

**Commissioners Meeting  
May 17, 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**

No minutes were presented.

**Claims**

Gogel made a motion to approve claims Batch #3319 as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Award Bid**

**Tandem Truck**

Chapman stated they recommend the Peterbilt truck for \$48,800.00. Seiler made a motion to accept the bid for \$48,800.00 on the Peterbilt truck. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Road Grader**

Kenney stated they recommend the bid be awarded to Diamond Equipment for \$177,000.00 with a 3 year/3,000 hrs full warranty plus filters and fluids. Gogel made a motion to accept the bid from Diamond Equipment for \$177,000.00 to be paid for out of the State Road Relinquishment Fund contingent on council approval. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Kenney presented the Annual Operations Report for commissioner signature; this must be submitted to the state by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Kenney reported they are continuing to do ditch work on chip and seal and blacktop roads they are working on. He spoke with Kenny Coultas at INDOT today and they are fine with us extending the culvert at CR 600N and SR 161.

Chapman reported that he and Logsdon have been working on the PASER program for the last four days and presented what he has complete so far. There is a Bridge Asset Management Plan and plans for District 1, 2, & 3. The roads are measured out and scored, but this is not official just a draft. Logsdon stated there is training by INDOT on May 25<sup>th</sup> in Vincennes to explain the process of applying for the grant. We can now apply for a \$1,000,000.00 grant. Logsdon asked Kenney and Chapman to take Gelarden with them to the training and stated the importance of Gogel and Seiler attending if possible, he has a prior commitment and cannot attend.

Mr. Meunier and Tony Osborne came to express their concerns with CR 700E & CR 900N. The roads do not drain well and the culvert is half full of dirt, so every time there is a big rain the water runs across the road and washes it out. Osborne is the only one that lives on the road and he feels part of it needs to be closed until it can be fixed. Gogel made a motion to temporarily close CR 900N from the old Rice place that Mason Foertsch now owns east to SR 245. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Leonard Betz stated that several individuals around Lincoln City are concerned with the possibility of CR 1625N being closed. There is discussion about the road being closed due to the trail project that is taking place. Gogel stated the talk of this road being closed all began when they were planning on building another road a ¼ mile north, but it now looks like that will probably not take place. It would be very hard for them to close the road if there isn't another road available nearby. Logsdon stated he is not sure if the board will be asked to take action on closing that road, but if so he is not in favor of taking any action until it is discussed more.

**Road Bid Opening**

District 1 – CR 700W

District 2 – CR 600N, CR 700N

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>CR 600N</u>	<u>CR 700N</u>	<u>CR 700W</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
E & B Paving	\$126,013.00	\$107,374.00	\$85,364.50	\$318,751.50
J.H. Rudolph & Co	\$122,059.00	\$105,824.00	\$82,970.75	\$310,853.75
Metzger Construction	\$138,225.00	\$117,540.00	\$93,175.00	\$348,940.00

Seiler made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## **CASA**

Judge Dartt, Tina Gehlhausen, and Cindy Parsley came to present the staff numbers and hours versus the case numbers to explain the desperate need for an additional staff member. They explained that CASA is funded mostly by donations and fundraisers. There are currently 2 employees and 41 volunteers. Seven more will be sworn in this week and they anticipate being at 60-70 volunteers by year end. Each volunteer is assigned a case and a few volunteers that have been there awhile have 2 cases. Even with all those volunteers having a case we still have 48 children on the waiting list. Gehlhausen and Parsley also volunteer as advocates in their free time. With the growing number of children in need another employee is needed to assist with necessary paperwork and other duties. The new position would be funded by CASA, they will not be requesting any funding, just informing the commissioners and council of future plans. They anticipate hiring more employees in 2017, but also possibly hiring another part-time employee later this year. They have begun the process with a local attorney of becoming a 501c3. CASA is under the direction of the state and there has been confusion with the way bookkeeping and things should be handled, because they are not actually county employees. Becoming a 501c3 will make things more clearly for everyone; they will be an independent stand alone agency. Gehlhausen stated that last year in celebration of adoption month in November, we had Adoption Day and they are hoping to grow on that each year. They are requesting permission to put a decal on the wall in the rotunda to honor adoption and every child that gets adopted will get to put their initials and adoption date on a leaf on the tree. Seiler made a motion to approve the decal. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## **Community Corrections**

