

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday June 23, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Present: Wiley Truesdel, Steve Redenbaugh, Steve Williamson

Guests: Jon Stantz, Bill Bryan, Debbie Duncan, Elmer Duncan, Jake Bewley, Roy Acton, Mike Stanley, Jerry W. Rhude, Robert A. Hutchinson

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008

Mr. Redenbaugh moved to approve the minutes June 2, 2008. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS (2 SETS) ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED JUNE 23, 2008

Steve Williamson moved to approve the claims dated June 23, 2008. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—Speaking Larry Abrams

Mr. Abrams stated there are still about 20 roads closed.

There was discussion concerning the amount of overtime the highway employees have put in since the flood but Mr. Abrams did not provide a specific number of hours. Mr. Redenbaugh asked if they were working overtime and Mr. Abrams replied one person he talked to this morning is working overtime and the other three haven't said anything to him about working overtime and until they do he is going to leave them on the 8 hours.

Ms. Lawson asked how many hours are they working and Mr. Abrams replied 5 10s and 8 on Saturday. Mr. Williamson asked if anyone wanted to work overtime and Mr. Abrams stated all they have to do is come to him, he is not going to them.

He continued that when they get the 20 roads straightened out, he would like to go back to 4 10s and not work Saturday.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE ISSUES AND AWARD OF QUOTES

There were basically two bids—CLR bid with used materials and CPI bid with new materials.

CLR bid on Bridge 30—Used materials \$102,500 and a cost of \$173,173.66 was given to CLR by CPI for a new bridge. In addition is \$4,000 for backfill.

Mr. Truesdel asked if used beams were used, could the project begin sooner. He was told yes and then Mr. Williamson asked if they had been tested and had full strength. The reply was they have been tested and are better than regulations require. The rating of the used beams is better than state standard.

CLR bid on Bridge 22—used steel \$112,950.00 and a new bridge \$214,102.08 with the addition of \$4,000 for backfill, dirt, and stone

CLR bid on Bridge 87—used steel \$112,950.00 and new \$214,102.08 with the \$4,000 addition for approach work.

Mr. Williamson requested in writing the weight limit on the used beams.

All three bridges should take about 3 to 4 months.

Steve Williamson moved to approve the total bid from CLR including approach work of \$106,500 for Bridge #30, \$116,950.00 for Bridge #22 and \$116,950.00 for Bridge #87. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 76)

IN THE MATTER OF ELMER & DEBBIE DUNCAN—TRASH ISSUE—Speaking Ms. Duncan

Ms. Duncan stated they are here to follow up on their neighbor who has excessive recyclable trash in his yard. Mr. Redenbaugh asked if they had been to the Building Department and they had. She stated that the Building Department had the wrong pictures of the property because they had not gone far enough down the road. Mr. Redenbaugh explained the procedure about a letter going out to the owner and Ms. Duncan replied it had been more than 30 days since their last visit to the Commissioners. It was undetermined if or when the letter was mailed. Ms. Duncan indicated that the neighbor is still bringing in items. Mr. Redenbaugh suggested that she ask the Building Department when the letter was sent so she would have some idea of the 30 day period.

IN THE MATTER OF JAKE BEWLEY—BUILDING 2ND HOME ON PROPERTY—Jake Bewley

Mr. Bewley would like to build a 2nd home on his property. He has been informed that he must go through the process of Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Bewley objects to having to pay the \$250.00 to file with the Board when he has been informed that he may be turned down. He does not understand why he must appear before the 5 people who have the authority to say what he can or cannot do on his own property. The commissioners informed Mr. Bewley that the Planning Department/Board of Zoning Appeals was approved by Commissioners in 2003. Mr. Bewley expressed strong concerns about how the Board of Zoning Appeals was given permission to proceed with planning for the county since the question never appeared on a ballot for the community to have a vote. He thanked the Commissioners for listening to his concerns.

IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY L. SMITH—CUNOT COMMUNITY CENTER DONATION

Mr. Smith was not present but he provided Ms. Lawson a medal to give to the County and wanted to know if the Commissioners would authorize the display of it in the case on the first floor.

Mr. Truesdel stated he did not believe the Commissioners should be involved in this because at one time there was a big issue about hanging stuff on the walls and the Commissioners wouldn't vote on it because it was going to leave the door open for everything to come into the courthouse. Mr. Truesdel asked who takes care of the cases. Mr. Redenbaugh suggested that the medal be given to Veterans' Service Officer Ron Morley and he can determine whether or not it is something that should be placed in the case.

IN THE MATTER ARCHITURA—RE: ARMORY—Speaking Michael Conley

Mr. Conley asked for an update concerning the Armory and reminded the Commissioners that his company Architura had made some preliminary plans. He offered his company's services to do preliminary planning at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

Mr. Truesdel asked he they had worked on any other annexes and Mr. Conly provided a list of the courthouses on which they had worked.

