

STEBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
October 19, 2015

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015, in the Commissioners' Room of the Steuben Community Center. Present this day were Commissioners Ronald L. Smith, James Crowl and Lynne Liechty. Also present were Ken Shelton, County Councilman and Donald Stuckey, County Attorney.

Judge Wheat, Judge Fee and Magistrate Coffey came to the Commissioners regarding ADA Compliance and upgrades that are needed at the Steuben County Courthouse. Judge Fee stated that there are several ADA issues that need to be resolved and the Judges would like to enter into a planning process with the Commissioners on all of the issues. Judge Fee said there are issues with security and with other accommodations as well.

Judge Wheat stated that the ADA issues need to be addressed sooner rather than later. He also thinks it would be appropriate to address the needs of making some significant changes to the inside of the existing Courthouse and possibly adding to the building. Judge Wheat said that when the Indiana Legislature allowed for an additional Judicial Officer, they were able to reconfigure the existing Courthouse using every square inch of space that could be found to create an appropriate Courtroom for Magistrate Coffey. However, even by doing that, Judge Coffey can only preside over a six (6) person jury trial and he cannot do a major felony trial in that Courtroom. Judge Wheat stated that the time will come when another Judicial Officer will be needed.

Judge Fee said that this is an opportunity to think about the future in terms of bringing certain offices such as Probation, Prosecutor and possibly Public Defender back into the Courthouse where they work on a daily basis. Judge Fee believes that would be so much more efficient than having them in separate buildings.

Magistrate Coffey stated that they have a Clerk's Office that has files in two (2) or three (3) buildings and all over the building that they are currently in. He said that time and money is wasted chasing files and some files can't be found because there isn't a central location for those files. Magistrate Coffey said that there are technology issues that are going to be raised because they are moving toward electronic filing that is mandated by the State and that is going to require wires that don't go into old brick and plaster walls. Magistrate Coffey said there are heating issues as well as security issues. He said that last week there was a jury trial that was very contentious and there was no place for the two (2) parties to go but out in the hallway and they had to sit next to each other. Things can get very heated and there is an issue of adequacy that needs to be addressed.

Lynne Liechty stated that she and Commissioner Crowl have talked about these issues. James Crowl said that for a short term fix, for the next ten (10) or fifteen (15) years, the street could be closed, add on towards the old jail, make the Courthouse four (4) stories with an elevator and restrooms on the bottom. Commissioner Crowl also said that where the small garage is located in between the new and the old jail, a three (3) story parking garage could be constructed. He understands that would require millions of dollars but it has to be engineered to see if it would even be possible. If that street was closed, it would give a lot of room for expansion. Commissioner Crowl said that they have considered adding a room to the front of the Courthouse for security instead of taking up room in the hallway. Commissioner Liechty stated that this needs to be planned step by step so all of the pieces, including ADA Compliance, fits in with the overall master plan so things don't have to be redone.

Judge Fee said that there are experts out there that do this sort of thing and do it in a historically respectful way. He believes they would be happy to give their opinion on how it is best to do this and he believes that is what is needed at this time. James Crowl stated that they have thought about abandoning the old Courthouse and building new, but it is a historical building that needs to be maintained and used.

Judge Fee said that when Allen County remodeled their Courthouse, they had a partnership with the community, the bar and the citizens to try to bring home a point that it is the people's house. They did fundraising and they had people from the community with special skillsets and interest come and help with the project. Judge Fee believes that there are a lot of people in the community that would have an interest in remodeling the Courthouse.

Ronald Smith stated he believes that Steuben County Government, Council and Commissioners, are ready to take a step forward.

Judge Fee advised that the Courtroom needs more seating and a place is needed for jurors. The steps from the jury boxes need to be removed and Judge Fee needs to be able to speak to more people at one time which would require an expanded courtroom. Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, stated that the office space is limited when you look at the other Courthouses. Mr. Stuckey said that the Magistrate Office is so small there is hardly any room to get people in there.

Judge Wheat stated that in order to get to the Circuit Court Juror Deliberation Room, you have to go down two (2) steps and make a sharp turn to the right.

Ronald Smith said that it is time to fix the issues at the Courthouse and the Commissioners will come around in a short time with a plan or start to develop a plan. Commissioner Smith said that plan will need to include location, features in structure and finances. He believes it is time to start a Study Committee for a new Judicial Center.

