

Board of Commissioners
January 19, 2010 – 2:31 pm

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

Commissioner Meeting 01/19/2010 cont.

Claims

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

Christmas at the Courthouse – Association for a Better Rockport

Don Schulte, representing the Association for a Better Rockport, requested the use of the courthouse auditorium for the 2010 Christmas at the Courthouse program to be held on December 4 and 5. Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Covered Bridge Certification

Auditor Shelton requested the approval of the Covered Bridge Certification, required by the state, stating that the county has one covered bridge. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ)

LEDC Director Tom Utter requested the commissioners consider sending a letter showing support for the county's inclusion in the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 177. Utter stated there would be no negative impact on local taxation or the local port authority. Logsdon made a motion to send a letter of support. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

LEDC Annual Meeting

Utter reminded the commissioners they are invited to attend the LEDC Annual Meeting and Lunch on Thursday, January 28.

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG DR2)

Michael Cummings of Indiana Region 15 stated the grant administration fees covered under the grant were increased from 2.5% to 3%. Discussion was also had on the engineering requirements. A surveyor will be allowed to provide the estimates for the projects, but there was confusion as to whether the surveyor had to be state licensed.

Logsdon discussed the requirements involved in applying for the CDBG. He stated the county is currently receiving money from a FEMA Disaster Relief Grant. Because of the success the county is having with the FEMA funding, he and Surveyor Herron recommend not applying for the CDBG at this time. The CDBG will be available until April if circumstances change.

The issue is tabled until the March 2 meeting.

St. Meinrad Utilities Grant Application

Lueken asked the commissioners to sponsor the DR2 Grant application for the St. Meinrad Utilities Grant Application. The utility is planning a new water tower and the extension of a sewer line. They are applying in the Under One Million Dollar category. Logsdon made a motion to support. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

The meeting was recessed at 3:00 pm.

The meeting was re-convened at 3:10 pm.

2010 Election – Polling Location

Clerk Harney requested the approval of moving the polling location in Clay 1 from Lincoln Trail Elementary to the Heritage Hills Baptist Church. Harney stated the election board is moving the location out of the school because voting is done during school hours and voters were not kept separate from the students. The Heritage Hills Baptist Church meets all of the needed requirements. Discussion was had on the location and problems associated with moving a polling location. Logsdon made a motion to approve the move, based on the recommendation of the election board. Gogel seconded, also based on the recommendation of the election board. All in favor.

MicroVote Contract

Harney requested the commissioners sign the MicroVote contract for the election management system. She said the money for the contract is in the election board budget. Logsdon made a motion to sign the contract. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

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Highway Fuel

Highway Office Manager Cindy Painter discussed the fuel prices and the gallons used in 2009 for the departments currently fueling at the highway department. Discussion was on the estimated usage in 2010. The estimated usage is as follows: 5.17 loads of Gas, 3.72 loads of On-Road Diesel, and 4.04 loads of Off-Road Diesel. The commissioners decided to “lock-in” a fixed price with Synenergy (formerly Superior Ag) for the following number of loads: 4 loads of Gas, 3 loads of On-Road Diesel, and 3 loads of Off-Road Diesel. The balance will be paid at the flex rate, as needed.

Luce Sewer

LTRSD Board Member Ed Ingram stated new officers were elected at the first LTRSD meeting of the year: John Wood, President; Jim Stevenson, Vice-President; Matt Steinkamp, Secretary; and Nora Yeager, Secretary.

Ingram also reported:

- 67 more income surveys are needed to have a good sample for the income survey
- no new easements were recorded
- work continues on the time line for the project
- approximately \$2,000 is currently in the LTRSD account

Highway Report

Frost Law Signs – Superintendent Painter stated the Frost Law signs have been put up.

Rock and Bituminous Budget – Painter reminded the commissioners of the decrease in the rock and bituminous budget for 2010. Painter said he instructed the foremen that rock is to be used on a “must-need” basis.

Engineer Report

Preconstruction Meeting – Engineer Lloyd stated the pre-construction meeting with INDOT regarding SR 245 has been moved to 1:00 pm CST on January 20.

Bridge Inspection Letters of Interest – Lloyd explained that the commissioners must rate each of the consultants who submitted a Letter of Interest for the Bridge Inspections, then those ratings are used to determine which company the county will use. Lloyd asked the commissioners to have the ratings returned to her by the first meeting in March.

Legal Report

Empire Contractors – Lueken stated he had been in contact with Empire Contractors regarding the Certificate of Insurance for the courthouse tuck-pointing project.

Rickleman / Harper Properties – Logsdon reported he had Plan Commissioner Administrator Cail and Deputy Auditor Guth research the street to the west of the Harper and Rickleman properties to see if the street was ever vacated. No evidence was found of a vacation. If Harpers petition to vacate the alley that Rickleman is currently using to access his property, then Rickleman would be able to use the street. Discussion was had on how to proceed.

The meeting was recessed at 4:05 pm.

The meeting was re-convened at 4:15 pm.

Jail Intercom System

Chief Deputy McDurmon and Jail Maintenance Supervisor Higdon discussed a proposal to replace/retrofit the intercom and scream alarm system in the jail. Currently the jail does not comply with state regulations. Every alternative has been explored and repairs can no longer be done. The total cost of the replacement/retrofit would be \$22,437.

Gogel made a motion to request \$22,437 from the Cum Cap Fund for the replacement/retrofit of the intercom and alarm system. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

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Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Rininger seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
