

Owen County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460  
Monday, April 5, 2010 9:00 a.m.

Present: Wiley Truesdel, George Jennings, Rich Foutch & Richard Lorenz

Guests: Sam Hobbs, Joe Pettijohn, Michael Conly, Matt Sward, Anna L. Klass, Richard Landes, April Landes, Timothy Miller, Dennis Smith, Bette Beasley, Shane Floyd, & Spike Shepler.

**MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1ST, 2010**

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the minutes of March 15th, 2010. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED MARCH 15th, 2010**

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the claims dated April 5th, 2010. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE –Speaking Joe Pettijohn**

Mr. Pettijohn spoke regarding a letter the Commissioners received from a resident concerned about the condition of County Line Road. Mr. Pettijohn stated that this portion of road that is in question is actually Monroe County and he is working to get them to make the necessary repairs. He reported that they are working in every district patching, filling pot holes and digging out ditches. Keene Road issue is coming along nicely, he has spoken to the homeowner that had an issue and he believes the issue is resolved.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SESCO - Speaking Tim Miller**

Mr. Miller presented a handout to each Commissioner in regards to his company and stated that they do Environmental recovery of costs expended by the County. He requested an opportunity to investigate our tan issues. Mr. Lorenz reported that we would probably want to look at the service provided but that we were not currently at the point where this could be done. Commissioner took issue under advisement.

**IN THE MATTER OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP HOUSING ISSUE – Speaking Dennis Smith**

Mr. Smith presented pictures to the Commissioners in regard to a parcel he feel is uninhabitable in Jackson Township. Mr. Lorenz stated he is aware of the issue and that it could be condemned if someone tried to inhabit it. Currently the property is up for sale and it was suggested that a letter be sent to the bank and realtor advising of the possible condemnation if occupied as the residence is not inhabitable in its current condition. Mr. Lorenz will issue the letter in this regard.

**IN THE MATTER OF DSL ISSUE WITH AT&T – Speaking Bette Beasley**

Ms. Beasley reported that she is having problem with AT&T running DSL to her residence and wondered if the Commissioners could do anything to help expedite the running to that line to here area. Mr. Lorenz stated that that is a private business and that we had to authority over AT&T. She stated that she had been contacted by a representative of AT&T and told they did not have anything scheduled to run DSL to her area at this time or in the near future.

**IN THE MATTER OFN SIDC GRANT ADMIN. – Speaking Matt Sward**

Mr. Sward presented the Sub-Recipient Agreement for Graybrook and Hollybrook.

**Mr. Truesdel moved to approve the Sub-Recipient Agreement for both Graybrook and Hollybrook Grants as presented. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

Mike Conly was also present to discuss the Courthouse ADA project which was not submitted with the first round of grants in March. The reason being that SHIPPO had issue with removing the steps leading into the Courthouse to make them all level. Plans have tentatively been redrawn to reflect that there would be ramps on both sides and that it will have to be re-submitted for formal approval but that a verbal acceptance was issued. Mr. Conley stated it would be about another \$2500 in order to re-draw the architectural plans. This issue was taken under advisement until the next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF EMA DIRECTOR – Speaking Jack White**

Mr. White reported to the Commissioners that progress was being made on the attendance issue with LEPC and that they were in the process of moving the meeting due to other conflicting meetings on the same night with some of the same individuals on both. He also requested permission to issue ID Badges for other entities such as the Town of Spencer. Commissioners voice no concerns over this issue, since they are other governmental entities they will not b charged.

**IN THE MATTER OF REASSESSMENT UPDATE – Speaking Kenny Anderson**

Mr. Anderson reported that the Reassessment contract originally signed would need an addendum to add one more year since the state put Reassessment on hold for 1 year. July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 marks the beginning of the Reassessment cycle.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE EMS UPDATE**

Mr. Lunsford presented a surplus list he stated that the old Medic Truck on the surplus list has already gone to the Highway Garage and they hope to be able to fix the motor and use it.

**Mr. Truesdel moved to surplus the 2003 Ford F-550, POK Foam Unit, 65 Gallon water tank, Homelite Trash Pump and 50' Fire hose. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

## **IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Mr. Lorenz stated that he has been working on policy for Per Diem for employees, a hiring freeze policy, building codes and will get all items to the Commissioners for discussion at the next meeting. He presented a deed on some property on Newport Road that has been deeded to the Commissioners.

**Mr. Truesdel moved to approve the Deed transfer to the County Commissioners on parcel of ground on Newport Road parcel number 60-10-24-400-590.000-027. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

Mr. Lorenz also related to the Commissioners that the Cloverdale Sewer Treatment plant had contacted him that they are willing to add more residences from the Cunot area to their service for Waste Water Treatment. He stated he would review the Regional Sewer Board information and bring it to the next meeting. He presented the plats that had been approved at the prior meeting for signature.

**Mr. Truesdel moved to sign the plat as approved at the prior meeting. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0**

## **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Auditor Lawson brought the letter from IDEM requesting an agent be named locally.

**Mr. Truesdel moved to approve for Mr. Jennings to serve in this position. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Mr. Foutch moved to approve the request from SCI-PRO.net for the use of the County Home for filming purposes since they have provided all insurance information Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

There was discussion regarding a request from Smart Tech Homes presented at the last meeting and the Commissioners took issue under advisement. Sam Hobbs Maintenance Supervisor spoke regarding his the boilers being shut down and that he was hoping to air out the building prior to turning on the air conditioning. Shrubs will be removed around the Courthouse as they pose a possible security risk since they can be hidden behind. He has City Glass coming to replace the glass on the North and South side of the building. He is getting some costs for the removal of grout and re-caulking of the outside of the jail. He will also have a window replacement option installed on the first floor after the Centennial celebration for the Commissioners to look at.

Mr. Jennings asked for comment from the public and Mr. Robert Hutchinson stated he had a problem with a neighbor across the street from him on Hwy 67. The resident is parking multiple vehicles on her driveway and it looks like a junk yard. Mr. Lorenz stated he was aware of this issue and is working on a solution. Mr. Rick Landes spoke regarding statements made at a previous Commissioner meeting about his ambulance service, He stated he does not respond to 911 calls but is also on the fire department and sometimes does respond but not in his private ambulance capacity. He stated he has no intention of responding on any calls made for 911, but that his service is actually for medical transports and events.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Truesdel moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

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George Jennings

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Wiley Truesdel

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angie Lawson, Auditor

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Rich Foutch