Greg Cranston, local attorney, came to the Commissioners with an update on the acquisition of a cannon for the Courthouse lawn. Mr. Cranston stated that he did some research and found out that Steuben County did have a cannon at one time. He said that it was a Napoleon Cannon that used to be up at the monument; however, that cannon was taken during WWII for the metal. Mr. Cranston proposes having a replica made by a company in Kentucky. He said that the replicas are made completely out of aluminum, they can sit outside and have little to no maintenance for a period of time. Mr. Cranston said that it will cost approximately \$20,000.00 to have a replica made. The Cannon will also need a slab of cement under it and he would also like to place a bronze plaque on the front that says, "Dedicated to the Steuben County Soldiers." He said that he contacted the Steuben County Community Foundation and they have set up a fund for the cannon so people can donate money and receive a tax write-off for doing so. Mr. Cranston said that he has to go before the Historical Preservation Society to get approval for the cannon on November 3, 2015, at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall. He will be giving a presentation on what he proposes and why. Mr. Cranston further stated that he spoke to the Steuben County Historical Society and they said that they would love to add the cannon to their tour. He said that the monument was dedicated on Declaration Day 1917 and he would like to dedicate the cannon on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that day in 2017. He's hoping to have the money raised by January, 2017, the order can be placed and the cannon will arrive before that date.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment this day totaling \$276,270.75. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2015, Commissioners' Meeting and the minutes from the September 30, 2015, Special Meeting. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes from the August 17, 2015 and September 8, 2015, Commissioners' Meetings that were approved at the previous meeting.

Ronald Smith stated that the footers are in and the plumbing and electrical structures are being placed for the new County Park Community Building.

Enchanted Lakes Renaissance Faire, submitted a request for a reduction in rent for the Renaissance Faire to be held in 2016. James Crowl stated that if they reduce the rent for one entity, rent will have to be reduced for others. Lynne Liechty stated that she does not want to reduce the rent, especially with all the changes being made at the County Park. The Commission Board took no action on the request.

Gary Fair, Community Center Maintenance, submitted an invoice from Delta T, in the amount of \$490.00, for work performed in the Auditor's Office on the airflow. James Crowl made a motion to approve the invoice, in the amount of \$490.00, to be paid from CAGIT 1110-000-3000.39. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Heather Barth, Acres Land Trust, submitted a request for a letter in support of a project that includes acquiring an 84 acre parcel on Perfect Lake. Lynne Liechty made a motion to write a letter of support for the project. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

A quote was received from Hall Signs to duplicate the AIC Award road sign, in the amount of \$32.07 per sign. Lori Hickey, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Auditor, stated that it could be taken out of the Promotion of the County line item. The Commissioners requested that a sign be placed at each side of the County and that the State be petitioned to place a sign in their right of way. Ronald Smith asked that three (3) additional signs be ordered. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the quote from Hall Signs, in the amount of \$32.07 per sign, to be paid from the Promotion of the County line item. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jody Kinsey, USI Insurance, came to the Commissioners with the Insurance Renewal Presentation. Ms. Kinsey said that USI was successful in reaching out to the current reinsurance carrier and getting numbers early. She stated that there has been some significant increases in costs of claims lately, they got the numbers early to allow the County to budget and plan so the numbers can be locked in.

Jody Kinsey, pointed out the loss ratio and stated that the County is running at about 94% in claims loss ratio which means the claims relative to maximum liability is running at 94%. Ms. Kinsey said that is up from where the County has averaged the last three (3) years which has been running in the low 70's.

Ms. Kinsey stated that there are eighteen (18) individuals that are tracking towards the large claims and in order to cut costs there are a couple options. She said that the first option is to limit the network. Currently, Steuben County offers both hospital systems, Parkview and Lutheran, which means the County is getting the basic discounts from each. Ms. Kinsey stated that if the County alleviated one of those hospital systems, that discount could be discounted from 40%-50% depending on what network was chosen. Jody Kinsey said that about 75 people are enrolled on the Lutheran Plan so those people would have to switch to the Parkview system. She stated that if the County shifted to Parkview only, approximately \$70,000.00 worth of claims could be saved based on them modeling off of what the claims have been in 2015.

Ms. Kinsey also stated that some population health and wellness initiatives could be implemented to help people be better engaged in their cost proactively. She stated that USI does have a Population Health Manager that is offered at no cost and she can work with Melissa Shepherd to figure out some programs that can be initiated to have a bigger impact on the cost.

