

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday, April 19th, 2010 4:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Sam Hobbs, Joe Pettijohn, Michael Conly, Dennis Dunlap, David Lanham, Scarlette Peck, Thomas Pitt, Jo Arthur, Tami Snodgrass, Jack White & Cris Lunsford.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5TH, 2010

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

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED APRIL 19TH, 2010

Mr. Truesdel moved to approve the claims dated April 19th, 2010. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Mr. Pettijohn spoke regarding some maps on Bridge No 103 over Brush Creek and Bridge No. 52 over Rattlesnake Creek. He is in the process of applying for some grant funds that can be used toward the replacement and or repair of these bridges. He believes that Rattlesnake would be the better bridge to get funding for, he will keep the Commissioners informed about weather Owen County is selected or not. Pot Hole Patcher's are in every district of the County and there is also some hand patching going on. Rocky Top is open currently but he believes that when it rains they will again have issue with the road. He has requested no bus travel at this time on Rocky Top. Mr. Pettijohn had a request from the Fair Board to use a bucket truck to put up lights at the Fairgrounds. This will require approximately 2 hours time for an operator to do. Mr. Truesdel was concerned about weather this would encourage others to seek help from the Commissioners and Mr. Foutch stated that everyone in the community benefits from the Fairgrounds and the County Fair so he felt this would be something that the Commissioners should approve.

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the use of a County Highway Bucket Truck and one operator for 2 hours at the Fairgrounds to change out lights. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS - Speaking Dennis Dunlap

Mr. Dunlap had previously presented a handout to the Commissioner in regards to the needed updates to our current personnel policy. He went over each section highlight the necessary updates.

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the updates to the personnel policy by Dunlap HR Consulting Group at a cost of \$1500. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OC FLOOD RECOVERY STRATEGY – Speaking Jo Arthur

Ms. Arthur requested approval of the Resolution to resolve that the Economic Recovery Strategy for the 2008 Flood Disaster in Owen County be approved.

Mr. Truesdel moved to approve the Economic Recovery Strategy for the 2008 Flood Disaster in Owen County as presented. Mr. Fouch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADA GRANT APPLICATION – Speaking Mike Conly

Mr. Conly requested that the Commissioners review the required change to the original ADA plan and approve it moving forward. He stated there would be no cost incurred until there was a favorable response to move forward.

Mr. Fouch moved to approve the new drawings for the ADA project as presented by Mr. Conly. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF 2009-07 NOISE ORDINANCE – Speaking Scarlett Peck

Ms. Peck provided written talking points regarding an issue she is having at her residence with some neighbors who she believes are in violation of the 2009-07 Ordinance. She stated she has contacted the Sheriff's Department over this issue on numerous occasions without any citation being issued to the offending party. Mr. Lorenz suggested that she gather evidence in regard to the violation and file a formal complaint. She stated that she did not believe this ordinance was being enforced.

IN THE MATTER OF EMA UPDATE – Speaking Jack White

Mr. Truesdel moved to approve the Sub-Grant Agreement for reimbursement of the EMA Salary. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMS UPDATE

Mr. Lunsford discussed the surplus items that he had requested at the previous meeting. He has discussed giving those items to Spencer and he again stated that they do want to acquire the surplus items.

Mr. Truesdel moved to give the surplus items to the Town of Spencer as another governmental entity. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0. (Mr. Fouch abstained from voting)

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz stated that he has been working with the Council on the written Wage Structure and hopes to have that completed and then it can be added to the County Personnel Policy. He is still awaiting information from the American Legion. He requested that the Commissioners be thinking about 3 additional appointments to the Regional Sewer Board that the previous board members terms ended in 2008. He also mentioned that the Commissioners have copies of the new Building Codes and they requested both the regional sewer appointments and the building codes be taken under advisement for further review. Mr. Lorenz requested that the Council and Commissioners have a joint session to discuss the Phase 1 repairs to the buildings as well as the

Hiring Freeze policy. Commissioners stated no objection to such a session. Mr. Lorenz then discussed the Per Diem policy that was presented to the Commissioners.

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the Per Diem with in-state reimbursement at \$26.00 per day and out of state \$32.00 per day for meal allowances. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Truesdel moved to sign the Community Corrections annual grant as presented. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There was brief discussion again regarding a request from Smart Tech Homes presented at a prior meeting; the Commissioners took issue under advisement. Sam Hobbs Maintenance Supervisor spoke regarding a request to purchase 6 limestone benches to be put around the outside of the Courthouse, he has researched and gotten a price from Heritage Stone Company for a total of \$1500 for all six. Commissioners had no issue with this expenditure as long as Sam has checked with other vendors to make sure we are getting the best price.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Foutch moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

George Jennings

Wiley Truesdel

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Rich Foutch