

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday October 24, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Present: Wiley Truesdel, Steve Redenbaugh, Steve Williamson

Guests: Jerry Rhude, Darrell Russell, Michael Weidman, Chester H. Richardson III, Jo Ann Ligon, Jack White, Richard W. Lorenz, Cris Lunsford

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2008

Mr. Redenbaugh moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2008. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED OCTOBER 24, 2008

Ms. Lawson requested signatures on paperwork for a mileage claim that was written out of cycle.

Steve Williamson moved to approve the claims dated October 24, 2008, as well as the check written out of the normal cycle. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE & SIGNATURES ON SERVICES RENDERED—Speaking Darrell Russell

Mr. Russell stated that on October 22nd he received a call from Bridget Webber, Indianapolis FEMA representative, concerning Bridge #30. She explained that changing a multi plate culvert to a bridge would not create any adverse affects for the downstream water flow. Mr. Russell expected a Memorandum from CLR in the next couple of days and when that work is completed Bridge #30 on Huber Road would be finished.

Mr. Russell explained the Contract for Services Rendered for Owl Hollow has been sent to RQAW, but has not yet been returned from RQAW.

Concerning Dillman Road, Mr. Russell stated that the soil cap may be done next week. It was recommended that clay mix be used. Mr. Russell would like to use highway department labor and materials so it can be applied to our 25%.

Bridge #49, the one that INDOT used as the bypass when the 4 mile bridge was out, was hit by a semi and based on cost of timber and materials the insurance company will pay \$8,129.81.

Cris Morley was selected by Mr. Russell to attend a 10 hour OSHA course for 2 days in November.

Mr. Russell proposed to the Commissioners he would like to donate some of his vacation days to a highway employee who recently had surgery and will not be able to return to work immediately. Verbally, the commissioners approved the request and the letter will be forthcoming. In order to process the approval before the next meeting, a motion was made to approve the transfer of days once the auditor has the letter.

Steve Williamson moved to allow Darrell Russell to donate vacation days to a fellow Highway Employee. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 121)

Work on Dunn Road Bridge could begin next week. There is a concern about a driveway and the highway department will build a berm so there will be some buffer for safety. Mr. Truesdel stated the driveway is the responsibility of the County, not of CLR.

A resident contacted Darrell concerning Serber Road. He was concerned with the bridges, culverts, etc. and the safety of the road for emergency vehicles. Ms. Lawson stated this gentleman will be on the November 3 agenda.

Ms. Lawson reminded the commissioners that at the last meeting an invoice for Strouse Trucking would be held until Mr. Redenbaugh spoke with the company. He researched the issue and is now satisfied with the results.

Mr. Williamson moved to approve the Strouse Trucking invoice for Rocky Top Road in the amount of \$2,500. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 122)

IN THE MATTER OF A PARK HILL ESTATE ISSUE WITH ROAD—Speaking Darrell Russell

Mr. Russell provided a written report concerning his inspection of Park Hill Dr. Mr. John Fuhs had written a letter requesting the road be taken into the county inventory. Mr. Russell inspected the road on October 22. It does not meet all the specifications to allow it to become a county road at this time. The report will be forwarded to Mr. John Fuhs.

Mr. Lorenz stated that perhaps one new ordinance should be considered to combine other ordinances concerning roads.

IN THE MATTER OF AN EASEMENT ISSUE—Speaking Mike Weidman

Mr. Weidman presented his concerns to the commissioners about an easement on Reynolds Road in Jefferson Township. Mr. Weidman stated he had never had any trouble concerning the easement until the recent storms and REMC had to find out who locked up the easement to get back to Mr. Weidman's property. Mr. Weidman continued that the property was sold last year but the easement was still in the owner's name. The new owner has locked both sides of that heavy bridge and it took REMC 2 days to find the key to unlock the gate. Mr. Weidman also

stated that he checked with the fire department and that is the route they would take in case of fire.

Mr. Lorenz will look into the matter. He cannot advise the commissioners on the issue until he has more information.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR--IC 36-2-12-11—Speaking David Meier

Mr. Meier stated he recently became a registered surveyor August 20, 2008. He provided the commissioners with a copy of IC 36-2-12-11 which contains Indiana rules and regulations for county surveyors. He called specific attention to IC 36-2-12-8. Mr. Meier stated he is the only registered surveyor in the county at this time.

Mr. Redenbaugh suggested that David meet with the current surveyor, Gib Tucker, and then have a written plan to present to the council concerning setting cornerstones.

IN THE MATTER OF ROCC (Armory) and COMMUNICATION GRANT—Speaking Jack White

Mr. White presented the proposal for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program (PSIC) for \$133,910. Within the report he listed the distribution of the 800 MHz radios.

Ms. Lawson asked Mr. White to briefly explain the types of radios that were purchased from the Health Department Grant. He explained that at this time all the radios are located in the Health Department.

