

Board of Commissioners  
November 30, 2009 – 8:45 am

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

Minutes

10/20/2009 executive session; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

11/03/2009 minutes; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

11/03/2009 executive session; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

11/17/2009 minutes; Logsdon requested a change in the wording in the Highway Report then made a motion to approve the minutes with the change. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

11/17/2009 executive session; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Claims

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

Christian Resource Center Planning Grant

Rininger stated that the Christian Resource Center was awarded a Planning Grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program for \$44,550. The county will have no financial responsibility in the grant but is the official “Grantee”. Logsdon made a motion to sign the grant. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor

Logsdon stated that earlier this summer a fringe benefit was extended to the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor as a part-time employee. Logsdon consulted with Human Resource Specialist Kent Irwin and the county health insurance provider and on their advice made the following motion: Logsdon moved that the hours of employment and pay schedule for the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor be changed effective immediately. The Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor will work 35 hours per week and be paid at a rate of \$8.57 per hour.

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The Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor will also serve as an advisor for maintenance items on all county owned buildings. Gogel stated that he feels the benefit should be removed from that position. Rininger stated that it was a unanimous decision to grant the benefit and he seconds the motion. The motion passed two to one with Gogel opposing.

Phase II Certification Contract

Shelton requested the commissioner approve a contract with GNA Assessment Professionals to complete the Phase II Certification required by the state. The council approved the funding. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

WTH CAD Contract

Gogel made a motion to sign the WTH contract to purchase the CAD System for the Jail and Dispatcher. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Highway Annual Bid Opening

Bids for the Highway Annual Supplies will be opened and tabled until they can be reviewed. The bids will be awarded December 15 at 2:30 pm. Lueken opened and read the bids as follows:

Fuel Bids

The following companies submitted Fuel bids:

Superior Ag Resources, Petroleum Traders Corp, and Ackerman Oil

Limestone Rock

The following company submitted Limestone Rock bids:

Mulzer Crushed Stone

Washed Gravel

The following company submitted Washed Gravel bids:

Mulzer Crushed Stone

Bituminous Material

The following companies submitted Bituminous Material bids:

JH Rudolph, Gohlman Asphalt, Metzger Construction

Chip and Seal Oil

The following companies submitted Chip and Seal Oil bids:

Marathon Petroleum, Asphalt Materials

Pipe

The following company submitted Pipe bids:

CPI

Gogel made a motion to accept all bids and table them for review. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Disaster Resistant Community

Rininger stated that he has continued to receive information from the Disaster Resistant Community group. The county has not funded any of the efforts of the group and now works more closely with the Region 10 Disaster Mitigation group. Rininger asked for a motion to withdraw from the Disaster Resistant Community group. Gogel made the requested motion. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

PSC Easements

Darin Brown of PSC presented the county with a signed Hold Harmless Agreement and a certificate of insurance. Engineer Lloyd and Lueken agreed that the county is now covered for PSC to use the county rights-of-way.

Liability Insurance Report

Chris Middleton, the county's liability insurance agent, reported on the county liability in the last year. She commended the highway department for going accident-free even during the bad weather.

Middleton reported that the premium for 2009 was \$155,239, with a loss of \$45,211.11 for a loss ratio of 29%. After a complete inventory of the county owned equipment, an additional \$605,710 in equipment was found

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and added to the policy. This equipment could have added \$8,360 to the premium but the company waits until renewal to adjust the premium.

Middleton stated that despite the increase in inventory the premium for 2010 decreased to \$153,070, \$2,069 less than 2009 and \$10,429 less if the premium for the added equipment had been charged. She further stated that \$1,500 of the decrease was a direct result of the implementation of the County Driving Policy.

Logsdon thanked Middleton for bringing the Driving Policy to the attention of the county.

#### Property Maintenance Hearing - Rickleman

Debbie Steinkamp presented the commissioners with the documentation showing the notices sent to Joe Rickleman regarding Lot 62 in Mariah Hill. Rickleman was present at the Hearing. Steinkamp discussed the complaint and the pictures dated July 14, 2009 from the initial inspection and pictures dated November 16, 2009 from the re-inspection. The sections of the Property Maintenance Ordinance that were violated are Sections 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 for the accumulation of junk and discarded furniture and appliances.

Rickleman stated there is a small brush pile that he will be removing. He stated that the remaining items were not junk and were usable items.

Lueken stated the commissioners could direct the material to be removed by Steinkamp or the commissioners are allowed to come up with an alternative solution.

