

County Council Joint Meeting with Board of Commissioners

April 21, 2009 – 4:05 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present. Also present were Councilmen William Spaetti, James Ebert, Steve Winsett, David Kress, Charles Waninger, Jack Kroeger, and Blake Bunner, and Council Attorney John Wetherill.

Indiana 15

Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 discussed the list of the eleven projects which the county has submitted for stimulus funding and how Indiana 15 is working on additional alternative funding.

Drainage improvement project south of Dale, IN – Indiana 15 is working with the Town of Dale on a grant to improve drainage in the area which is within town limits.

Spencer County Public Safety Building and Emergency Operations Center near Chrisney, Indiana – There is no current update on the Homeland Security Grant. She believes that the review is still being done.

Highway overpass (over rail) at State Road 70 and County Road 800 N – Baron Hill has submitted the project to be part of the 2010 Federal Transportation Budget.

Spencer County Fairgrounds improvements – Nothing currently to report.

Stormwater improvements to alleviate flooding in Grandview, Indiana – Grandview is working on receiving disaster recovery funds at this time.

Create necessary emergency disaster shelter in St. Meinrad – Generators have become available through the Hazard Mitigation Program.

Luce Township Sewer District Project – She has spoke with the Town of Richland on receiving grant funding, but not for a sewer project as of right now. They are working on getting an income survey done.

Removal of log jams and other obstructions from the Anderson River – FEMA will pay for 75% of the work being done if tax payer funds are being used to clear the debris. Logsdon and Surveyor Herron are working with the FEMA representative.

Spencer County Fair Board fairgrounds Conference and Community Center – It is hard to get alternative funding for community centers because it is not in a low to moderate income area.

Firefighting equipment at New Boston Volunteer Fire Department – Assistance to Firefighters Fund Grant applications are due May 20th and it is a 95% grant.

Railroad and River Port Construction of Mid America Terminals – This is being pursued on a private basis.

Animal Control

Gogel discussed the money the commissioners budgeted in the past for Animal Control. A claim was filed for the money and checks were issued to the balance available, but no fund has been set up for the deposit of the money. Discussion was had on the intent of the council on how Animal Control will be funded. It was decided that Animal Control will be a county department. The council will need to establish a fund for the money which has been accumulated. Discussion was had on the contributions from Rockport and other towns in the county where the majority of the problem lies. It was decided that the council will establish a fund for the deposit of the checks to Animal Control. The commissioners will decide if an additional appropriation will be requested for the 2009 budget year. The council would like for the funds to accumulate yearly until the building can be built and then a budget for the operation of Animal Control will hopefully be supported by the county as a whole.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

County Council,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

