

Board of Commissioners
August 18, 2010 – 8:45 am

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

Rally Around the Pole

Bethel Church requested the use of the courthouse lawn for their “Rally Around the Pole” September 21 at 7:00 am. Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Tourism

Melissa Wilkinson, Executive Director of the Spencer County Visitors’ Bureau, discussed the new iphone app, the maps of the county attractions, and the county tourism statistics. Currently county innkeepers’ tax is set at 4%, while most of the surrounding counties are set at 5%.

Civil War Ball

Gay Ann Harney, representing Lincoln committee, requested the use of the courthouse for the Civil War Ball to be held on September 25. The group would set up for the ball on Friday evening, September 24. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

TIGER Grant

Bruce Knipe of Mid-America Terminal briefly discussed the steps taken to apply for the TIGER Grant. He thanked the county for their cooperation.

Bid Opening – St. Peter’s Church Road, CR 1400N and CR 1100N

Engineer Lloyd stated the engineer’s estimate for the project on St. Peter’s Church Road, CR 1400N, and CR 1100N is \$88,027. Lueken opened and read the bids as follows:

J. H. Rudolph	\$78,202.50
Metzger Construction	\$96,084.00
E & B Paving	no bid submitted
Gohmann Asphalt	\$91,711.10

Lloyd reviewed the bids and recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder. Rininger asked for public comment. None was offered. Logsdon made a motion to award the project to J.H. Rudolph. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Claims

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

Highway Report

CR 200N & Old State Road – Superintendent Painter questioned some spots in the paving project completed by J.H. Rudolph on CR 200N and Old State Road. Painter said J.H. Rudolph verbally said they would guarantee the areas. The commissioners requested a written guarantee covering two years from the date of completion.

Tree Trimming – Painter said the South Spencer School Corporation asked if the county could trim back some trees that are hitting the buses and obstructing views at an intersection. Painter said the trees are on private property.

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Backhoe – Painter reported the council approved the funds for a new backhoe. The council also requested Painter look at the option of selling the backhoe instead of using it as a trade-in.

Equipment Garage – Painter said the council asked if the equipment garage could be paid out of the Cumulative Bridge. The option of financing the building was also discussed. Logsdon asked if the highway workers could build the garage during the winter. Logsdon made a motion to request \$90,000 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund if Lueken and Wetherill determine the fund can be used; if the Cumulative Bridge Fund cannot be used, the funds shall be requested from the Rainy Day Fund. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Bid Opening – Courthouse Lighting Renovation

Lueken stated the grant amount for the lighting project is \$36,000. Lueken opened and read the bids as follows:

L & N Electric	Lueken stated the bid was not complete and therefore not responsive.
Weyer Electric	\$24,689

Rininger asked for public comment. None offered.

After Lueken and Maintenance Supervisor Glenn reviewed the bid, they recommended awarding the bid to Weyer Electric. Gogel made a motion to award the project to Weyer Electric. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse Dome Photo

Ethel Elkins, an instructor at the University of Southern Indiana, requested permission to use a photo of the courthouse dome taken by Mominee Studios after the dome renovation. Gogel made a motion to approve the use of the photo. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Personnel Manual – Emergency Closings

Logsdon discussed the process of working through the new personnel manual. He said questions were raised regarding the proposed policy on emergency closings. Discussion was had comparing the emergency workers and the non-emergency workers during the time of a facility closing. Logsdon said the proposed policy is vague on the how to pay workers who are called in to work in a facility that has been closed. Logsdon said he will be contacting the consultant and the commissioners will be discussing further.

Engineer Report

Maternity Leave – Lloyd said September 3 would be her last day in the office before she takes off for maternity leave.

Huffman Mill – Lloyd reported INDOT is still deciding on whether the Huffman Mill Grant can be used for alternative options.

Jail Communication System

EMA Director Perdue and Charlie McIntyre of Advanced Radio Communications reported the fire departments and the dispatchers are happy with the new communication equipment installed. Advanced has quickly resolved any issues.

The meeting recessed at 10:44 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:49 am.

ANR Pipeline

Lueken and Lloyd reported ANR Pipeline will be doing some testing and repairs on the pipeline that runs through the county. The ANR engineer is insisting ANR is exempt from any permits and therefore is exempt from the Spencer County regulations. Logsdon stated he is familiar with the type work they will be doing and Lloyd and Lueken need to make sure ANR adheres to the county road ordinances. Lueken will contact ANR.

800 MHz Radios

Perdue discussed a request for additional radios for the 800 MHz system at a cost of \$9,282. Gogel stated the county is still dealing with getting the other radios working properly and he would prefer to wait. Logsdon said he would like to hear input from those involved. Logsdon made a motion to have the issue on the agenda for the mid-October meeting. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

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Public Safety Building

Discussion was had on the new design proposal for the Public Safety Building, incorporating the YCC Building on the top floor.

231 Adult Plaza

The North Spencer Ministerial Association sent a letter to the commissioners thanking them for the litigation that resulted in the closing of the 231 Adult Plaza.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