When asked if they had any idea of when they may wish to proceed with the Armory, Mr. Truesdel and Mr. Williamson commented that they had no idea of when that might be—they had to work on recovery of the County from the flood.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BIDS FOR THE ROOFING PROJECT

The determination of awarding the roofing bid will be made at a later date. A special meeting will be called.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY—Speaking Dan McBride and Kristin Szczerbik

Mr. McBride stated that Kristin is handing out a potential Comprehensive Security Plan. A committee was formed consisting of the Prosecutor, Judge, Sheriff, Commissioner Redenbaugh, and some County Council members who met to decide the direction to pursue concerning courthouse security.

Mr. McBride went through the presentation page by page highlighting the goals and objectives of the plan. Discussion also included the possibility of contracting professional companies as opposed to "doing it ourselves". Also mentioned were options to purchase new or used metal detectors. There were dollars assigned to individual properties, but there is no total cost a of the preliminary plan at this time.

Ms. Szczerbik commented that she doesn't know if they are an official committee and asked if the Commissioners wanted to make it a formal committee. Mr. Williamson asked Auditor Lawson how much money was in the Security Fund and it is approximately \$600.00. Ms. Szczerbik stated that there are other avenues such grants. Mr. Redenbaugh stated he was in favor of pursuing courthouse security.

IN THE MATTER OF A CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS

Ms. Lawson reviewed that Ms. Melissa K. Ambre was present a couple of months ago to explain Governmental Consulting Services financial analysis for the County.

Mr. Redenbaugh commented that for the almost 4 years he has been a Commissioner he has been concerned about not being able to do any future planning because of no financial planning. Mr. Williamson commented that they have to get through the recent flood disaster before taking on additional responsibilities. Mr. Redenbaugh explained it is nothing they (the Commissioners) have to do—it is something that will be done for them.

Mr. Redenbaugh moved to approve the contract with Governmental Consulting Services for the estimated cost of \$7,780.00 including mileage with the completion date for the project set for August 29, 2008. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1 with Mr. Williamson voting against the motion. (Motion # 77)

IN THE MATTER OF A SIGNATURE ON PROJECT COMPLETION FOR CATARACT LAKE WATER CORP.

Steve Williamson moved to sign the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Certificate of Project Completion for Cataract Lake Water Corporation Grant Number CF-03-112. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 78)

IN THE MATTER OF A PORTA JOHN INVOICE—Speaking Auditor Lawson

She received a bill for rental of a Porta John for EMS during the weekend of the flooding.

Steve Williamson moved to have the bill for \$95.00 paid from Building and Structure. It will hopefully be reimbursed by FEMA but the company should not have to wait till the reimbursement comes. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 79)

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS VEHICLE AND LETTER FROM DOWNEY—Speaking Sheriff Richardson

Steve Redenbaugh moved to surplus the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN 2FAFP71W1YX106736 as requested by Sheriff Richardson. The vehicle will be listed on the SRI Website Sale page. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 80)

The letter referred to was presented for information.

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE REGIONAL SEWER BOARD

Steve Williamson moved to appoint Gwen Dieter to the Regional Sewer Board to fulfill the term vacated by Dwight Brooks. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 81)

IN THE MATTER OF A CULVERT ISSUE—Speaking Wiley Truesdel

Mr. Truesdel stated that Bill Asbury estimated that the culverts that are needed now amount to \$87,000.00. Mr. Truesdel commented that it really didn't need to be signed but he did sign it because of the fact it is coming out of highway dollars and there is \$87,000 worth of big culverts that they know about now. Ms. Lawson requested a copy of that document.

IN THE MATTER OF A CHANGE OF MEEETING

By consent, the July 7th meeting has been changed to July 11th.

IN THE MATTER OF A SALARIED EMPLOYEE AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Truesdel stated that he is aware there is an employee at the Highway Department that has 102 overtime hours operating a dozer. Mr. Truesdel believes there should be a salary increase for this person. Ms. Lawson inquired if he wanted to appear before the Council and Mr. Truesdel stated it was his belief that the Road Superintendent could be paid by the Commissioners. Ms. Lawson explained that the Salary Ordinance began in January and in order to change pay, they must appear before the Council. Mr. Truesdel continued that if Larry hadn't been operating the dozer they would not have gotten through. Mr. Truesdel said they are not changing his salary and this may be a question for the County Attorney.

Mr. Williamson and Mr. Truesdel thanked Bob Clark for all his assistance provided by his department during the recent emergency by putting dumpsters at specific locations and delivering water to Cunot area.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Steve Williamson moved to adjourn. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Wiley Truesdel

Steve Williamson

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Steve Redenbaugh