Jody Kinsey also said that she would like to go in and have a one on one conversation with Cameron Memorial Hospital to see if there is anything that they would be willing to do to partner with Steuben County Government. She said that she is more than willing to take that project on with the Commissioners permission.

Ms. Kinsey said that monthly reports will be received in 2016 that will outline the enrollment and set a budget upon where USI expects the claims to be. That way the County knows every month what claims are coming in. She also said that she would like to put a service calendar together to review so the County is aware of where they are at, where they are headed and what is going to be done about it.

Jody Kinsey discussed the benchmarking report with the benefits and the premiums. Ms. Kinsey stated there is a medical benefits and rate page that sets aside the current plan to all of the clients in the Midwest and compares them all. This information will give the County a feel for what the rates would be if some of the benefits were shifted. She stated that shifting benefits, bigger network discounts, and population wellness will help push off the Cadillac Tax. Ms. Kinsey also said that USI has ten (10) attorneys within the company that are working in Washington, as well as a local group of the National Association of Health Underwriters that are working very hard to lobby against the Cadillac Tax.

Ms. Kinsey also went over monthly employee contributions. She said that relative to public institutions the cost the employees are paying for their premiums are representing about 1% of costs and typically the number should be closer to 15% of the total cost. She stated that is a difficult message to pass along to employees but it is an area that could be shifted to offset some costs to the County.

Jody Kinsey reviewed the renewal analysis from Summit RE, the reinsurance carrier. They have cleared all of the large claimants and are ready to allow the County to lock in the rates. Ms. Kinsey stated that if the County commits to them by October 20, there is a recent cancer diagnosis that they are willing to cover. She said that she is worried if the County waits to lock in the rates the recent cancer diagnosis would be lasered out.

Ms. Kinsey said that if no changes are made, the overall increase to the County would be a total of 19.63% which would be a total increase of \$494,881.00.

Jody Kinsey stated that there is an ongoing claims situation with a prescription that is running \$30,000.00 a month and that is not included in the specific coverage. That does increase the fixed cost about \$32,000.00; however, it would have been made up this year with that one claimant. Ms. Kinsey said that they are seeing a lot of biotechnical drugs come onto the market that are costing \$10,000.00 or \$20,000.00 a shot. If that is not covered under the specific, the County is funding that claim.

Ms. Kinsey stated that she is still waiting for the final renewal from dental and vision and ancillary carriers.

Jody Kinsey said that if the County decides to not increase deductibles or raise out of pocket expenses, the total tax to the County in 2018 is estimated to be approximately \$41,000.00. Ms. Kinsey stated that if she could be of any additional help or if additional meetings are needed, she will make herself available.

Ms. Kinsey recommended locking in today. She said that a network and benefit decision can still be made at another date. James Crowl made a motion to lock in with the reinsurance carrier. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the mo

tion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tim Troyer, Sheriff, came to the Commissioners with new information regarding the jail's video system. Sheriff Troyer stated that in 2008-2009 is when the current system was installed. He stated that there are currently 96 cameras in the jail and he is looking to install a new system with 110 cameras to cover the blind spots and the front porch of the Courthouse. Sheriff Troyer said that the current system is recording and is kept for a 30-60 day period. He said that if something happens with the current system, there is no way to repair it. Sheriff Troyer obtained four (4) quotes and submitted them to the Commissioners. He said that all of the systems that were researched have a 180 day retention which is now the normal retention period.

The quote from TCSI came in at just under \$65,000.00, Williams Electronics came in around \$64,500.00; however, Sheriff Troyer said there is about \$3,000.00 of deficit there that needs to be added. Lakeland Electronics came in at about \$77,800.00 and ASG came in at about \$95,900.00. Sheriff Troyer stated that all of the companies, with the exception of TCSI, don't have a lot of experience putting in a system of this magnitude. He said that TCSI's system, once installed, can be repaired in-house by Jason Ireland. Sheriff Troyer recommended looking closely at TCSI's quote. He said he currently has approximately \$30,000.00-\$35,000.00 in his maintenance fund for 2015 and was hoping to put \$20,000.00 of that towards this project, then taking \$15,000.00 from 2016's budget and he's requesting approximately \$30,000.00 from the Commissioners.

