

Board of Commissioners

June 29, 2009 – 8:31 am

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

Health Insurance Renewal

County health insurance agent, Pete Franzman, and SIHO representative, Mary Beth Hurst, discussed the renewal for the county health insurance and re-insurance plans. Due to having a good year, the fixed costs for the insurance have decreased. Christine Zimmerman and Tammie Roth, representing the insurance committee, relayed that the committee recommended re-signing with SIHO for health insurance and Perico for re-insurance. Logsdon made a motion to accept the proposal and re-sign. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon thanked Zimmerman for her leadership on the insurance committee and Roth for stepping in and quickly learning about the insurance.

On July 1, the maintenance drug policy change will be in effect, in which 90-day supplies can be purchased at a CVS pharmacy for the same price as mail order.

EMA Fund

Discussion was had with EMA Deputy Singleton regarding the EMA Fund and it was reiterated that FEMA reimbursed funds cannot be put in the EMA Fund to be used for future emergencies. The commissioners and Shelton assured Singleton that in an emergency the commissioners would authorize immediate expenditures that are necessary to insure the safety of Spencer County residents.

Spencer County Ambulance

The Spencer County Ambulance Service asked the commissioners to request an additional lease payment in the commissioners' budget, to allow for the purchase of a new ambulance in 2010. Logsdon made a motion to add the lease payment. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Rainbow Plaza

Don Schulte, representing Rainbow Development, asked the commissioners to request funding from the council for the installation of six streetlights along Plaza Drive. Plaza Drive is a county road. Schulte stated that he is requesting this to help with economic development of the area. Rainbow Development and the Bridgewater Group (owners of the Comfort Inn) have agreed to pay for all maintenance and electric bills for the lights. He requested the county pay for the lights and the installation with a one-time payment of \$8,573, with no further commitment from the county. Schulte stated that the road is very dark and dangerous due to the curves. He further stated that there is no other commercial project like this in the county and if the area can be developed, it will increase the tax base for the county. The hotel alone currently generates \$60,000 to \$70,000 in taxes for the county each year, not including the income taxes of the employees. Shelton reminded the commissioners that the county did not give Rainbow Development any incentive or abatement.

Logsdon made a motion to request the funding of the lights for \$8,573 from the Rainy Day Fund, due to the taxes generated by the development and to the need for keeping the road safe. Rininger seconded. The motion passed two to one with Gogel opposing.

Rickelman Property

Lueken discussed the letter delivered to Luther and Marcella Harper regarding the fence built across the platted alley that Joseph Rickelman uses as access to his property. Lueken stated that when he drove by the property this morning, the fence was open over the alley.

231 Adult Plaza

Lueken asked the commissioners to request an additional appropriation of \$35,000 from the Riverboat Fund for attorney fees associated to the pending litigation regarding the 231 Adult Plaza. After discussion, Gogel made a motion to request \$20,000. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon made a motion to have Bergthold represent the county alone, if oral arguments are required by the court again. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

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Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 am.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