Mr. Lorenz requested that when the equipment is received, that an accurate inventory and log be kept so we will know who has what equipment.

Mr. White stated that he has kept a log of all the equipment he has received.

Ms. Lawson asked if these will be covered by the County's insurance. Mr. White stated he believes that should be the case. Mr. White will provide a list of serial numbers to the insurance agent.

Steve Williamson moved to approve signing the Sub-Grant Agreement CFDA Number 11.555 EDS# C44P-9-300A between the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Commissioners of Owen County in the amount of \$133,910.00. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 123)

Mr. White asked about the ROCC (Rebuild Owen County Committee) using the Armory for volunteers who need to be housed overnight. Mr. Redenbaugh confirmed that ROCC will take care of paying the cost for any liability that might happen for people staying in the Armory.

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

Letter from WTH Electronic Map Data Application from Noble Energy, Inc. requesting County GIS Data—they will pay the fee and the county will receive compensation. Mr. Lorenz recommended the commissioners sign the agreement.

Steve Redenbaugh moved to sign the Proposal from Noble Energy, Inc. requesting County GIS Data with WTH paying fees. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 124)

AT & T Collection Company issue with non-existent telephone through Sheriff's Department—Mr. Redenbaugh turned it over to an AT & T representative but there have been no return calls to either Mr. Redenbaugh or Mr. Lorenz.

2009 Holiday Schedule Discussion—Ms. Lawson presented the State Holiday schedule for the Commissioners to review. This will be on the November 3rd agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Redenbaugh commented that people are working to get all Think Map licenses on an inventory list.

Mr. Redenbaugh stated that someone is leaving lights on and although heat has been turned on by the gas company—the boiler probably needs to be fired up. Mr. Lorenz will generate a letter to the recruiter. There is a light and trash problem.

Mr. Redenbaugh stated that the roof is basically completed. He has concerns with what was left. It needs to be inspected by Duralast before the bill is paid. He has a list of things he wants checked.

Ms. Lawson informed the commissioners that the 911 wireless revenue has to go into its own account as opposed as to being placed in the currently established 911 account.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF'S COMMENTS—Speaking Sheriff Richardson

Sheriff Richardson reported that the underground storage tanks must be inspected every 3 years for IDEM. A 30 day notice was presented to the Sheriff. The last date they tanks were inspected was August 10, 2004.

Mr. Lorenz will contact Hoosier Equipment about doing the inspection.

IN THE MATTER OF AN EMS UPDATE—Speaking Cris Lunsford

Mr. Lunsford stated there is a way to collect a little bit more from Medicaid. When they attend billing seminars they find things that they should be doing that they are not. They will review the entire prior year. He wanted to know how the commissioners felt concerning having a company review their billing process. EMS would send 30 claims to this company for a charge of \$6,000. Although they will come to Spencer and do a thorough assessment of the billing process, dispatch, and hopefully maximize what could be collected the cost would be \$10,000.

It was suggested that Cris meet with Linda, employee of the current billing company, to discuss the billing process codes, etc.

Mr. Lunsford commented about Sullivan County and how they send their requests for reimbursement. He continued there are companies that certify people in ambulance billing.

Mr. Lunsford wanted to review the process by which he was supposed to move files to the Armory. Ms. Lawson stated that she was aware that PMSI would like for people to hold off moving anything into the building until they complete their assessment of how to use the facility. Mr. Truesdel asked when that would be and the reply was sometime in December.

Cris reported he is having problems with injectors in one of his vehicles.

He also reported that he will have a list of surplus items for the next meeting.

Ms. Lawson stated that McCready and Keen, Inc., Actuaries and Employee Benefit Consultants, will be coming to the next meeting asking for permission to establish another 457 plan of which we currently have two, one with Insured Services and one with PEPSCO. Adding a third would only include the employees of the Sheriff's Department. There are only 2 employees participating in the 457 plans and Ms. Lawson strongly recommends that there be at least 10 employees interested in an insurance program before the Commissioners approve another plan.

Mr. Williamson moved to recess the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to go into Executive Session for Interviews with potential Highway Superintendent candidates. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 125)

The Commissioners' meeting reconvened.

Mr. Truesdel stated that an engine for a one ton GMAC truck in the Highway Department needed repaired. There was an estimate of \$1,300 for a rebuilt engine and the truck would be in Indianapolis for one week. Another option was to have the truck repaired in Bloomington and only be gone for 2 days at a cost of \$2,005.

Steve Williamson moved to buy the new long block in Bloomington as recommended by Darrell Russell. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 126)

Mr. Williamson moved to recess. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 127)

The meeting reconvened. Mr. Truesdel stated they could not express themselves right now and that they should think about it. No decision was made concerning the position of Highway Superintendent.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Wiley Truesdel

Steve Williamson

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Steve Redenbaugh