

Board of Commissioners
February 17, 2009 – 2:30 pm

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

Vacation of Alley

Kevin Patmore presented the proof of publication of the Petition to Vacate Portions of a Street and Alley in McCoy's Addition to Bloomfield. Also present were the Coultas' who own property adjacent to the alley. Discussion was had with Patmore, the property owner and the commissioners as to what land is being vacated. Patmore explained that there is currently a fence down the middle of the alley. He further explained that the portion of the street to be vacated only leads to his client's property. After the discussion the Coultas' did not have an objection, but she said that the other adjoining property has been sold and notices were sent to the prior owner. Logsdon made a motion to continue this hearing and table the decision until the March 17th meeting to give Patmore the opportunity to contact the new land owner and notify them of the petition. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Christian Resource Center

Theresa Criss-Hartwig of Indiana 15 asked the commissioners for a resolution authorizing the submittal of a CDBG Planning Grant application for the Christian Resource Center in Rockport. The grant is for \$49,500 for the preparation of a feasibility and architectural plan. The required match will be paid for by the Christian Resource Center's Building Funds. Gogel made a motion to approve the Resolution. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Stimulus Package

A brief discussion was had on the possible stimulus package. Indiana 15 has submitted projects which have been discussed in the past for consideration. Criss-Hartwig explained what type projects will be considered.

Extension Office – ThinkMap License

Shelton stated that the Extension office requested the use of one of the non-editing licenses for ThinkMap, the county's GIS program. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Community Corrections Appointments

Community Corrections Director Janice Weber requested appointment of the 2009 Community Corrections Board. The requested appointments are as follows:

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Kermitt Lindsey – Sheriff’s Department
Jon Dartt – Circuit Court
Connie Branch – Division of Family and Children
Nedra Groves – Rockport City Hall
Eric Ayer – Public Defender
Becky Kramer – Victim Advocate
Blake Bunner – County Council
Maralee Ruark – Probation Officer
Kevin Hunter – Educational Administrator
Dr. Lloyd McGinnis – Physician
Fella Jones – Lay Person
Robert Lindsey – Lay Person (Minority)
Trisha Dugas – Lay Person
Jan Cochenour – Probation
Brett Cieslack – Ex-offender
Kim Litkenus – Tobacco and Substance Abuse Council
John Wetherill – Public Defender
J.W. Arnold – Lay Person
Randy Voight – Lay Person
Dan Wilkinson – Prosecutor

Logsdon made a motion to approve the recommended appointments. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Spencer County Historian

Rininger stated that the Indiana Historical Society has reappointed David Ranger as the Spencer County Historian.

Engineering Report

Dubois County Engineer – Engineer Lloyd informed the Commissioners that Dubois County Engineer Norm Wendholt passed away.

INDOT – Lloyd reported there are two different grants available for Huffman Mill Bridge. Indiana 15 can complete the applications for \$500 per application. Gogel stated that Indiana 15 can be paid out of the Covered Bridge Fund. Logsdon made a motion to have Indiana 15 complete the applications for \$1,000. Gogel seconded. All in favor. Logsdon stated he suggested to the Historical Society that the bridge should be moved to a nearby park, but there seems to be more interest in keeping it where it is.

INDOT – Lloyd stated that she spoke with Calvin Evans with INDOT and he is having the purchase order re-issued with new wording regarding the money the county will receive for SR 231.

Stimulus – Lloyd reported that she was contacted by the state for an initial list of projects the county might be interested in if the stimulus package is passed. She said the list can be added to or deleted from later. The projects submitted were as follows:

1. CR 200E – widening and paving of one mile of road coming out of AMROX
2. Old State Rd – paving of ten miles of road from Silverdale to the highway
3. CR 200N – paving of two miles of road from Silverdale to the highway
4. CR 200E – paving of one mile of road from CR 900N to CR 1000N and replacement of two bridges
5. Salt/Equipment Building for the Highway Department
6. Overpass over the rail road

COIT & CEDIT

Gogel discussed the distribution of excess COIT and CEDIT from the state. The county received \$112,414.96 in excess CEDIT and \$62,877.75 in excess COIT.

Highway Report

Alexander Cemetery – Superintendent Painter stated that he was contacted by Janet Daniels and asked if the county could help pay for the repair of tombstones which were damaged by falling limbs during the ice storm. The commissioners told Painter to encourage her to contact her township trustee. Community Corrections Director Weber said that community service workers may be able to help with the labor. Logsdon also suggested contacting Branchville Prison.

Richland Roads & Debris Removal – Painter asked about the road maintenance for Richland. Shelton stated that Richland does not take over the road maintenance until January 1, 2011. Discussion was had on debris removal within town limits. Dean Bolin stated that at the last Richland Town Board Meeting it was decided to work with the Friends of Richland to clean up the debris.

Mailbox Replacement – Painter discussed the sample mailbox replacement ordinance. Logsdon asked where the money would come from. Painter said he has \$200 in his budget for damages. Discussion was had on how much should be paid if a mailbox is damaged. Gogel made a motion to pay a maximum of \$20 if a claim is filed for a damaged mailbox. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Generator – Painter is checking on prices for a generator for the highway garage.

Debris Removal

Solid Waste Director Debbie Steinkamp stated that the preliminary numbers indicate that Spencer County will be formally declared a disaster area after the ice storm and will qualify for federal aid.

Steinkamp further stated that in the past, storm debris has been taken to an open field and burned, but the ground is too wet. Discussion was had on where debris can be taken. It is currently being taken to a field located near the highway garage and Solid Waste building and in a gated Holiday World lot. Steinkamp stated residents in the northern and southern parts of the county would like a closer location. Other possibilities were discussed and Steinkamp will continue checking on locations.

Surveyor Vehicle

Logsdon asked Painter what it would cost for him to replace the vehicle currently being used by the surveyor. Painter was unsure but he will get a price.

Legal Report

Off-Road Vehicles - Lueken discussed House Bill 1336 which would limit the liability of counties with regard to off-road vehicles on county roads.

House Bills 1399 & 1515 – Lueken mentioned House Bills 1399 and 1515 and suggested that commissioners may want to watch the progress of these bills.

231 Adult Plaza – Lueken explained that the defendants in the 231 Adult Plaza case filed a variety of motions after the ruling by Judge Roell. On February 3rd, the new judge for the case, Judge McConnell, denied the defendants' motions.

Commissioners Deeds

Logsdon made a motion to sign the Commissioners' Deeds transferring the property which sold at the Commissioners' Sale. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

EMA – Sheriff

Gogel stated that Dr. McGinnis copied the commissioners on a letter sent to the EMA and to the Sheriff thanking them for saving the vaccines in the Health Department when the power was out.

Shelters

Logsdon thanked all of the organizations and volunteers who provided assistance during the power outage.

Logsdon also stated that he was approached by an individual about the county helping to install a transfer switch to the United Methodist Church which served as a shelter. The switch would enable the church to be connected to a generator. Discussion was had on if the county would be able to pay for the switch.

Logsdon thanked Vectren for making a special effort to get power to the church so they could be used as a shelter.

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Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