Judge Dartt presented the current roster of Community Corrections board members for commissioner approval. Seiler approved the roster of board members. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## **Award Road Bid**

Kenney stated after reviewing the bids they recommend the bid be awarded to J.H. Rudolph for \$310,853.75. Seiler made a motion to award the bid to J.H. Rudolph. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## **State Grant**

After much discussion about the changes to the grant and the possibility of doing a \$1,000,000.00 match it was determined that a work session is needed to decide which roads we wish to include in the grant application. We also need to take action to move the necessary funding into the Rainy Day fund, so it is allowed to be used as part of our grant match. Gogel made a motion to transfer \$500,000.00 from the CEDIT fund to the Rainy Day fund. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. A work session was scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Highway Dept to work on what roads we wish to submit.

## **Legal Report**

### Internal Controls

Lindsey stated that Auditor Winkler had discussed internal controls with him and he contacted Kent Irwin to get some direction on how other counties are handling this process. Irwin suggested that we contact H.J. Umbaugh and speak with Dan Heddan to get assistance. Winkler included a letter in the packets from Jason Semler at Umbaugh stating that they are assisting counties with getting internal controls implemented. Lindsey has contacted H.J. Umbaugh and is awaiting a call back from them. We are unsure at this time what the cost would be for them to assist us, but they have always helped us and been reasonable in the past. Gogel asked if we need to start the process of doing an additional appropriation, so we are prepared for this expense. Gogel made a motion to instruct Lindsey to get a quote and Auditor Winkler request an additional appropriation based on the quote. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. This additional appropriation will be under legal services in the commissioner's budget.

### Unsafe Building

Lindsey began with saying what we currently have is an ordinance that gives us the authority to force landowners to demolish or rehabilitate structures. Something new that has started in Vanderburgh County is that they have begun the process of doing a Land Bank. The way a land bank works is that the county would purchase the properties at the tax sale, take title to them and then transfer them to the land bank. Then the land bank would begin the process of demolishing the structures on the property, and resell it. Auditor Winkler stated that SRI, Inc. our tax sale company, was in the office on Friday and mentioned the land bank process that Vanderburgh County was starting and stated they weren't sure it was a very good idea or would turn out the way they were expecting it to. It was discussed how the county would recoup the money from purchasing the properties and there is hope the property would sell, but you would not recoup everything. It would get properties back on the tax roll though. Winkler also stated that a lot of the rundown properties in some of the towns are not up on tax sale, someone is

paying the taxes. Most properties with homes or structures that are on tax sale are purchased by a tax sale buyer or adjoining neighbor. Lindsey stated that if we begin the process of compiling a list of properties there will be time and expense to that. Gogel asked if the list will be complaint driven and Winkler stated that Solid Waste gets most of the complaints now and probably already has a list. We will continue to look into this.

**New Business**

Tara Lloyd – Sign Inventory Grant

Lloyd informed the board that she worked with Cindy Painter and got the federal grant submitted for the sign inventory. If we receive the grant we will only be responsible for 10% of the cost in year 2020, which at this time looks to be around \$40,000.00. Hopefully we will be awarded this grant and can completely replace all signs in the county.

Lloyd presented a contract from Beem, Longest, and Neff for commissioner approval. Last May, the board accepted the proposal from BLN for engineering services along with a proposal from Cash Wagner, but a formal contract was never presented for commissioner signature. Gogel made a motion to approve the contract with BLN. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Administrator Position

Logsdon stated that Cindy Painter recently told him she would be retiring effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. We need to start actively seeking applicants as her replacement and have someone in here a minimum of 2 months prior to her leaving. Logsdon stated he feels we need to get a short presentation together to present at the next council meeting to ask for funding to train a new person. Lindsey stated that we might want to consider using Work One. This will be discussed with Cindy at the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> and we will get the process started.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 P.M.

  
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President

  
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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

  
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