

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday September 15, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Present: Wiley Truesdel, Steve Redenbaugh, Steve Williamson

Guests: Melvin Beeker, Darrell Russell, Tami Snodgrass, John King, Cris Lunsford, Spike Shepler—PMSI, Inc. Representative

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

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

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Steve Williamson moved to approve the claims dated September 15, 2008. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—Speaking Darrell Russell

Mr. Russell stated the department is busy from the high winds received yesterday. There were lots of trees down due to the high winds and he currently has two crews working in the county, cleaning up, chipping and cutting up trees.

Mr. Russell presented a report concerning the roads which have PWs (72 total of which 70 are roads) turned in to FEMA, and the percentage of the roadwork completed as well as the roadwork which has been approved by FEMA. To date, \$176,783.89 has been reimbursed by FEMA.

IN THE MATTER OF QUARRY WOODS SUBDIVISION

The Owen County Planning and Zoning Board recommended that the re plat of Quarry Woods Subdivision be approved.

Steve Williamson moved to approve the re plat of Quarry Woods Subdivision Lot A to become known as Lot A-1 and Lot A-2. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 110)

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT ON REASSESSMENT CONTRACT

Ms. Lawson explained that the amendment was required by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), not the vendor. Mr. Lorenz had reviewed the amendment and found it to be in order.

Steve Williamson moved to sign the amendment. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 111)

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO INCREASE COUNTY ATTORNEY FEES ON PROBATION CASES

Mr. Lorenz explained that there are about 60 probation cases per month that are unfortunately coming back in. He had spoken with the Judge and it is recommended that the fee be increased to \$100.00. Even when the person is off probation, the ability to track them will continue so one may pursue collecting fees owed.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to adopt Resolution 2008-33 which is a Resolution that the Owen County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County attorney to increase the fee from \$35.00 to \$100.00 per case to prosecute said claims and that the fees shall be paid by the Defendant in each case, unless the judgment was entered prior to January 3, 2006. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 112)

IN THE MATTER OF ESTIMATES ON FUEL TANKS FOR JAIL

Sheriff Richardson has called various companies, but there have been no return calls. There are no new estimates at this time concerning fuel tanks at the Jail.

IN THE MATTER OF TOWN OF GOSPORT MAKING APPLICATION—Speaking John King

Mr. King stated the Town of Gosport is making an application for a downtown revitalization \$50,000 planning grant and he is requesting the Commissioners to endorse this application. Their next application will be for \$500,000. They want to replace sidewalks, take care of some major water problems, improve lighting, etc. The Gosport Town Board is the applicant.

Mr. Lorenz asked if this was a Block Grant and the reply was yes. The County now has 2 grants and the maximum is 3. One grant will drop off next year. Mr. Lorenz's concern is that there may be a Block Grant application for the Armory in the near future. He wants the Commissioners to be mindful of the possibility. He continued that Bonding might be more feasible so he recommended for them to endorse this project.

Steve Williamson moved to endorse the Gosport Town Council's effort in applying to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a Planning Grant for the creation of a Downtown Revitalization Plan. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 113)

The Commissioners will sign the letter of endorsement if, after further review, they find out it is ok. The Town Council meeting will take place October 16 with Kenna Consulting.

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

Little Sandy Coal Company—Mr. Lorenz reported he has written them to obtain information from them as there is nothing in any files here.

Sam's Club Custodian Account—Mr. Lorenz stated he needed to make a road trip to Sam's.

Collection Company issue with non-existence telephone through Sheriff's Department—Mr. Lorenz called and left a message, but has not received a return call at this time. Ms. Lawson stated Mr. Redenbaugh has been working with an AT&T representative to also find out what is going on.

Building Department—Standards for electrical, plumbing and construction standards have been updated, 700-800 pages need to be reviewed periodically to make sure the codes are correct. He continued there are a couple of places which have come through that are seeking demolition that are not flood related and he gave them a form to use for demolition permits and that is an item appropriate for charging fees. One inspection would be required to make sure the property has been appropriately rehabilitated after demolition has occurred.

He also has been working on revisions over the course of the year to put into the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Those revisions and updates should be ready for sometime in 2009 for review by the Commissioners, and they may even decide to hold Public Hearings.

