

Board of Commissioners

July 21, 2009 – 2:30 pm

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

Driving Policy

Discussion was had over the latest revision of the County Driving Policy. The issue was raised on whether a worker suspended from driving a county vehicle would be allowed to operate equipment that does not require a license, such as a backhoe; or could the employee be required to do other manual jobs. Shelton was asked to discuss the policy with Chris Middleton, the county's liability insurance agent. Logsdon made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Engineer Report

ES Wagoner – Lloyd stated that ES Wagoner has requested a truck-hauling permit. They will be bonding CR 325E and CR 900N. Lloyd recommended approving their request for a 100% surety bond. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Stimulus Funding – Lloyd reported that four roads the county submitted were approved for funding and she needed the commissioners to sign a contract with INDOT regarding the funding. Logsdon made a motion to sign the contract in accordance with Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

CEDIT Plan – Lloyd said since the roads that are being funded are CEDIT roads, she will meet with each of the commissioners and make recommendations to the CEDIT plan.

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Debbie Steinkamp discussed the minor revisions made to the enforcement policy of the Property Maintenance Ordinance. No changes were made to the ordinance. Steinkamp said the changes were needed after a few complaints were filed and the departments were making the notifications. Logsdon made a motion to

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approve the changes in enforcement policy. Rininger seconded. The motion passed two to zero, with Gogel abstaining.

#### State Board of Health

Deb Capps, of the State Department of Health, discussed the work of the Public Health Preparedness & Emergency Response District Team. She said the Spencer County Health Department is excelling and currently has the highest preparedness score in the district.

Rita Stallings, Spencer County Health Department, asked for permission for the health department to participate in the following activities:

Mass Prophylaxis Program – Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Preparedness Activities – Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Pandemic Influenza Program – Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

The health department thanked all of the volunteers who participate in the various programs.

#### Highway Department

Salt – Highway Superintendent Painter stated that he was unable to get the county included in the state bid for road salt but he received a bid from North American Salt that was equal to the state bid. The price is \$60 per ton.

District Roads – Painter reported that currently with the district money available each commissioner could use approximately \$88,000 in their district. For estimating purposes, Painter said one mile of double chip and seal (new surface) is approximately \$31,000 and one mile of single chip and seal (maintenance) is approximately \$7,200. Logsdon asked Painter to make a recommendation on what roads need the maintenance chip and seal, so they can see if any new roads will be able to be surfaced.

#### Courthouse Maintenance

Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Bill Glenn reported on all of the repairs that have taken place in the last month, including re-wiring the phones for EMA and the refrigerator for the Health Department so that they are hooked to the generator; repairing and re-wiring the sump-pumps in the basement; repairing the AC units in EMA; installing insulation above the third floor; and building a walkway in the attic. Discussion was had on other repairs that need to be done and getting estimates on a new roof.

#### Sheriff Vehicles

The Sheriff's department has five vehicles that need major repairs but have such high mileage the department feels it would be better to have them sold for salvage. The commissioners asked the department to have a mechanic to look at the vehicles and get a determination of the best course of action.

#### Legal Report

Inter-local Agreement – Lueken reported he is still working with the Sheriff's department and Attorney Patmore on the proposed inter-local agreement.

Drug Testing Policy – Lueken said he is still working with the Sheriff on the drug testing policy.

Pending Litigation – Discussion was had on where the litigation stands with the 231 Adult Plaza. Shelton stated that even if the additional that is up for council approval is approved, the county will still owe approximately \$2,700 in attorney fees. Gogel made a motion to request another additional of \$5,000. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

#### Mariah Hill Picnic

Gogel requested the closing of CR 687E between CR 1910N and CR 1930N from August 8 at noon to August 10 at noon for the Mariah Hill Picnic. Logsdon made a motion to grant the request. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### Luce Sewer

LTRSD Board President Ed Ingram reported that the district has hired a secretary and they will be moving back to Richland. He said he is working on a draft of a request for a new Preliminary Engineering Report. He further reported that Matt Steinkamp obtained the letter of acknowledgement from Freedom Bank that was

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requested by the County Council. Susan Crouch is working with the district attorney to help the district apply for federal stimulus funds. He also reported that two people have requested the return of their signed easements.

Board member Nora Yeager discussed what she is doing with regard to obtaining easements.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

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President  
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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