Logsdon stated he and Gogel will speak to the adjoining property owners and see if they can come up with an agreement to satisfy everyone.

Logsdon made a motion to table the issue until the December 15 meeting. Gogel seconded. All in favor.  
Indiana 15

Energy Efficiency Grant - Lisa Gehlhausen and Mike Cummings of Indiana 15 discussed availability of an Energy Efficiency Grant for lighting and weatherization. No local match for the grant is required, but Indiana 15 administration costs are not covered. The lighting grant maximum is \$100,000 and the estimate from the original Ameresco Energy Audit for the lighting was \$17,000. Logsdon made a motion to have Indiana 15 submit the Energy Efficiency Grant for lighting in the courthouse and the administrative fees will be paid out of Courthouse Maintenance. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Workshops - Gehlhausen stated there will be a Disaster Recovery Program Workshop on January 13 from 1 to 4 pm held at the Indiana Government Center. She said funds are available for debris removal. Logsdon stated that he and Surveyor Herron are planning to attend the workshop. A Community Development Block Grant Workshop will also be held on March 23, 2010.

Unincorporated Community Grants – Gehlhausen reported that Luce Township Regional Sewer, Finch Newton Water and St. Meinrad Water are all applying for Block Grants. Since they are unincorporated communities, they all may be turning to the county to submit the applications. She said it is unclear right now if a county can apply for multiple grants.

Public Safety Building – Gehlhausen further reported the re-writing of the Public Safety Building grant is continuing.

The commissioners decided to have Indiana 15 on every agenda for the coming months to keep the county informed.

#### Highway Report

CR 700 E Culvert – Painter reported the installation of the liner in the culvert under CR 700 E is complete.

Monuments and Crosses – Painter stated he has received a complaint about a large cross erected in the county right-of-way marking where a person was killed. Logsdon said he would discuss the issue with other county commissioners at the Commissioners' Conference this week.

#### Engineer Report

Stimulus Roads – Lloyd reported the road projects funded with stimulus funds are now complete and waiting for final inspection.

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Striping of County Roads – Lloyd stated the former State Roads that were re-surfaced had the white striping replaced on the outside edge because they are wider roads than most county roads. In the past county roads have not had the white outside edge strip because the roads are narrower. Logsdon asked Lloyd to estimate the cost of adding the white striping.

Bridge #93 – Lloyd reported that Bridge #93 is 85% complete.

Bridge Software – Logsdon asked Lloyd to price software that would enable her to design the smaller bridges in house.

Courthouse Maintenance

Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Bill Glenn obtained an estimate from Empire Contractors for tuck-pointing the top of the courthouse where most of the moisture is coming in the walls. Glenn stated he is concerned about the damage that may occur when the water starts freezing. Lueken stated that a Determination of Emergency Conditions could be signed and the commissioners could direct the work to be done immediately. Gogel said he would like to have the project put out for bid. Logsdon asked Glenn if any other contractors do this type of work. Glenn stated others can do the work but many are not qualified to do quality work. Discussion was had on the experience and references needed for the job. Logsdon asked Glenn to write the specs for the project. Lloyd stated the specs would need to be completed before December 15 in order to get them advertised for a January 5 bid opening. Gogel made a motion to have Glenn write the specs for the project and have a January 5 bid opening.

Legal Report

231 Adult Plaza – Lueken announced the appeal filed with the Indiana Court of Appeals by 231 Adult Plaza has been denied. They have 30 days to file an appeal with the Indiana Supreme Court.

Monthly Report – Lueken submitted a report listing of the work he did during the month of October.

LTRSD Board Appointment

Logsdon asked Lueken for his opinion on if the commissioners’ appointment to a board could be removed by the commissioners for cause. Lueken stated the Indiana Statutes do not address the removal of an appointee from a sewer board. It is addressed regarding other boards but not for sewer boards. Gogel stated appointments are done for terms and if the commissioners are not happy with their work, they can be replaced. Further discussion was had. Logsdon made a motion to request Ed Ingram to be present at the next commissioners’ meeting on December 15.

Health Insurance

Theresa Donnelly Brown asked the commissioners if they decided on her request for health insurance. Logsdon stated at an earlier meeting the commissioners made a mistake by not following the employee handbook. The commissioners have now corrected that mistake under the advice of experts, and made the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor a full-time position. The commissioners will continue to follow the employee handbook and offer health insurance only to full-time employees.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

Board of Commissioners,

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President  
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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