IN THE MATTER OF AN EMS UPDATE—Speaking Cris Lunsford

Mr. Lunsford reported that they should be getting a truck returned to them that has been in the shop for repairs. He stated they have a new rescue truck purchased by the Alan Hall Fund. It is a 1992 Interstate Battery truck. It will probably be another month before it is put in service.

Ivy Tech State College contacted Cris to see if those in EMS training would want to begin using them as a precepting facility. Cris is concerned that the agreement has nothing about drug testing. Owen County can request that the drug testing statement be put in the agreement.

Mr. Lunsford stated that the drain in the bay has been a problem for years. He received a bill the other day in the amount of \$2,300 for work completed on the drain that cleaned it up.

He requested that he be allowed to transport documents from the County Home and to the Armory for security reasons.

Mr. Lorenz suggested that there be an inventory of all records brought into the Armory.

Mr. Lunsford has taken paperwork to the Clerk to be presented to the Destruction of Public Records Committee.

Mr. Lunsford would like to pursue the concept of attaching claims for transporting inmates to their final judgment. At the present time, the cost of transporting inmates for medical purposes is being written off by the department.

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR ISSUES—Speaking Auditor Lawson

She informed the Commissioners she needs signatures on a \$950.00 grant she will be submitting to the Community Foundation today for Veterans' Service Officer's vehicle which was transferred to him from the Sheriff's fleet. It will be painted white with the Veterans' Service logo on it. The insurance will be paid through the Indianapolis DAV department. The fuel will be paid for by various local veterans' organizations to transport veterans to the Indianapolis VA for doctor appointments.

Steve Williamson moved to approve and sign the grant application to the Community Foundation requesting \$950.00 to repair and paint a vehicle transferred to the Veterans' Service Officer from the Sheriff's department. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 114)

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Redenbaugh commented there have been 8 or 9 different people who have helped the custodian in the past and it has not been advertised. He asked why it was an issue today. Ms. Lawson replied that they are trying to get everyone to follow personnel policy. Ms. Lawson explained that the custodian was told during his evaluation with Mr. Truesdel and Mr. Wood that the position needed to be advertised.

Mr. Redenbaugh, referring to the State Board of Accounts audit, expressed concern about money being used from the Building Department to purchase supplies. The Council determined that would be done when the 2009 budget was approved. The funding for supplies will no longer come from the Building Department.

On the issue of the custodian, Mr. Redenbaugh commented that when his term ends in December, he believes the custodian will be released shortly thereafter. It is his contention that because the custodian hired part time people in the past without advertising, he is now being "picked on".

Mr. Redenbaugh announced that the clock in the courthouse will be fixed.

Pertaining to the scraping on the Dome—Mr. Redenbaugh went up there Friday and was not pleased with what he observed. He was assured that the repairs will meet with approval before the job is completed.

Putting the new coat on the roof of the courthouse will begin on September 23rd and will take approximately 2 weeks.

Mr. Redenbaugh asked about the process of building barns and houses in the county with or without a permit. He asked the question if they wanted to start fining people who do not obtain a permit. Mr. Lorenz, who left the meeting earlier to attend a conference in Washington D.C., will be asked to review fines, etc.

Mr. Redenbaugh reported he checked on the roof at the Extension Office and some work has been done but it still leaks. He will call the office later today.

Mr. Williamson commented Darrell has been doing a good job at the Highway department. PMSI, Inc. representative Spike Shepler was present and Mr. Redenbaugh reported the Council had approved the initial funding of \$15,000 to begin the process concerning plans for the Armory.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to approve the agreement with PMSI, Inc. for PMSI, Inc. to serve the Owen County Commissioners as the Project Planner, Consultant, Manager and Representative for the project involving the renovations of the former National Guard Armory (Government Center) and County Courthouse. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 115)

Mr. Shepler explained PMSI, INC and Architura representatives will meet with office holders and department heads for the purpose of gathering and confirming data regarding current and future space needs, filing and storage requirements as well as telecommunications and data communications requirements. Also forthcoming will be a certificate of insurance for both PMSI, Inc. and Architura for the files.

Steve Williamson moved to recess into the Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 116)

The regular Commissioners' meeting was recalled into session.

Mr. Truesdel announced that the regular meeting for October 20th will be moved to October 24.

Mr. Truesdel reported that Mr. Abrams, former highway superintendent, will not return to the highway department as an employee.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Wiley Truesdel

Steve Williamson

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Steve Redenbaugh