

**Commissioners Meeting
March 15, 2016**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Highway Report

Kenney presented the MVH distribution for commissioner review. Logsdon introduced Mr. & Mrs. Gourley who own property on CR 850 N. The Gourley's are looking into purchasing more land on this county road, but are curious about the road condition and who is responsible for maintaining it. They do not live on this road and only use their property for recreational purposes. Logsdon told the Gourley's we would discuss this road at the meeting. It used to have a school bus that ran the road and has a road sign, but is being maintained by a property owner that lives at the end of the road and is not currently on our inventory. Logsdon contacted Cindy Painter about what the process is to add the road to our inventory and she stated she was unsure, due to this being something the engineer always did, but will contact INDOT to get details on the process. Kenney presented Logsdon with the details that Painter provided. You must have a scaled map, verified mileage, and the minutes showing the governing body accepting the road into your system. Logsdon asked Kenney how much it would cost to maintain the road. Kenney stated it was almost a ½ mile long and he estimated less than \$3,000.00 would be needed to maintain it. Seiler stated that his comment on this subject is that he tried to get this done last year and was completely shot down, what's the difference in this road? Logsdon informed Seiler he needed to bring it back up and if it's the same they can discuss it. Gogel stated that in years past the county had issues with individuals dumping some loads of rock in a field, building houses around it and then homeowners coming in asking who was going to maintain their road, which was actually just a private piece of property. A subdivision ordinance was established which outlined that a road has to be brought up to spec and meet county standards for the county to agree to take it over. Logsdon asked for a motion to table this until Attorney Lindsey can research it further and make sure that we can legally accept this road into our inventory. Gogel made that motion. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney presented Bridge #64 plans for approval. They are hoping to get started on this bridge in the next 2 weeks. Seiler made a motion to accept the Bridge #64 plans. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kenney reported they are locating on 700E and will start ditching. They will then move to 600E & 2100.

Chapman reported there is a box culvert that needs replaced on CR 2160N that they have been trying to get to since November and cannot seem to make it up there. Chapman asked the board if they want him to bid the job out. They are going to be busy trying to ditch as much as possible before the weather turns and not sure when they will have time to get up there. The concern is that a milk truck crosses this culvert daily hauling milk out from the Vaal farm and we don't want to take a chance on the culvert collapsing and having an emergency situation. We have the culvert we just need someone to install it. Chapman can contact Vanderburgh or Warrick County to get specs for bid. We do not know of any specific contractors to do this and would have to rely on references when choosing. Chapman was instructed to put out for bid and we will open bids on May 4th. Lindsey stated that if they get the bids to the papers by Friday we can possibly open them at the April 19th meeting.

Chapman explained that he met a salesman from Palmer Truck Centers in Indianapolis at Road School and they had a truck up there on display that is built for government agencies. A maintenance log was presented for the 3 trucks we currently have to show the expense to repair and maintain them. Chapman presented a quote from Palmer's for a 1 year lease. He stated that a sales rep from St. Louis came over today to look at our trucks and give us a trade in value

and one of the trucks wouldn't even start. They did finally get it started, but the rep was concerned with how long it took to get it started and the way it was idling. Palmer Truck Centers is interested in our trucks for trade in and offered a very reasonable figure. Lindsey stated that with the magnitude of this purchase he felt it should be bid out. Chapman stated that with the time constraint we are in if we bid it out it could take up to 22 weeks to get the truck. Lindsey asked if Palmer would be one of the bidders and Chapman stated yes. Lindsey stated that being able to provide the truck within 30 days should be part of the bid specs. If someone can't provide within that time frame they wouldn't bid. Kenney and Chapman stated they feel we can trade in the 3 trucks on 2 trucks. We have fewer employees and they feel that 5 trucks would be sufficient. Lindsey stated that the way he reads the quote is that it isn't a 1 year lease, but a first payment on an 8 year lease. Gogel stated he feels we need to bid out for 2 trucks, purchase or lease, and see what transpires. We have time to bid this and do it the right way and we can use Mulzer if we need to for hauling rock.