Jason Ireland stated that the installation should take around a couple weeks. Mr. Ireland said that the infrastructure is there and they are going to incorporate the current analog cameras as well. He said that 30 days would be more than enough time for installation. The current camera provider stated that they have 186 of the hard drives and once they are gone, they will forget about the system. Mr. Ireland stated that if they switch over to the digital system like they are wanting to do, it's basically putting computers together. He said as far as future expansion, until they change how they do the internet, this system can be added to easily. Lynne Liechty made a motion to give permission to Sheriff Troyer to go to Council and request an additional from the Commissioners' budget. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ronald Smith asked that Sheriff Troyer have officers pass through the County Park due to the amount of construction equipment and supplies being stored there for the construction of the County Park Community Building.

TJ Kunde, GIS Coordinator, came to the Commissioners to revisit the fee for the address removal for covered persons. Mr. Kunde stated that he met with the Sheriff's Department and the Prosecutor to see how they felt about going to a password based system. Mr. Kunde said that he feels the fee is high for the amount of work that is required to remove the addresses and he suggests removing the fee completely. He further stated that people retiring and moving on doesn't have any effect on it, but them owning the piece of property does. Mr. Kunde said that he feels that the ordinance wording needs to be changed so there is some sort of disclaimer saying they would have to notify the County if they are selling the piece of property that the information was removed from so it can be adjusted in the system. Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, stated that it would require another ordinance and he would prepare that.

TJ Kunde reported that all of the aerial photos have been received and they should be up on the Beacon website soon.

James Crowl addressed the need for a new generator at Community Corrections. Commissioner Crowl stated that it is a necessary item. Lori Hickey, First Deputy Auditor, stated that Mr. Hays came to the Commissioners and got permission to have the cost of the generator taken out of EDIT as an additional. That request went in front of Council and it was denied. Ms. Hickey said it is a Cum. Cap. item and it should be paid out of that account. Council told Mr. Hays that he needed to come back to the Commissioners and request the additional out of Cum. Cap. Ms. Hickey said that County Council approved the roof to be paid out of EDIT because that is a repair but the generator is a capital outlay and it really needs to come out of Cum. Cap. James Crowl made a motion to allow Brett Hays to go to Council and request an additional in Cum. Cap. for the purchase of the generator. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey, County Engineer, submitted Frontier utility permits #2751 and #2752 for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the Frontier utility permits. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey reported that the new signal located at 200 N/200 W is now operational. She said that they will be looking at the timing of the different phases to see if it is facilitating traffic to the best of its ability. Ms. Sharkey also reported that a ribbon cutting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. She stated that she plans on doing a traffic study in the spring regarding the speed limit.

Jennifer Sharkey said that the Bike Trail has been paved and now the benches, pavilion, railings, etc., will be installed. Ms. Sharkey stated that the trail will not be open to the public until the signalized crossings are complete and that is expected to be around November 24, 2015.

Ms. Sharkey said that the maintenance contract from the City of Angola has been approved and it is for \$10,000.00 to be paid by the County at the time of signing or as soon as it is deemed reasonable. She said that the contract covers mowing maintenance of the trail in the spring, summer and fall months as well as snow removal during the winter months. The Contract also states that the City of Angola Parks Department Superintendent will determine when mowing and snow removal needs to be done. Typically mowing is once a week, one pass on either side of the trail, one pass along the parking perimeter and then the snow removal is an inch or more of snow caused by falling and/or drifting. Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, said that he reviewed the agreement and he does not have any issues with it. James Crowl stated that when the Bike Trail is open, the agreement will be signed. Lori Hickey inquired as to where the \$10,000.00 will come from and suggested that it come from the match.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that she would like to look at installing bollards at the entryway. Since it is such a wide path she can foresee snowmobilers or other buggies of some sort using that trail to get to different amenities.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that the Maple Street permit has been submitted to INDOT for review and the environmental permit has been submitted to IDEM and the Army Core of Engineers for the culvert that is being installed. Ms. Sharkey said that INDOT has requested further information on the Lurecraft property and how trucks will be accessing that property so she is working on compiling that information. Ms. Sharkey said that she has spoken to Emmett Heller about this as well and they have decided that more than likely no work will be done on this project this year.

Ms. Sharkey stated that Phase I design for the 200 N/827 will be submitted on November 1 and she will meet with the consultant early November to go over that design. She said that there is also a quarterly meeting at INDOT on November 10 to discuss the project and to make sure everything is on track.

Jennifer Sharkey reported that the bridge inspection is underway and they may be completed this Friday. Ms. Sharkey said that a meeting was held to discuss what the County has done to upgrade the facilities and apply some of those improvements. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the maintenance and rehabilitation work has been completed and that includes twenty-four (24) bridges and two (2) small structures.

Ms. Sharkey also reported that the road striping is complete and the signs on County Road 700 N have been changed to reflect the new speed limit.

Ms. Sharkey asked the Commissioners that if there is a Call for Projects, which project would they recommend. She suggested the second segment of 200 N, which would go from the intersection project, east to the I-69 bridge overpass and that would help complete that corridor. Jennifer Sharkey said that the Bike Trail still requires some coordination with the property owners and until that is resolved she'd be hesitant to apply for federal funds in case that alignment needs to change and the amounts updated.

Ken Shelton, County Councilman, stated that he's been present during discussions on the Maple Street Project and wanted to know if the County is exposed to continuing expenses for engineering when these delays occur. Jennifer Sharkey stated that there was a third amendment that was approved at the last Commissioners' Meeting for the additional efforts that the design consultant has done for the Maple Street Project. She stated after that, there are not any other additional costs that she can foresee unless INDOT does review the permit and requires additional effort. Ms. Sharkey stated that she's trying to do some work in house to offset additional costs. Shelton asked if the County has obligations to Lurecraft that are costing the County additional money. Mr. Shelton asked when the County's obligation ends to Lurecraft so the project can be completed. James Crowl said that the State has not helped the County out one bit on this project. If the State would have lowered the speed limit that was requested months ago, the project would be done by now because lowering the speed limit would cut down the line of sight view.

Ken Shelton asked if there has been any discussion with the State Legislatures in regards to this. David Koenig stated that Lurecraft is involved because the project required a very large segment of the ground in front of the property they bought to be turned into right of way for sight distance. Mr. Koenig stated that he does not feel that the delay of the project is for the benefit of Lurecraft, it's for the completion of West Maple Street which is in the best interests of the Town and the County to improve the transportation in order to serve the industrial park and the 20 acre site that is owned by the Orland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Koenig said that unfortunately Lurecraft is caught in the middle of a difficult situation.

Emmett Heller, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on projects that the Highway Department has been working on. Mr. Heller also stated that he would like to sell a couple old pick-up trucks from the Highway Department. Donald Stuckey said that they have to be advertised and people can submit bids. The bids are then accepted or rejected when they are opened. Donald Stuckey requested the information and he would prepare the advertisement.

Mr. Heller reported that the second chassis has been ordered and should be in by January 15, 2016.

Emmett Heller said that he returned a call to Bill Carey regarding 450 W. Mr. Carey wants a special privilege to allow his business to run trucks from his business in Bronson, Michigan. Ronald Smith said that he informed Mr. Carey that it's posted No Thru Trucks and the Commission Board cannot grant special permission. Ronald Smith requested Mr. Heller to wait for a call back from Mr. Carey and it will be taken from there.

Mr. Heller also reported that they are looking to replace one of their dump trucks at the beginning of the year.

Matt Brinkman, Region IIIA, came to the Commissioners with a completed WDP Application and Resolution for signature. The document requires the Auditor's signature; however, since Kim Koomler was not in

attendance, it was decided that First Deputy, Lori Hickey, sign Kim Koomler's name and then put her initials next to it.

Dave Koenig, EDC, stated that as a part of this process, request for proposals were sent out to training providers. Those proposals are due at 4:00 p.m. today in the Auditor's Office. Mr. Koenig stated that there is a scoring committee that is in the process of being formed and he would like one Commissioner to sit on that Committee with the EDC Executive Committee. Commissioner Liechty volunteered to sit on that Committee.

Mr. Koenig also updated the Commissioners on the grant. He said that eighteen (18) proposals were received and eight (8) are expected to be funded. Mr. Koenig stated that the County should find out before November 17 if the grant is received.

