

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday May 19, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Present: Wiley Truesdel, Steve Redenbaugh, Steve Williamson

Guests: No one signed the attendance sheet.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2008

Mr. Williamson moved to approve the minutes May 5, 2008. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED MAY 19, 2008

Steve Williamson moved to approve the claims dated May 19, 2008. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—No report today

IN THE MATTER OF A LETTER FROM P. MASON CLARK REGARDING ROAD REPAIR

Mr. Clark inquired in his letter if the Commissioners could initiate some major road repairs to White Road in Clay Township. He recalled that in past years there were similar problems on Little Flock Road and eventually the problems were corrected. He stated that White Road also needs to be repaired.

The letter will be replied to by the Highway Department.

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHBANK MINOR SUBDIVISION—Speaking Mr. Lorenz

Mr. Lorenz stated the subdivision was approved by the Plan Commission.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to accept the Southbank Minor Subdivision as approved by the Plan Commission. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 61)

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S ISSUES—Speaking Auditor Angie Lawson

a. Order for Centrex Service--this order is intended to serve as a confirmation of Customer's selection of the Service and System Service Period for 48 months for a total monthly payment of \$214.50.

Mr. Williamson moved to sign the Centrex Order for Service for 48 months at \$214.50 per month. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 62)

b. The Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners for the year ending April 30, 2008 to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction was signed by all three Commissioners.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to sign the Report of Board of Commissioners for the year ending April 30, 2008 to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 63)

c. Clark Dietz Bridge Inspection Reports—information was received that recent policy changes now require the consultant and county commissioners to sign the bridge inspection reports before submittal to INDOT.

The approval of the Change Orders had been approved in an earlier meeting. The Change Orders were signed by the Commissioners.

d. Community & Rural Affairs \$100,000 Grant for Town & County--information was received from the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs congratulating Owen County on the recent announcement that the Indiana Department of Transportation has awarded Owen County an I-69 Community Planning Program Grant in the amount of \$100,000. The grant project has been assigned the identification number of A159-8-I69CCP-010.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to have Wiley sign and accept the Community and Rural Affairs for the I-69 Community Planning Program Grant for \$100,000 on behalf of Owen County. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 64)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ARMORY BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD TO THE OWEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ms. Lawson explained that the ceremony at 10:00 am. On May 28 will be important—many local and State dignitaries will be in attendance.

The Commissioners want to make sure that if a basketball program currently established will be covered by County Insurance once the building becomes County property. Mr. Wally DeFord, current insurance representative, will be asked to provide an opinion on behalf of the insurance company.

IN THE MATTER OF INSURANCE SERVICES CHANGE REQUEST

Insurance Services provided written documentation making changes to policy number 3X6936109 by deleting, increasing, correcting and adding changes effective March 8, 2008.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY UPDATES

Discussion Regarding the Armory—Mr. Lorenz encouraged that a work session should be scheduled soon as to how the building should be used. He expressed that before going to the Council for money, there should be a plan in place as to how the Armory will be used. Mr. Williamson commented that the way the economy is today, he is in favor of using the building only for storage. Mr. Truesdel stated plans have to be made and it would be very expensive to maintain that building for storage.

There was discussion of having the sidewalk officially closed so angle parking could occur.

Credit Card payments from Govt. Exp.—This issue was tabled till the next meeting in order for research on payments to continue.

Discussion regarding Cumulative Capital Development Fund and tax rates—the fund has been established with a fixed rate of .0155 and if raised to the max of .033, an additional of \$120,000 could be raised. However, the Council, before raising rates, would like a plan as to how the additional money will be used. Mr. Williamson was opposed to raising rates because of the state of the economy. Mr. Redenbaugh expressed that something should be done in order to keep moving forward.

Mr. Truesdel commented he believed the Wheel Tax should be raised because there may be a 250 to 300 thousand dollar difference for Owen County. He continued changes will have to be made and if highway employees are cut, services will have to be cut. He discussed putting in residence road culverts and the cost of \$1,000-\$2000 each which includes the cost of labor, machinery, and 2 dump trucks per hour. Mr. Lorenz advised there is the possibility that a private residence could have to pay for installation of their culvert.

IN THE MATTER OF A WORK SESSION

A Work Session was set for June 3 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss plans for the Armory, Cum Cap rate increase and Wheel Tax increase

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Redenbaugh:

reported the Council allowed \$10,000 for a 32 set of cameras,
announced he is very pleased with the Farmers' Market,
contacted Graves and they are working on the air conditioning, etc.,
spoke with Jack White about communicating on 800 MHz with Ellettsville fire department,

Steve Williamson moved to appoint Jack White to have permission to coordinate fire departments in Owen County and Ellettsville. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 64)

stated there are two new troopers in the County and will be provided with ThinkMap for their laptops,

informed the Commissioners that at 8:50 a.m. on June 2, the Sheriff will present a plaque in memory of Chuck Cooper to be housed in the Memorial Case on the first floor of the Courthouse, and he also stated, Chuck's widow Barbara will be attending.

Mr. Truesdel announced that Bridge # 174 has been approved for \$608,000. He personally stated to the State, as one Commissioner, he would not be in favor of doing anything to that bridge unless and until raising Gosport Road is completed. The Bridge would affect 2 people during a flood but the Gosport Road improvement benefits up to 1700 people and, in his opinion, is most important.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Steve Williamson moved to adjourn. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Wiley Truesdel

Steve Williamson

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Steve Redenbaugh