Ordinance 2016-06 for commissioner approval. This ordinance is to re-zone 20 acres to B2 at the intersection of SR 162 and SR 62 to allow the building of Self Storage Units. The ordinance was approved with no opposition from the planning and zoning board. Gogel made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-06 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Lindsey prepared some Hold Harmless agreements for the Highway Dept. to use when dust suppressant is taking place. The Highway Dept. will require signatures from the homeowner and the individual applying the dust suppressant.

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2016-07 regarding Internal Controls. We are required to establish internal controls and comply with following them. A dollar amount needs to be set as a threshold for reporting to State Board of Accounts. Lindsey suggested a threshold of \$500.00 be adopted. An Ethics Policy was also presented for commissioner review and discussion. This policy will be included in the council packets for the next meeting as well. We must begin the process by passing the required ordinance and policy and then determine our internal controls and how to train all employees to follow them. Gogel made a motion to acknowledge Ordinance 2016-07 for first reading. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey reported that he spoke with Phil Brown about the unsafe buildings. If the county wishes to begin the process of addressing unsafe buildings and who will oversee that, a budget needs to be put together to present to the council at budget hearings.

**New Business**

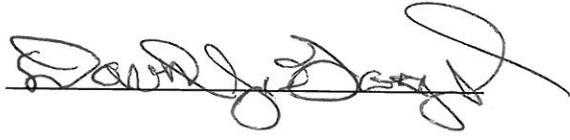
Gogel reported that he attended the Redevelopment Commissioner meeting regarding the AK Steel TIF district. The bond for the TIF district will be paid in full in February 2017, so they decided to allow the assessed valuation to pass thru. Gogel stated that he learned at the meeting that the TIF district is actually a 30 year TIF district, not 20 year. Since the bond will be paid off and the TIF district is no longer needed, wouldn't it be wise to abolish the district instead of leaving it lie out there? Lindsey stated that the only reason to leave it open would be if at some point in the 10 year period that we determine a need, we could amend the economic development plan and again capture some of the proceeds from the TIF district. Lindsey stated the district does not include all acreage owned by AK Steel, only 400 acres that the plant is sitting directly on top of. If we determine there is a need it does not even have to be within the district, it just must benefit the TIF district. If we chose to amend the economic development plan, it would have to be approved by the Redevelopment Commission, Plan Commission, the County Commissioners, and then the Redevelopment Commission would have to hold a public hearing. It is not an easy process and therefore would not be easy for just anyone to try and capture that assessed value.

**Highway Administrator**

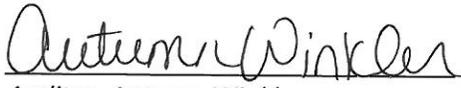
An additional appropriation needs to be requested for training of the new Highway Administrator and the salary ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the training position.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 P.M.

  
President



Attest:

  
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

