

Board of Commissioners
February 1, 2010 – 8:53 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 claims. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Minutes

12/29/2009 minutes; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

1/5/2010 minutes; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

1/19/2010 minutes; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

1/19/2010 executive session; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Bad Check Collection Program Ordinance

Prosecutor Wilkinson requested an amendment to Ordinance 2000-02, changing the language setting the fee amounts to read “in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount authorized by Ind. Code 35-43-5-5(e).”

Logsdon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-01. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Law Enforcement Fund Ordinance

Wilkinson requested an amendment to Ordinance 1999-14, increasing the fees that could be collected and expanding the types of offenses for which fees could be collected from offenders for deposit into the Law Enforcement Fund. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Personnel Handbook Revision

Logsdon requested Wilkinson and Judge Dartt attend the next meeting regarding the revision of the Personnel Handbook to discuss their request for their offices to be exempt. The meeting will be held on March 3 at noon.

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St. Meinrad Utilities

Randall Sitzman, President of St. Meinrad Utilities, and Othmar Ringeman, Board member of St. Meinrad Utilities, requested help from the county in paying for the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for upgrades and additions to the water and sewer systems. Ringeman stated the water tower needs to be replaced, some of the sewer lines need to be upgraded, and the pump stations need to have a warning system added. The cost of the PER is \$12,800. Logsdon made a motion to request from the council an additional appropriation of \$12,800 from COIT for the PER. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Highway Report

Fuel Prices - Superintendent Painter reported the highway locked in the quantity and price for fuel as follows:

Gas: 34,000 gal at 2.252 + .19 for a total of \$83,028.

On-Road Dsl: 22,500 gal at 2.342 + .17 for a total of \$56,520.

Off-Road Dsl: 22,500 gal at 2.345 for a total of \$52,762.50

The total savings is estimated to be \$13,424.50 over having locked in the price in December.

Snow Removal – Painter stated the highway applied brine to the roads prior to the snow and it helped with the snow removal.

Salt Supply – Logsdon asked about the salt supply. Painter said they are still in good shape for the rest of the winter.

District Roads – Discussion was had on various district roads.

Public Funds Agreement

Treasurer Frakes previously requested the commissioners sign a Proposal and Agreement to Receive Public Funds of Political Subdivisions, allowing her to purchase Certificates of Deposit from Hoosier Hills Credit Union. Originally concern was expressed regarding the difference between a credit union and a bank. Gogel stated the commissioners have no control over the regulations of the credit unions and the banks. He said the commissioners need to do what is best for the county. Logsdon agreed, but asked Frakes about the level of protection the credit unions offer. Frakes stated Hoosier Hills is protected by the NCUA for the same amount as the banks are protected by the FDIC. Frakes also stated she does not put all of the county money with any one institution in the county. Gogel made a motion to sign the agreement. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Engineer Report

Bridge Inspection – Lloyd gave the commissioners score sheets they are to use in scoring the contractors who submitted letters of interest to complete the county bridge inspections. When the commissioners have completed the sheets, Lloyd will total and send the information to INDOT.

CR 1000 E – Lloyd reported the county will be receiving \$19,365.89 in reimbursement for the maintenance on CR 1000 E for when it was used as an unofficial detour.

Jobs Bill / ARRA – Lloyd will be attending a meeting February 3 in Evansville regarding another Jobs Bill that looks like it will be similar to the last stimulus package.

SR 245 – Lloyd reported SR 245 may now be shut down from June through December. She will be meeting with the contractor and INDOT Friday at 8:30 am at the highway garage. The state may allow two unofficial detours.

Bridges – Logsdon stated he received an email from INDOT regarding funds available for county bridges. Lloyd will check into the qualifications.

The meeting was recessed at 10:01 am.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:06 am.

Legal Report

Empire Contractors – Lueken stated he is still in communications with Empire Contractors regarding the certificate of insurance and the hold harmless agreement.

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Rickleman / Harper Property – Logsdon stated Theresa Cail of the Plan Commission and Mary Jo Guth of the Auditor’s Office researched the road to the west of the Rickleman and Harper properties (CR 694 E). No evidence was found that the road was ever vacated. If the Harpers petitioned to have the alley on their property vacated, Rickleman would be able to use CR 694E to access his property. Lueken discussed the steps that would need to be taken to vacate a street and the grounds a property owner would have to object to the vacation.

Mariah Hill Regional Sewer District

The Mariah Hill Regional Sewer District requested the appointment of Max Meyer to their board. Gogel made a motion to appoint Max Meyer. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Township Question

Reporter Dean Bolin asked the commissioners if they would be able to pass an ordinance requiring the county as a whole to adopt the same policy with regard to Township Trustees and Advisory Boards, if the state passes the bill allowing a referendum on retaining the township administration. Logsdon read from a summary of the bill, *“If a majority of voters in a township do not approve the public question, the powers and duties of the trustee and township board are transferred to the county on January 1, 2012.”* Each township will be allowed to make its own decision. Logsdon stated he is concerned that people will not understand what they are voting for or against. Discussion was had on the language in the bill.

Highway Equipment Building

Discussion was had on the need for a building to protect the highway equipment. The current highway garage buildings are now paid off. Painter was asked to update estimates for a building.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest: _____

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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