

**Commissioners Meeting  
April 19, 2016**

**Present: David Gogel, Jim Seiler, AL Logsdon, Larry Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:00 P.M.

**Jail Clearance – Award Bid**

Lisa Gehlhausen with Indiana Region 15 and Tom Schipp from Universal Design came before the board to give their recommendation on the jail clearance bid. Gehlhausen explained that after the bid is awarded today Indiana 15 will send a release of funds packet to OCRA for approval. We cannot sign any contracts until we have received the release of funds. We also need to schedule a pre-construction conference to discuss the details of the project with the contractor. Mr. Schipp has reviewed all the bids to make sure they were in compliance with the bid specs. His recommendation is Complete Demolition Services out of Louisville, KY with a bid amount of \$41,880.00. The qualifications of this company and the concerns of adjoining property owner John Limp were then discussed and addressed. Gogel made a motion to approve awarding the bid for the jail clearance project to Complete Demolition Services for an amount of \$41,880.00. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. The pre-construction conference was scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. There are still files and evidence stored in the jail that Sheriff McDurmon cannot remove until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Prosecutor also has a large amount of boxes in the jail that have not been removed. Attorney Lindsey will write a letter to the Prosecutor instructing him that all items must be removed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PASER Training – LTAP**

Indiana 15 is hosting a PASER training class on May 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Ferdinand office. This class will provide the training necessary to begin grading roads. There are a limited number of seats so all that are interested need to register through LTAP.

**Minutes**

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from March 15th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Kenney presented the unofficial detour from INDOT for work being done on SR245 for commissioner approval. The work will be done from just north of Lamar to SR 162. The detour would be from SR 245 to CR 1550N to St. Peter's Church Rd. and back to SR 245. The detour will be for approximately 45 days. Gogel made a motion to approve INDOT's request for the unofficial detour on the SR 245 project. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney reported that the bridge at 850 E will possibly need replaced before this detour takes place. INDOT has stated that it could be August 2017 before they begin the work on SR 245. United has lowered the weight limit on this bridge from 11 ton to 6 ton due to the beam, so Kenney feels it may be best get it replaced before all the extra traffic hits. Seiler stated he feels INDOT should pay to replace the bridge if they want to use it for the unofficial detour. Gogel asked Kenney if INDOT had requested the bridge be replaced and Kenney stated No that he feels it should be done before the detour begins. Logsdon stated that as president of the commissioners he is instructing Kenney to contact Bryan Malone about the bridge, because INDOT may choose a different route if they are responsible for paying to have a bridge replaced.

Kenney reported that he and Chapman went to Dubois County and spoke with their Superintendent, Steve Berg, about the PASER program. He provided lots of information and answered questions about how the program works. Berg informed Kenney and Chapman that he felt it was too late this year to begin the process of grading the roads for 2016, but that they should probably begin the process now for 2017. This is something they can do themselves, but it will be a long process if you do it correctly. Chapman stated that Dubois County has been doing the grading process for 8 years and they aren't even going to be able to submit for the grant for 2016, because they don't have everything done.

Chapman stated that for us trying to be ready in the time span we have, it's not going to be efficient, you have to take your time and do this right. If we go too fast with this we may have more screw ups than anything. They have one guy dedicated to doing this and that's Steve himself, because if you have 2 people doing the grading they could grade things differently. Logsdon stated we don't need to make a decision right now, let's take the training and go from there. We may need to hire someone to do the grading if we can't get it done ourselves.

Kenney stated they are still ditching at Dale and hope to finish up Gries Road this week. There are some culverts to replace also. When this is complete they will move to CR 2000N and work on ditching that section.

Chapman asked Gogel on the District 3 roads where he prefers they start. Gogel stated they know the logistics better and to start where they feel is best. Chapman stated they thought they would begin at CR 700E which is closest to the garage and work their way north. We will advertise for District 3 road bids by May 4<sup>th</sup> and award bids on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chapman reported that while in Dubois County they asked Berg about how they handle striping the roads. Berg informed them that they purchased a striping machine that attaches to a flat bed truck about 10 years ago for \$10,000.00 and they stripe their own roads. A striping machine today costs \$30,000.00. Seiler asked Chapman how much money we spend on striping a year and Chapman stated he had \$30,000.00 budgeted in 2015 for striping. Seiler stated that one year would pay for the machine, Chapman stated that does not cover the cost of material or labor. Logsdon stated we would probably have to have additional personnel to run it. He instructed Chapman to put a pencil to it and report back at the next meeting.