Gary LeTourneau, Communications Director, obtained verbal approval, on October 8, 2015, to repair the air conditioning units at the Old Road 1 Tower Site, not to exceed \$12,000.00. For today's meeting, he submitted a request for official approval. James Crowl made a motion to officially approve the repairs to the Old Road 1 Tower Site air conditioning. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Auditor's Office was contacted by Prairie Heights School District regarding the donation of a property that is still showing as the school's property. Donald Stuckey stated that he never received a deed. James Crowl stated that the County used that building in the past to store things. Donald Stuckey said that Alan Middleton contacted the President of the County Council at the time and mentioned to him that they were thinking about donating the property and he never heard anything after that. Donald Stuckey stated that he would contact Bill Eberhard and see what is going on with that.

Koorsen Fire & Security submitted a proposal, in the amount of \$488.00, to fix the deficiencies found during their inspection of Community Corrections. James Crowl made a motion to accept that proposal. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair, Community Center Maintenance, obtained verbal permission to repair the Community Center parking lot entrance off of Martha Street on October 13, 2015. Mr. Fair requested official approval for the repair, in the amount of \$990.00, to be paid from CAGIT 1110-000-3000.39. Lynne Liechty made a motion to officially approve that request. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tami Mosier, Purdue Extension, submitted a Boat Storage Off Season Contract with Dry Dock Marine Center, Inc., for approval. Per the Contract, Dry Dock shall have access to the Goat Barn and the Started Calf Barn located at the Steuben County Park from October 1, 2015 through June 1, 2016, for a sum in the amount of \$5,400.00, made payable to the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board. The Contract also states that if the buildings are not vacated, additional rent in the amount of \$50.00 per day shall be charged.

James Crowl stated that there has been a problem with them storing boats before that date and staying much later. Ronald Smith stated that Dane Goshorn, County Park Superintendent, was not entirely happy with that situation. James Crowl said that if Dry Dock stores boats early or removes them late, they should be paying for it. Ronald Smith said that the Contract needs to be signed, but some sort of notation needs to be made that conditions in the Contract have not been met and that they need to pay attention to this or it will have to be dealt with differently. Ronald Smith further requested that a letter be sent stating that there has been violation of the Contract and that the Commissioners would appreciate timeliness. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve and sign the Boat Storage Contract with Dry Dock Marine. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ronald Smith requested that a Special Commissioners' Meeting be scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. regarding the Radio Project Contract.

George Pifer stated that he attended last week's Board of Aviation last week and that was the first meeting with the new board. He said that he would like to commend the Commissioners for the action that they took and having the courage to push that through. Mr. Pifer said that at the meeting there are now businessmen running the Aviation Board and one of their priorities is to generate income. Mr. Pifer stated that Mr. Walker had committee reports, he also let the Pilot's Club give a report, which was the first time that has happened. One of the requests

that was made was that the FBO buy fuel by the truckload so it is cheap enough that the local pilots can buy it here instead of going elsewhere. If more fuel is sold, more money is generated for the County. George Pifer stated that it was standing room only and he believes that it was a positive move. The Aviation Board attended a meeting last week in Plymouth, Indiana specifically for Aviation Board members and also clarified points about the consultant that comes up on his own time, a number of other issues were addressed and the new board is clearly doing their research.

James Crowl stated that last Saturday night the Pleasant Lake Lions Club hosted their Annual Minstrel Show and Gary Fair, Community Center Maintenance, has requested that they move the show next year either one week ahead or one week back. Every year they have it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October and that is Sara's Anniversary and Gary's Birthday and they would like to have that weekend changed. Commissioner Crowl stated that the Lion's Club is not being charged anything and it would be nice if they would accommodate and move the show to either one weekend ahead or one weekend back. Ronald Smith stated that there is one other custodian as well, but that suggestion will be made.

James Crowl stated that the Cemetery Board needs to meet in the next month.

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: INDOT re: LPA Newsletter; NEIndiana re: Angola Field Trip; Department of Homeland Security re: Most Registrants in Earthquake Drill; St. Joseph River Basin re: FEMA Draft Report; Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership re: Caucus Legislative Committee; Indiana State Department of Agriculture re: Meeting Notice; Indiana State Department of Agriculture re: ISDA's Monthly Newsletter; ED Impact NIPSCO re: ED Impact; State of Indiana re: Lt. Governor Ellspermann's Schedule for Week of October 12; State of Indiana re: Lt. Governor Ellspermann Announces Availability of Place Based Investment Funds; NACo re: National Cyber Security Awareness Month; NACo re: County News Alerts October 6, 2015.

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James A. Crowl, Vice President, Middle District

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Lynne A. Liechty, North District

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