

**Commissioners Meeting  
February 16, 2016**

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

*The meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:04 P.M.*

**Minutes**

*Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.*

**Highway Report**

*Kenney stated that they are working on installing the railroad tank car up on Long Johnnytown Road and ditching out. The bridge deck on CR 400N west of 800 W, Bridge #65, needs to be replaced. Kenney presented paperwork from a company that we have used in the past for bridge deck replacement. The quote provided includes everything except labor to remove a concrete deck and install a steel one. Seiler asked if this is the only company that does this and suggested we check with another vendor. Attorney Lindsey stated we could put out a request for proposal. Kenney stated he did not know of any other vendors that do the steel grating and they requested a quote from this company, because this is who we have used in the past. They have completed 46 bridges for us so far. Lindsey stated he feels it should be opened up for bid. This is a large sum of money and we need to see what other companies would be interested in bidding. Gogel asked if they needed to make a motion directing Kenney to put it out for bid. Lindsey stated no, they just needed to give them that direction and that running it in the local paper one time would be sufficient. They were also instructed to contact any company that they thought might have interest in bidding.*

*Kenney reported that the MVH distribution was down this month by \$34,000.00 compared to last year at this time. We have not received an explanation at this time for the reduction. Chapman mentioned safety apparel and Lindsey stated that these are federal rules and that the crew at the highway dept. just needs to be told that we have to follow these rules. Chapman has researched the OSHA rules and determined what rules we have to abide by. Lindsey stated he does not feel there is any further action that the commissioner's need to take. Kenney and Chapman need to make the crew aware of what the rules are and that they have to comply with those rules. The rules they will need to follow are: wearing a reflective vest, hard hat, safety glasses, steel toed boots, and ear plugs as needed. Chapman reported he checked with Krutz Shoes on a price for steel toed boots. Some employees are currently wearing them, but not all. We provide all necessary safety equipment, except steel toed boots, so discussion came up about providing an allowance towards the boots. Chapman stated that he feels an employee should be able to get 2 years of use out of a pair of boots. The average cost for a good pair of boots is around \$150.00. After much discussion, it was decided to give each employee a \$100.00 allowance towards boots every 2 years. This allowance will come from the uniform line in the Highway budget. Seiler made a motion to give \$100.00 allowance every 2 years for boots and for it to be paid from the uniform line. Each employee must submit a claim with receipt for reimbursement. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.*

*Logsdon suggested that Kenney and Chapman or at least one of them attend Road School at Purdue March 8-10. He feels this will be very beneficial to them, Gogel agrees.*

*Gogel stated he feels we need to lock some fuel in. We do not want to get greedy and prices go up. Gogel suggests locking in ½ of our fuel supply, Seiler suggested ¾ be locked in. Chapman will call Cindy Painter and have her get prices on locking in today. We will discuss again later when we get numbers from her.*

**Legal Report**Ordinance 2016-02

Lindsey stated that he spoke with Chris Middleton, our insurance agent about the traffic signs at railroad crossings and she suggested that we have the same sign at all crossings. This will change all the signs on Hoosier Southern crossings from stop signs to yield signs. Logsdon suggested contacting Hoosier Southern to get their opinion on yield signs, Lindsey will contact them. Gogel made a motion to table the second reading of Ordinance 2016-02 for further discussion. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sheriff Lease

Lindsey presented a one year lease for commissioner approval. This lease is for storage space at the old Integra Bank building at a rate of \$250.00/month for a one year period. This lease is drafted very similar to the leases we have on other properties. This lease can be terminated early with a 90 day written notice. Seiler made a motion to direct Lindsey to proceed with the lease agreement between Sheriff McDurmon and Martin-Serrin for storage space. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jail Camera

Lindsey has been in discussion with Liebermann Technology about the broken camera at the jail and an agreement has finally been reached that Liebermann will send us a check for \$3,075.90 if we are willing to no longer hold them liable. We can use the money to purchase a new camera from whomever we choose and have it installed. Gogel made a motion to approve the general lease from Liebermann to receive payment for the damaged camera. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Ordinance 2016-03

Lindsey presented an ordinance for first reading stating that we will adopt Internal Control Standards. State Board of Accounts is requiring government entities to adopt internal control standards to audit records. This is an ordinance committing to starting that process. Gogel made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2016-03. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Chapman reported back with fuel prices.

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Gas – \$1.36/gallon

Fuel : On-road - \$1.469 end of August    \$1.539 end of December

Off-road - \$1.302 end of August    \$1.372 end of December

FLEX Price is only guaranteed for 1 hour

Gas – \$1.26

Fuel: On-road – \$1.30

Off-road - \$1.14

Gogel made a motion to lock in ½ of the remaining supply for the year for the firm price. Seiler was opposed and wanted to lock in more. Seiler made a motion to lock in ¾ of the remaining supply for the firm price. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Legal Report**WTH Agreements

Lindsey presented two WTH Electronic Map Data Application Agreements for commissioner approval. These are the standard agreements supplied by WTH. The first agreement is with Talperion, Inc. and the second agreement is with Louis Berger. Gogel made a motion to approve both Electronic Map Data Application Agreements. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Troy Refinery

Lindsey reported he filed the Quiet Title Action today.

**New Business**

Gogel mentioned that he thinks we need to advertise to bump the Cum Bridge Rate up like we have in the past few years. We will raise it to the maximum amount and then lower it at budget time to whatever rate we can afford. We must advertise and hold a public hearing to raise the rate. Gogel made a motion to advise the legal counsel to begin the process of increasing the Cum Bridge rate. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Indiana 15 Invoice

Gogel made a motion to instruct the Auditor's office to pay the invoice for Indiana 15 as soon as the additional appropriation is received. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:21 P.M.

  
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