Work One Southwest

Work One Southwest is required to come before the board twice a year to give an update on how things are going. A report was presented that shows job orders, number of unemployed, and the active job seekers that are registered in Indiana Career Connect. All local elected officials are invited to a breakfast meeting on April 29th at the Vincennes University, Fort Branch campus. This meeting will give an update on the workforce development initiatives that are taking place in our region. There is one commissioner appointed representative on the Work One Southwest board, which was Dan Kincaid and he has asked to resign. Logsdon suggested they contact Mickey Toler and ask him if he has anyone available that would be interested in serving.

Cum Bridge Rate – Public Hearing

Logsdon asked Gogel to take over and explain the cum bridge rate process. Gogel explained that for many years the cum bridge rate was set at \$0.05/\$100.00 of assessed value, which resulted in the fund continuing to grow over the years. It was decided at one point to lower the rate to \$0.018/\$100.00, so that we could transfer some cash to the county general fund. Our goal is to get back to the \$0.05/\$100.00, which we are slowly working to do. Each year it requires a process of having a public hearing to change the rate. Over the last few years, we have been increasing the rate to \$0.10/\$100.00 and then at budget time the rate is reduced to whatever amount is reasonable for the budget. We will continue this process until we get the rate back up to \$0.05/\$100.00 and have built the fund back up. Gogel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-05 raising the cum bridge rate to \$0.10/\$100.00 for first reading. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Doug Patmore – Masonic Ceremony

Patmore explained that a ceremony will be held for the 100th Anniversary of Carnegie Library on Saturday, April 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana will be holding a rededication ceremony of the Cornerstone Plaque at the Rockport Carnegie Library. Patmore is requesting permission for the Masons to use the courthouse rotunda from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as a staging area. Seiler made a motion to allow the use of the courthouse rotunda. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jessica Richardson – Department of Child Services

Richardson came before the board to request permission to use the sidewalks surrounding the courthouse for an event on April 16th. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and DCS is planning a family event called Chalk Walk that will take place on Main Street on April 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This is a free event that will raise awareness about Child Abuse. Richardson reported that DCS is currently serving 175 families in Spencer County. Richardson also requested permission to display pinwheels on the courthouse lawn as done in years past. Seiler made a motion to approve the use of the sidewalks. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel made a motion to allow the pinwheels on the courthouse lawn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Troy Refinery

Lindsey reported that a summons was sent to the Sheriff of Clark County for Freeman Cline and they stated they would like to find him also, because there are warrants for him. Once we get formal notice from Clark County we will publish and hopefully receive a default judgment on the property.

Mowing Bids 2016

Lindsey presented the submitted bids for mowing at the courthouse and LEC.

	Courthouse	Alt.	LEC	Alt.
Redline Lawn and Landscape-	\$80.00/wk.	\$25.00/mo.	\$65.00/wk.	\$25.00/mo.
Robinson Landscape-	\$75.00/wk.	\$7.00/mo.	\$65.00/wk.	\$7.00/mo.
Four Seasons Lawn Care-	\$80.00/wk.	\$10.00/mo.	\$70.00/wk.	\$10.00/mo.

Seiler made a motion to accept Robinson Landscape bid for the 2016 mowing. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Melissa Brockman-Spencer County Visitor's Bureau

Melissa Brockman and Dave Lovell came before the board to present the 2015 Annual Report. Brockman explained the data included in the report and informed the council that 2015 was another great year for tourism. There are many exciting things happening for 2016 that should continue to increase our tourism.

New Business

Bertie Knepper came in to discuss concerns about her road and the hopes of getting it repaired. They have tried to do some repairs, but it is not a permanent fix. Logsdon stated that the road is in Gogel's district and we will get it fixed this summer.

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



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler


