

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday August 4, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Present: Wiley Truesdel, Steve Redenbaugh, Steve Williamson

Guests: Dale DuBois, Darrell Russell, Greg Jones, Spike Shepler and Jeff Shockley with PMSI, Mike Branham

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2008

Mr. Redenbaugh moved to approve the minutes July 21, 2008. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED AUGUST 4, 2008

Steve Williamson moved to approve the claims dated August 4, 2008. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—Speaking Darrell Russell

Mr. Russell explained there are two roads, Drunkards Pike and Goose Creek that are still “closed”. He continued that 26 road repairs have been turned in to FEMA for the reimbursement.

Mr. Russell handed the Commissioners a copy of a fax to Larry Abrams at the Highway Department from Scott Brown with CPI Supply. Attached was a rough sketch of the Mt. Zion Road project. Mr. Brown stated this is by no means exact as his drawing is based on aerial photos. There are no dimensions because they would be off.

Mr. Russell continued that he met with Fred Glover, NRCS for second round money from the State and took him to some road slides. They want slide-offs off of the roads such as Rocky Hill, Rattlesnake, Surber—those kinds of slides that will continue to be a problem but the County does not have the assets or ability to fix them. If they are not fixed there will continue to be mud slides every time it rains.

He stated that the FEMA team working with the Highway Department continues to be pleased and the working relationship is very good.

Mr. Truesdel stated Larry was at Goose Creek today.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE ISSUES AND ROAD UPDATES

Mr. Redenbaugh asked Darrell if he had received the letter of certification about the steel beams passing the test and Mr. Russell stated he had seen the paperwork concerning the stress test on the used beams.

Mr. Lorenz suggested that even though there is one report for all three bridges on stress testing, a copy of that report should be made and placed in each bridge file folder for future reference.

Mr. Redenbaugh inquired about the status of Owl Hollow Road. Mr. Russell reported that he had contact with the site manager, Fred Glover, and it is currently at Fort Stewart in Texas for re-engineering purposes. Mr. Russell believes that their engineers have it checked out and decided that in order to adequately fix it they need to do some core drilling to find out what type of sand it is and how deep it is. They are leaning towards the sheet piling that will probably be in successive three tiers.

Mr. Williamson asked about Dillman Road. Mr. Russell replied the contract is currently at Washington DC requesting more funding.

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES ON HIGHWAY PROJECTS REQUIRING SIGNATURES

Ms. Lawson explained that all reimbursement has been requested from NRCS. She has checks for Cox and Brown for two jobs. She has bills for the rest but can't pay until the contracts are signed.

The contracts were handled separately as follows:

Steve Redenbaugh moved to pay \$2,700 to Strouse for hauling on Moore Road. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 86)

Steve Redenbaugh moved to pay Myer & Sons \$1,255 for setting pipe on Drunkards Pike. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 87)

Steve Williamson moved to pay DuBois excavating \$7,050 for work done on Rocky Top & Hancock. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 88)

Steve Williamson moved to pay Cox Trucking \$4,212.53 and two bids of \$590.00 each for work on birm repair on Owl Hollow, culvert repair on Coon Creek and washout repair on Pottersville Road. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 89)

Steve Redenbaugh moved to pay Swalley for 12 contracts for 12 different roads--Moore Road, \$4,260, Mangus Road, \$3,770, Flowing Well Road, \$765, Flowing Well pipe, \$340, Union School Road \$2,600, Harris Road, \$6,450, north end of Marion Road \$595, south end of Marion Road \$340, Newport Road \$510, Anderson Road, \$4,060, White Springs Road, \$2,595, and Smith Road, \$4,680. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 90)

Mr. Russell stated they are waiting on more invoices from Strouse Trucking for contracts that have been signed.

Local residents who provided in-kind work needs to be documented for the County's 25% match to FEMA.

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHERN INDIANA RURAL DEVELOPMENT—Speaking Greg Jones

Mr. Jones was present to discuss a resolution authorizing the submittal for a joint U S Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) applications for a flood recovery coordinator and addressing related issues. Mr. Jones is the State Flood Relief Coordinator.

Mr. Lorenz asked what counties and types of projects will be subject to this particular application process. Mr. Jones replied that Knox, Greene and Daviess are the other counties being represented by the Southern Indiana Rural Development. Mr. Jones stated that most projects would probably be related to road, sewer, water, wastewater, and infrastructure.

Mr. Lorenz requested that a line of communication be kept open to our local Economic Development Resource as well as the newly formed Rebuild Owen County Committee through the Community Foundation and that we be aggressive in identifying projects that will actually help recover some of the funds.

Mr. Redenbaugh asked Mr. Jones to contact Mark Rogers, Community Foundation and Denise Shaw, Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Executive Director to discuss these issues. He would be glad to speak with them.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to approve Resolution 2008-26 which is a resolution authorizing the Southern Indiana Development Commission to prepare and submit an application for grant funding for a flood recovery coordinator to include Owen County with the designated Southern Indiana Development Commission district. This Commission is authorized to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Economic Development Administration and Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 91)

It was stated there is no cost to the County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ARMORY—Speaking Spike Shepler, PMSI, INC.

