

**Commissioners Meeting
December 19, 2017**

Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Larry Dale Kenney, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Deputy Auditor Heidi Greene

Absent: Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Universal Design – Tom Schipp

Schipp came before the board to update them on the progress with the courthouse move. They have met with the affected offices, done measurements, and have started a preliminary design. The Coroner and CASA offices will move for the Assessor and Plan Commission to move in. The discussion at the current time is for the Coroner's office to move out of the building and different possible options are being discussed for CASA. Schipp presented a preliminary design for the 3rd floor to the Judge and he seemed quite pleased. They met with the Assessor and Plan Commission and they seem satisfied with the plan also. Logsdon stated he understood the logic, but with this plan we are unhousing one of the most important operations in the courthouse and that's CASA. He feels it should be top priority to keep them in the courthouse. Logsdon stated that at the previous meeting it was discussed putting CASA in the commissioner's room, it is not a sacred room and meetings could be held in the auditorium with little expense. He believes that Mrs. Gehlhausen said they would fit in the commissioner's room with taking some room from the neighboring office. Schipp stated they would fit in the commissioner's room easily without taking any of the neighboring office. Seiler stated he spoke with the Judge about moving CASA to the 3rd floor and hopes it's something he would consider. Schipp stated that the Judge is willing to offer the jury room for CASA for a temporary period. There is no cost estimate at this time, due to not having final approval on a plan. If the board is in favor of the proposed changes Universal will proceed with final design. Brown made a motion to adopt the move as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. We will continue to discuss possibilities for CASA and the Coroner.

Pro-Lift Industrial Equipment

Commissioner Brown presented a drawing from Pro-Lift Industrial Equipment for an interior office. A representative from the company was supposed to be in attendance but had something come up and was unable to attend. The proposed office space could be a 28 x 40 unit, which is just under 1,200 sq. ft and be designed anyway we want it. Brown showed a picture of a finished office that had laminate flooring, windows, 10 ft. ceilings, lights installed and electrical outlets anywhere you choose. An exact price was not given, but an office similar to this would be under \$200,000.00. Brown feels this could be a good option for re-located offices and offices that are currently renting. Instead of paying years of rent it would be an investment on something we own.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3721 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Brown made a motion to approve Batch #3717 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved

Hwy Report

Kenney reported that the issues with culverts on CR 1350N and CR 600E have been addressed. Kleeman Construction came back and redid the ditch work, raised the west end of the pipe and lowered the east end of the pipe to the railroad tracks. Some of our crew worked with them on this project and they did not charge us anything for coming back.

Kenney stated that they have been taking advantage of the weather and doing a lot of work on gravel roads. He is instructing the crew to cut out more potholes instead of just filling them with rock in hopes that it will last longer. We are running the drag and grader together on some roads and will continue to do that more next year. This will maybe widen some of the roads and hopefully cut them better.

Kenney stated he is keeping an eye on the weather to see if they need to pre-treat on Friday. Brown asked if the new equipment had been purchased from the additional appropriation and

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Kenney stated the brush cutter, drag tractor, and mini excavator have been ordered and should be here in mid January.

Butch Meredith – V.S.O

Meredith gave an update of things he has worked on since the previous meeting.

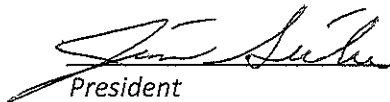
Broadband Committee

Gene Steinkamp and the Broadband Committee came before the board to explain the need for an engineering, marketing, feasibility study. Vantage Point did a study like this in 2009 for PSCI to apply for a grant, but the information is now outdated. PSCI paid \$120,000.00 for this study in 2009; Vantage Point has agreed to use some of the information from the previous study and complete a new study for \$25,500.00. The Broadband Committee is requesting the county pay the \$25,500.00 needed to complete the study. Logsdon made a motion to support the study and request the council fund it. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved with Brown opposed. Brown feels that private industry should drive the project, otherwise the county will have to subsidize it.

Legal Report

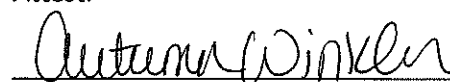
Lindsey requested direction on the bicentennial resolution and what information the board wants included. He read commissioner minutes from 1918 and 1968, but there was no discussion of celebration or acknowledgement of the anniversaries. Lindsey stated that in 1968 there was a huge celebration, but he has not had time to go to the library to research anything. The board will give it thought and contact Lindsey with any suggestions. Lindsey hopes to have it prepared by the next meeting.

Brown made a motion to recess. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was recessed at 3:40 P.M.



President



Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler