

Owen County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday, June 7th, 2010 9:00 a.m.

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

Guests: Denise Shaw, Tami Snodgrass, Jessica Wesley, Michael Summers, Keith Burgen, Lisa Bault, Shane Floyd, Sam Hobbs, Richard Lorenz, Darrell Russell, Joe Pettijohn, Jack White, Sheila Reeves, Cris Lunsford & Chester Richardson.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 17TH, 2010

Mr. Jennings moved to approve the minutes of May 17th, 2010. Mr. Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS ADVERTISED FOR PAYMENT DATED JUNE 7th, 2010

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the claims dated June 7th, 2010. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

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

Mr. Pettijohn & Darrell Russell spoke about a new spread sheet they are working on which would show what each employee has been working on. They are preparing to send out RFQ's for Bridge 52 which is the Fishcreek/Rattlesnake bring money has been approved and the project is set to start in 2013. Also Bridge 103 which is Egganoff Road, project start in 2013 as well.

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the RFQ's and submit to INDOT. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Mr. Russell also spoke about applying for the 2nd round on the sign grants which will require a 20% match. The landfill was discussed due to a violation letter from INDOT. Mr. Lorenz will send a letter that the County is intending to do some grading and have this done by July 1st. Hopefully this will satisfy IDEM. Additionally Mr. Russell and Mr. Pettijohn spoke briefly about trying to work on Baseline Road and the engineering that had to be done within 24 hours, this wasn't possible so they are putting this project off for now. They are hoping to re-evaluate the On System Roads in Owen County and see if some can't be added.

IN THE MATTER OF MUSIC FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 2010 - Speaking Jessica Wesley

Ms Wesley came to the Commissioners with information regarding a music festival on September 16th – 20th out on Dubois Road. She stated there were approximately 10 acres for parking and that they are hiring their own security for the grounds. She was concerned about the people going from the parking to the grounds. Mr. Lorenz suggested she draft a letter with the specifics of the event so it can be forwarded to all the appropriate agencies within the County. She will come back with updates as needed until the event.

IN THE MATTER OF JULY 10TH/11TH EVENT- Speaking Denise Shaw

Ms. Shaw spoke about the Community Picnic on July 10th and wanted to find out how she should go about using the Courthouse on July 11th for a Youth event. Ms. Shaw provided proof of insurance for the event and a letter with her request in writing. Mr. Leaderbrand spoke regarding the Owen Valley Winery that he is in the process of opening on Timber Ridge Road.

Mr. Foutch moved to approve the request for the use of the Courthouse lawn on July 11th, 2010. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERATOR FOR THE COURTHOUSE – Speaking Jack White

Mr. White spoke regarding his investigation about obtaining a generator for the Courthouse in order to keep computers running during the event of power failure. He has spoken to Cummins who provided him with a bid of \$180,000 installed for a 500 KW. He also has obtained a price from the state for the purchase of a surplus generator but he would like to continue to pursue this issue. The Commissioners had no issue with him continuing his research and coming back with options to them.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMS UPDATE

Mr. Lunsford stated that the Boats that were purchased should be in this week and that they will be stored at the Armory with the key to the Armory staying in the Rescue Truck.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz stated that he has worked on the Building Department Fees; he will provide them with a draft. It is still necessary to appoint some additional people to the Regional Sewer Board; the Commissioners will address this at the next meeting. It will be necessary for the Board to meet monthly for a few months in order to get a dialog with Cloverdale on the water project.

There was a question from the public on the Coal City Sewer District and the laws related to the formation of this entity and whether this was governed by the Commissioners. He was informed that they withdrew from the Regional Sewer Board and created their own District. It was suggested that he discuss his issues with that board.

Wage Committee Recommendations will be submitted for approval to the Council at the next meeting.

The Dispatch contract was submitted for signature and will move to the Council for financial appropriation.

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IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Hobbs brought several issues to the Commissioners; he submitted 2 proposals for the Garage doors at the Jail, a quote for security fencing from one vendor, and several quotes for Electrical Chases also for the jail. He believes that he needs approximately \$100,000 total for these 3 projects but will pursue additional quotes and return to the Commissioners with those quotes at a later date. He and the Commissioners will approach the Council with the request for appropriation of that \$100,000 for these projects.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RICHARD FOUTCH

Peoples State Bank was present to discuss the issue with the FIDC violations, they basically wanted to make sure that the Commissioners were aware of the fact that they are dealing with the issues and resolving them. Ms. Snodgrass stated that the Council had requested that the Board of Finance be updated on this issue and that is why she asked for this meeting to be called.

BOARD OF FIANNCE MEETING WAS ADJORNED

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Sheila Reeves brought a letter to the Commissioners; they read the letter and decided the issue needed to be discussed in an executive session. It was scheduled for 3:30 prior to the next meeting on June 21st, 2010.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Truesdel moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

George Jennings

Wiley Truesdel

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Rich Foutch