Mr. Shepler introduced himself and Jeff Shockley as representatives of PMSI, INC. Mr. Shepler provided information concerning the possibilities of restructuring the recently acquired Armory by the Commissioners.

He stated he would like to discuss planning for the Armory as a possible annex to the Courthouse. In the handout provided to the Commissioners he outlined project leadership and management, relevant project experience, team personnel resumes, planning and project management, county organization, resources, solutions and services, teamwork and PMSI's record of success.

Mr. Williamson asked about fees. Their fee is mostly for time and how long the project will take. Mr. Shepler stated their fees are usually 1-5% of the total cost of the project. He suggested this job may be around 3%.

Mr. Shepler pointed out that there could be long term versus short term plans depending on what they decide concerning the use of the building. Once the plans are in place and appropriate information presented to the public and the public is on board then they move forward to financing the plans. PMSI develops solutions that meet the diverse project needs as well as manage the project risks. They provide the integration of project resources, solutions and services. They work with designers but do not design the project.

IN THE MATTER OF REASSESSMENT CONTRACTS—Speaking Assessor Kenny Anderson

Mr. Anderson explained the bid was duly advertised and only one company provided a bid. He also informed the Commissioners that the DLGF has become a participant in approving bids.

Steve Williamson moved to approve the reassessment contract for Annual trending and Support Services offered by Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Owen County. The total fee for all three years of services will be \$415,700. The first year, 2008 is \$130,800. For 2009 the cost is \$139,300 and for the 2010 the cost is \$145,600. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 92)

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY UPDATES—Speaking County Attorney Richard Lorenz

Little Sandy Coal Company—Mr. Lorenz reported he is still reviewing where to file the bond.

Signatures on Grant Subrecipient Semi-Annual Report—Owen County Association for Retarded Citizens—OCARC

Steve Williamson moved to have President Wiley Truesdel sign the Subrecipient Semi-Annual Report Grant #96-117. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 93)

The issue of ATVs on County Roads was reviewed as the Commissioners requested at an April it be tabled at that time. Mr. Lorenz commented there is no simple solution.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Lawson explained that Mr. Truesdel and Mr. Wood, President of the County Council, will meet August 14 with the appointed supervisors to discuss a yearly evaluation to make sure the supervisors are following the personnel policy in dealing with their respective departments.

There was also discussion concerning adding a maintenance supervisor to the Courthouse budget for next year.

Mr. Truesdel stated that with getting involved in the Armory and for the Courthouse, he believes a maintenance supervisor is needed and asked the other Commissioners their thoughts on the subject.

Mr. Redenbaugh commented they had already discussed this issue especially electrical and plumbing and he was in favor of putting it in the 2009 budget and Mr. Williamson also stated he was in favor of that.

Mr. Redenbaugh moved to add a salary line item of \$37,500 in the Commissioners' 2009 budget for a Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 94)

Mr. Redenbaugh stated that Clyde Patterson, the gentleman who paints the flagpole, asked for permission to paint both flagpoles and repair the pulley for \$400.00. He will do the big flagpole for \$350.00.

Mr. Truesdel informed Stanley Harris that when he is going to be off of work, whether vacation or sick day, he must inform the auditor. A situation arose recently and Mr. Harris was unavailable and it was not known that he was not at work that day.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to have Mr. Patterson to paint the flagpoles and fix the pulley for \$400.00. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 95)

Stan Harris reported that a new hot water heater is needed. H was instructed to obtain the cost.

Mr. Redenbaugh stated that the Building Inspector is willing to become a full time employee. Mr. Lorenz reported he is working on an inter local agreement stating that between the county and town there is approximately a combined amount of \$20,000 for a building inspector. He will have the proposed inter local agreement ready for budget hearings.

Mr. Redenbaugh asked if there should be a Conflict of Interest Form for a highway department employee filed. Ms. Lawson stated that the State Board of Accounts will be checking the records to see if one is filed.

Mr. Redenbaugh stated that the roofers, he believes, have taken out vents so far, but should contact Capital Lighting to unhook the wiring on top of the building. Ms. Lawson suggested there be a timeline given to her so she will know when to contact Capital Lighting.

Mr. Redenbaugh asked what they thought of PMSI and the plan presented today. Mr. Lorenz stated quite candidly that an organization such as this would be necessary for counsel to the Commissioners and they won't do anything that will help handle the budgeting until a master plan is provided. He suggested the armory, courthouse, EMS, the jail, all of the facilities need to be reviewed. At one time it was discussed whether dispatch would be in the jail and Mr. Lorenz stated this is the time to look at all aspects. The most important thing to do at this time is to get a plan. The Commissioners need to focus on what they want to do.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Steve Redenbaugh moved to adjourn. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Wiley Truesdel

Steve Williamson

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Steve Redenbaugh