

Board of Commissioners
February 3, 2009 – 8:45 am

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

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve all claims as presented. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Minutes

12/29/2008 minutes; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

01/06/2009 minutes; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

01/06/2009 executive session; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

01/20/2009 minutes; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

01/20/2009 executive session; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Homeland Security Sub-grant

EMA Director Perdue requested the commissioners to sign the annual Homeland Security Grant for CERT and Neighborhood Watch. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Public Safety Building

Perdue and EMA Deputy Singleton discussed an earmark the county was awarded for the set up of an Emergency Operations Center in the proposed Public Safety Building. Singleton stated that a questionnaire must be completed and submitted but it is a non-competitive grant. Discussion was had on software used by the Sheriff's department and the county GIS system. Logsdon made a motion for EMA to complete and submit the questionnaire for the non-competitive grant. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Generator for Courthouse

Perdue discussed problems with the generator located in the basement, which the EMA office used when the power to the courthouse went out temporarily. Fumes were smelled in offices above the generator. A grant has been received to purchase a new generator. Until the new generator is purchased if the old one must be used, the offices above the EMA office should be notified and asked to temporarily relocate. Discussion was had on where to locate the new generator.

Computer Battery Backup

Perdue discussed how the EMA office has battery backup for their computers, which allows 15 to 20 minutes to save work and properly shut down computers. Commissioners discussed the need for all offices to have battery backup. The matter will be discussed with the council.

Family Social Services Agency

Discussion was had on how people without computer access can contact the Family Social Services Agency for assistance. Singleton stated that they can be contacted using an automated phone number. Logsdon asked Singleton to work with the local papers to get the phone numbers published.

Spencer County Veterans Memorial

Frank Richey asked the commissioners for permission to use the county name in a veterans memorial. He obtained permission from the Grandview Parks and Recreation Board to locate the memorial in the Grandview Park. Richey presented drawings and discussed how the memorial will be done. Logsdon made a motion to approve the use of the county name in the Spencer County Veterans Memorial. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Storm Reconstructive Services

Doug Knepper of K & K Dirtworks introduced Chris Sprague of SRS – Storm Reconstructive Services. Sprague stated that SRS helps after storms with administering debris removal and submitting paperwork for federal assistance. He has also met with Debbie Steinkamp at Solid Waste.

Tax Management Associates

Assessor Arnold presented a contract to hire Tax Management Associates to perform an audit on AK Steel personal property. TMA is a professional audit company and they are familiar with steel mills. Arnold stated that the council has approved the additional to pay for the service out of the Reassessment Fund. Gogel made a motion to sign the contract. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

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The meeting was recessed at 10:30 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:34 am.

Surveyor Vehicle

Logsdon discussed the need for the Surveyor to have a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Options are still being researched on whether it would be best to purchase a vehicle or to pay mileage on his personal vehicle. Logsdon stated that until a solution is found, Highway Superintendent Painter has agreed to allow the use of the highway owned 4-wheel drive vehicle which was used by the Assistant Highway Superintendent for the next three months. Logsdon also discussed the possibility of paying mileage driven by the Surveyor in his personal vehicle at a higher rate due to his need to have a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Logsdon will work with Gogel over the next three months to come up with an appropriate solution.

Highway Report

Storm – Painter asked what the county policy is on the replacement of mailboxes that were allegedly damaged by the highway workers when they were clearing the road. He has received three or four calls. Logsdon asked Painter to find out what has been done in the past. Auditor Shelton will contact other counties for a sample ordinance.

Generator – Painter discussed the need for the highway building to have a generator to keep the department running in case of a power outage. He stated that originally it was in the plan to have a generator, but it was cut to save money. Gogel stated that the final payment for the highway building will be paid in December, and now might be a good time to complete the work that was in the original plan for the building. Logsdon told Painter to find out how much it will cost and report back at the next meeting.

Trees Down – Painter stated that K & K helped the highway department with removal of trees. The cost should be reimbursed by FEMA, but it could take several months. The commissioners told Painter to pay K & K and get reimbursed by FEMA.

Thank You

The commissioners thanked the Highway Department, the Firefighters, the Sheriff's Department, and all of the shelter workers for all the work during the storm.

Engineer Report

Huffman Mill Bridge – Lloyd stated that the county was turned down for the grant to raise Huffman Mill Bridge, but another grant could be available. The commissioners told Lloyd to apply for the new grant.

SR 231 – Lloyd spoke with Calvin Evans of INDOT and he is sending a letter stating that the original agreement regarding old SR 231 is still valid even if the county receives early payment of the money. A letter was sent to the Treasurer's Office requesting a signature on a form which stated that county is taking over the road upon receipt of the money. Lloyd took the form and will ask for it to be re-issued with different language.

Legal Report

231 Adult Plaza – Lueken discussed the motions filed by the 231 Adult Plaza attorneys. The county has responded and requested that the judge order the defendant to post a bond for the full amount ordered to pay while the appeals were being made. Wetherill stated that before further work can be done the transcripts from the last hearing must be done and the circuit court office is approximately a month behind. Lueken recommended the commissioners request an additional from the riverboat fund in the amount of \$25,000. Logsdon made a motion to request an additional of \$25,000 to continue the litigation. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Lueken explained that an appointment for the Board of Zoning Appeals was overlooked last month. Logsdon made a motion to reappoint Jimmy Boyd to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Tree Trimming and Removal

Shelton presented a quote from Southern Indiana Tree Service to remove the hanging limbs and to remove a tree which was damaged in the storm. The commissioners stated that even though it was not required they would like a second quote and recommended Hunter Outdoor. Logsdon made a motion to have Shelton

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obtain a second quote and then hire the cheaper contractor to remove the hanging limbs and to remove the damaged tree. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Covered Bridge Certification

Shelton asked the commissioners to sign the Covered Bridge Certification, certifying that Spencer County has one Covered Bridge. Gogel made a motion to sign the certification. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Jail Intercom System

Discussion was had on problems the jail was having with the intercom system. Rininger stated that Johnson Controls has always handled the system and would be the best to call. Logsdon asked Shelton to make sure that the county is charged in-contract rates for the repair.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Board of Commissioners,

President
Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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