

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday, May 3, 2010 9:00 a.m.

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

Guests: Michael Summers, Tim Richards, Dale Dotts, David Lanham, Denise Shaw, Scarlette Peck, Sam Hobbs, Cris Lunsford, Tami Snodgrass, Chester Richardson, & Jack White.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 19TH, 2010

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

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED MAY 3rd, 2010

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the claims dated May 3rd, 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 request he received from a Township Trustee to put some stone down on a cemetery. Commissioners requested this be tabled for further research on the subject. Mr. Pettijohn also stated he had some items for surplus and would provide the serial numbers to the Commissioners at the next meeting. He spoke briefly regarding his plans for a run around behind the sports complex by the old quarry. He also stated he had an employee who was wanting to be paid out his vacation time. Mr. Lorenz stated the only thing in policy was that vacation could be paid out upon termination, however there is no other policy regarding paying out vacation to a continuing employee. Mr. Pettijohn stated he was not for starting this kind of policy. Commissioner denied request based on there being no policy to govern this type of practice.

IN THE MYLAR ON ROLLING MEADOWS - Speaking Tim Richards

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the Mylar as presented. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ZONE- Speaking Denise Shaw

Ms. Shaw spoke regarding a contact made to her to request that the Commissioners act on this letter allowing the Foreign-Trade Zones Board the authority to serve sites located within the County.

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the signing of a letter for the Foreign-Trade Zone. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMS UPDATE

Mr. Lunsford stated that he and several others from EMS will be attending the Rope and Water Training beginning on May 10th for a week.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz stated that he would like to ask for a joint session with the Council to discuss the Phase 1 repairs as well as the Dispatch issue. The meeting is set for May 10th with Council President Approval. He spoke regarding the building department permit changes and the issue was tabled so Commissioners could get more information. Mr. Lorenz also stated the need for a 7 member board for the Regional Sewer Board and he would like appointments at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 DISPATCH CENTER PRESENTATIONS

Commissioners heard from Owen's Communication and from ECS regarding the design of a new 911 Dispatch Center for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioners took matter under advisement until such time as the Council has had an opportunity to commit funding. Another demo will be done at 6:30 on Monday for both Council and Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There was discussion regarding a request from Smart Tech Homes which has remained an agenda item for several meetings. Commissioners stated that they were not in favor of changing the building codes at this time in order to accommodate the square footage of these structures.

Mr. Truesdel moved to deny the request for exception for Smart Tech Homes. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Ms. Lawson wanted it on the record that she and the Commissioner President signed a grant for the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for a \$10,000 grant for the Sheriff's Department.

There was a request from a gentleman to sell items roadside and have the Commissioners waive the bond. Commissioners took issue under advisement until they could research the issue further.

David Lanham asked when the Commissioners declared the old storage building surplus and where it was disposed. Ms. Lawson read the following from the December 7th, 2009 minutes.

Mr. Foutch moved to declare the storage building on the Courthouse lawn as surplus with direction to the Auditor to have the building removed. Mr. Truesdel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Ms. Lawson also requested that the quarterly report for County Line road be signed.

Mr. Truesdel moved to approve the signing of the agency quarterly report for IDEM. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Truesdel moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

George Jennings

Wiley Truesdel

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Rich Foutch