Kenney reported they are getting ready to open the roads in the river bottoms. It will take about 2 weeks working everyday to grade the roads and fill holes.

Gogel reported he was contacted by a landowner on CR 2100 N complaining about a ditch on their property. The county installed a culvert in years past to drain the road, which created a ditch. It began as a small ditch, but has grown to a large ditch in the landowner's yard that they can't mow around. Gogel stated that installing a drop box and 50 feet of pipe to run the water over to the woods would fix the problem. Due to the county installing the culvert and changing the water flow that created the ditch, the county should do what's necessary to fix the problem. The highway dept. will investigate and work with Gogel to get the problem taken care of.

#### **Chris Middleton – Volunteers**

Middleton explained that the commissioners asked her to investigate Participant Accident Insurance for 3 groups: Animal Control, Coroner, and CASA. We currently have all volunteers covered for medical under our worker comp policy, which is the primary coverage. Middleton got quotes for supplemental coverage for each department and explained the details and cost for each policy. This policy will cover accidental death and dismemberment, accidental paralysis, and disability.

Animal Control - \$250.00/year for up to 10 volunteers

Coroner - \$250.00/year for up to 10 volunteers

CASA - \$947.00/year for up to 40 volunteers

Gogel made a motion to approve the supplemental policies. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Legal Report**

Lindsey presented a rough draft of the EMS contract for commissioner review. This will be a 4 year agreement. Auditor Winkler will put this on the agenda for the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and action will be taken at that time.

Lindsey presented the Tax Sale Addendum for commissioner approval. This is a standard agreement we approve each year with SRI, Inc. to provide tax sale services for us. Seiler made a motion to approve the Tax Sale Addendum with SRI, Inc. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**New Business**

**Animal Control – Reappointment**

*Animal Control has requested the reappointment of Dr. Kennedy to the Animal Control Board. Seiler made a motion to reappoint Dr. Kennedy to the Animal Control Board. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.*

**School Musical**

*Amy Cox from South Spencer School called and requested permission to use the auditorium for a school musical on May 13-14 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. They are also requesting use for evening practices from May 4-12 and a Saturday practice on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Seiler made a motion to approve the use of the auditorium and to require proof of insurance be provided. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.*

**CEDIT Plan**

*Auditor Winkler stated that we have not formally approved the 2016 CEDIT plan in a meeting. Logsdon stated roads have been added to it. Gogel stated that they probably have it done and we will address in the next meeting.*

**Minutes**

*Lindsey drafted minutes from the March 29<sup>th</sup> bid opening meeting. Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from March 29<sup>th</sup> as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.*

**Cemetery – South Spencer School Corporation**

*Mike Robinson, Superintendent of South Spencer School dropped off some information and Seiler explained that it was in regards to a cemetery located on school property. This cemetery holds the grave of an individual that signed the constitution and was in the revolutionary war, so it will be included in the bicentennial events this year. The cemetery is not a township cemetery and is not privately owned, so there is discussion about who should clean up the property in preparation of the military events that will take place there. Logsdon suggested that community corrections be contacted about community service cleaning it up. Seiler will go discuss this with Tom Martin at community corrections.*

**Road Concern – Rose Lane Grandview, IN**

*Jim and Dorothy Beckort came before the board to express their concern about the condition of Rose Lane in Grandview. They have contacted the town of Grandview and been told it's not their road they are in the county. The road is in very poor condition with lots of holes that need repaired. Auditor Winkler went and pulled up the Beckort's property information and location on mapping and determined it is located within city limits of Grandview. They were advised to contact the Town of Grandview again, because this is their road to repair.*

**Federal Grant**

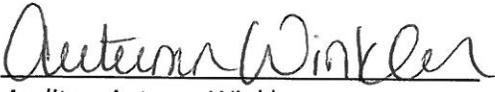
*Tara Lloyd with Beam, Longest, and Neff wanted to discuss with the commissioner's if they were interested in doing an application for federal funding for 2021. We had previously discussed applying for funding for a complete sign replacement. Applications are due May 16<sup>th</sup>, so a decision needs to be made if we wish to proceed. There is no cost to submit the application to see if we are granted funding. This is an 80/20 match, so all we would have to do is include a letter stating that we agree to fund our 20% in 2021. Lloyd has offered to assist us with the application process at no cost and if we feel the 20% match amount is too high, we just won't submit the application. Seiler made a motion to approve proceeding with the application process. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.*

*Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.*

  
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President

  
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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

  
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