

Board of Commissioners

April 19, 2010 – 2:30 pm

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

Ride Solutions

Becky Guthry of Ride Solutions requested the commissioners sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prescribed by the Indiana Department of Transportation for each county in which rural public transportation services are provided.

Ride Solutions launched rural on-demand public transportation in Spencer County on 01/01/2010. They currently have a vehicle and a driver in Spencer County. The organization has received positive feedback and support for the service.

Community Corrections Director Weber said the service has been helpful for Community Corrections participants who have lost their licenses and need a ride to work.

Guthry said currently the county does not contribute to Ride Solutions, but she hopes that as the service grows the county will see the benefit and want to help.

Logsdon made a motion to sign the MOU. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Claims

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

Holiday World Buses

Attorney Kevin Patmore, representing Holiday World, sent a letter to Lueken discussing his concern that Holiday World would need to post a bond with the county, per Ordinance 2008-04, if the buses they use to transport workers travel on county roads. With the closing of SR 245, Holiday World would like to obtain permission to travel on the county roads as an exception to the ordinance. The commissioners directed Lueken to draft a letter and make sure the county is protected from liability.

Cornerstone Marking

Mark Chamness discussed the layer added to the county's ThinkMap system, called Geodetics Survey, that has the information on the cornerstones he has found for the county. Chamness also reported he completed some of the field notes that are to be inserted in the cornerstone books. This summer Chamness will be hiring a crew of students to locate cornerstones.

Surveyor Herron asked Chamness when he would turn in the rest of the field notes that are needed for the cornerstone books. Chamness said he should have them in a couple months.

Chamness will report back to the commissioners in August.

EMA Grant

EMA Director Perdue and Deputy Singleton requested the commissioner sign the 2009 Emergency Management Performance Grant. The grant provides for the 50% reimbursement of the salaries for Perdue and Singleton. Perdue stated they could be eligible for up to 60% reimbursement next year. Logsdon made a motion to sign the grant. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Health Insurance Committee

Logsdon and Zimmerman discussed the recommendation of the insurance committee to increase the life insurance offered to county employees and their dependents from \$10,000 and \$5,000 to \$25,000 and \$10,000. The cost to the county will be approximately \$5,287 per year.

The insurance committee also recommended increasing the individual and family deductibles from \$300 and \$600 to \$350 and \$750. The savings to the county would be approximately \$3,100 per year.

If the commissioners agree and implement both recommendations, the net result for the county would be an increase in cost of approximately \$2,187 per year. Both could be implemented at open enrollment next year.

The insurance committee is also exploring a change from a \$1,000 limit for physical therapy to a pre-certification, and a change in the co-pay for biotech pharmaceuticals.

The commissioners asked for a written recommendation. It will be added to the agenda for the next commissioners meeting on May 3rd.

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Tourism Board Appointment

The Spencer County Tourism Commission requested an appointment to replace Gay Ann Harney. The Commission and Harney recommended Kendell Thompson. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Kendell Thompson. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Engineer Report

BLA / Bridge Inspection – James Gulick of BLA discussed the bridge inspection process: Project Set-up, Inspection, and Report. The total cost to the county will be \$137,384. The inspection process is divided into two phases; the first will cost \$77,342 and the second \$60,042. Engineer Lloyd explained the county will receive 80% of the money back from the Federal government. Logsdon discussed the selection process prescribed by the state. The county is not allowed to ask for bids on the inspections; the negotiation is done only after a firm is selected. Gogel made a motion to approve the BLA contract. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Huffman Mill Bridge – Lloyd asked if the commissioners want to proceed with the maintenance of the Huffman Mill Bridge. The county was awarded a \$240,000 grant for the bridge and INDOT needs to know if the county is going to proceed. The commissioners agreed that if the grant is 100% funded then Lloyd should proceed; if a match is required, it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Tree Planting – Lloyd said the county needs to re-address the planting of the trees near Huffman Mill to get the county in compliance with DNR. Discussion was had on the requirements. Logsdon asked Lloyd to see if the trees can be planted in a different location so they will have a better chance of survival.

Speed Limit Ordinance – Lloyd proposed establishing a speed limit ordinance for Kennedy Street in Rockport. Kennedy Street is one block outside the Rockport city limits and the surrounding city streets have a speed limit of 15 mph. Logsdon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-07 establishing a 15 mph speed limit for Kennedy Street. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The speed limit will go into effect after the ordinance is advertised twice.

Old Hwy 66 from Hatfield to Warrick Co. – Logsdon asked if the weight limit ordinance could be temporarily amended regarding Old Highway 66 from Hatfield to the Warrick County line. The weight limit for the bridge is eighteen tons. Logsdon asked if the road could be changed from an eight-ton limit to eighteen tons while SR 66 is closed for repairs. Discussion was had. Logsdon made a motion to temporarily amend the weight limit ordinance to increase the weight limit allowed on Old Highway 66 from Hatfield to the Warrick County line from eight tons to eighteen tons with the understanding that when SR 66 is re-opened, the road will revert to an eight-ton limit. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

CEDIT Plan – Discussion was had on temporarily moving some district roads to the CEDIT plan. Logsdon made a motion to temporarily add CR 1450 from CR 475E to CR 600E and CR 475E from CR 1450N to the Santa Claus Town limits, to the CEDIT plan for the duration of time the road is being used as an unofficial detour for SR 245. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The commissioners agreed the roadwork needs to be completed prior to the closing of SR 245 and directed Lloyd to advertise for bids.

Highway Report

CR 350 E – Painter stated CR 350 E will become a dead-end with the new SR 231. It has a rail crossing at the dead-end and the railroad is concerned about people being on the tracks. The railroad would like the county to put up a barricade. Discussion was had on where the barricade should be placed, if it is needed and whose responsibility it is to put it up. Logsdon asked Painter to immediately have a “Dead-End” sign erected.

SR 231 – Painter stated a new section of SR 231 will open this week.

Storage Tanks – Painter reported the underground storage tanks will be removed on Tuesday.

Legal Report

ATV – Lueken drafted resolutions of recognition for State Representative Russ Stilwell and AIC Executive Director David Bottorff for their efforts in getting Senate Enrolled Act 400 passed. Senate Enrolled Act 400 created a limited immunity for county governments allowing the operation of off-road vehicles on their county highways if they are maintained in a reasonable safe condition for the operation of licensed motor vehicles, such as cars and trucks, and not ATVs. Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-08, recognizing State

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Representative Russ Stilwell, and Resolution 2010-09, recognizing AIC Director David Bottorff. Gogel seconded.
All in favor.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
