

Board of Commissioners

December 18, 2007 – 2:30 pm

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

ABR Christmas Program

Don Schulte, representing the Association for a Better Rockport, asked the commissioners for the use of the courthouse on December 6th and 7th in 2008 for the annual ABR Christmas Program. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Life of Lincoln Painting

Rininger explained there was sufficient money still in the commissioners' budget to purchase an original sized, framed Life of Lincoln print by Thomas Kennedy. Logsdon made a motion to approve the expenditure.

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Gogel seconded. All in favor. Rininger asked the commissioners to approve an unveiling of the painting on Friday, December 21st at 11:00 am. Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Animal Control Ordinance

Gogel briefly explained the proposed Animal Control Ordinance. Lueken went through the ordinance and discussed the main changes and a few of the issues he felt needed to be cleaned up. Gogel stated that the board's biggest concern was to start something that can continue, to provide the basics for dogs and cats. Logsdon made a motion to table until the January 7th meeting and for Lueken to check on the legal concerns. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Debbie Steinkamp, Director of Solid Waste, discussed changes made in the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance. The major change being to the review or appeal process. Logsdon and Gogel expressed concern over the height of the grass remaining at 12" as the height at which there would be a violation. Logsdon asked where the money will come from to pay the contractor who cleans or mows a property that is in violation. Steinkamp stated that the Solid Waste Board budgeted extra money for 2008 to get the program started until fines started coming in. Gogel made a motion to table until the January 7th meeting and for Lueken to work with Steinkamp on cleaning up the ordinance. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Landscaping

Walt Robinson returned to answer questions the commissioners had regarding the landscape proposal. The options for the rock mulch were discussed. It was decided under Robinson's recommendation that the current rock mulch could be left as is. Robinson also discussed the options on the edging, whether a concrete footer was needed or not. Robinson stated that the limestone edging which the commissioners preferred is made to move with the land and would not need a concrete footer. In addition the edging can be glued together to prevent theft of the stones. It was decided that the project could be paid for out of Cum Cap – Courthouse Maintenance. Councilman Bunner was present and highly recommended Robinson's work. Robinson stated that there would be a one year warranty on the plants. Gogel made a motion to ask Robinson to return to the meeting on December 27th with a final number including the changes made. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Engineering Report

Orchard Road Project - Engineer Lloyd stated that one land owner has not signed their easement because they had an issue with owners being offered different amounts based on whether it was residential property or agricultural property. If the offer was changed to the residential amount it would increase the offer by \$3,100. Logsdon made a motion to make all the offers using the residential amounts. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Naming Road – Lloyd stated that the new road coming from the Energy Information Center needs to be named. Rininger suggested talking to Theresa Cail with the Plan Commission.

Santa Claus Water Project – Lloyd presented the draft of the letter she wrote to Capitol Engineering regarding the Santa Claus Water Project. Logsdon asked about the amount of the bond which will be required. Lloyd stated she is still working on the exact amount required. Logsdon suggested specifying exactly where they have permission to cut the road. Lloyd stated she will make revisions and have it for the next meeting.

Highway Department Christmas Dinner – Painter invited the Commissioners and Council to the Highway Christmas Dinner on December 21, 2007. Logsdon asked that it be noted that the commissioners do not pay for the Christmas dinner for the highway department. The dinner is provided by vendors.

Legal Report

Ordinance Amending Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy – Lueken explained Ordinance 2007-15 Amending Ordinance 1997-12 An Ordinance Establishing a Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy changing the amount which would be capitalized from \$750 to \$2,000, on the recommendation of the state auditors. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Purchasing Rules and Policies Ordinance – Lueken briefly explained Ordinance 2007-16 An Ordinance Establishing Purchasing Rules and Policies, which details three different options available in purchasing county assets. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

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Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
