

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 6, 2014

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014, in the Commissioners Room of the Steuben Community Center. Present this day were Commissioners Ronald L. Smith, James Crowl and Loretta S. Smart. Also present were Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, Kim Koomler, Steuben County Auditor, Ruth Beer, Steuben County Councilwoman, Ken Shelton, Steuben County Councilman and F. Mayo Sanders, Steuben County Councilman.

Loretta Smart made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment this day totaling \$323,025.51. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl made the motion to approve the Commissioners Meeting minutes from September 15, 2014. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes from September 2, 2014, for the Index Book, which were approved at the previous meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed a request from James Bauerle asking them to reconsider their position on not preparing and submitting a resolution to benefit veterans that suffer from PTSD and TBI. On the advice of legal counsel the Commissioners do not wish to change their position on this matter.

Steve Mumby, Steuben County Humane Shelter, made a request that the Commissioners visit the shelter. Each Commissioner stated that they will visit the Humane Shelter and they will each schedule their own visit.

The Boiler Repair Statement of Action was submitted to the Commissioners for signature since the required repairs have been made. Loretta Smart made the motion to sign the Boiler Repair Statement of Action. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. The Boiler Repair Statement of Action was signed.

Turning Point Homeless Shelter submitted a request to use the Dale Hughes Auditorium on Thursday, December 4, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for a Christmas Concert. James Crowl made the motion to allow the Turning Point Homeless Shelter to use the Dale Hughes Auditorium on Thursday, December 4, 2014. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tami Mosier, Purdue Extension, submitted a request to use a county owned vehicle to travel to Purdue University on October 15-17, 2014, for a Professional Development Conference and to have a DeKalb County Extension Educator travel with her. Loretta Smart made a motion to allow Ms. Mosier to travel to Purdue University with a DeKalb County Extension Educator in a county owned vehicle from October 15-17, 2014. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Laura Lutterbeck, Cameron Memorial Hospital, requested permission to use the county parking lots on November 15, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Cameron Memorial Hospital's Public Open House. James Crowl made a motion to allow Cameron Memorial Hospital permission to use the county parking lots on November 15, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Engineering firms have been contacting the Commissioners for dinner invitation reservations during the IACC Conference in December. The Commissioners decided to not accept any dinner invitations at this time due to not having the IACC Conference schedule of events.

Steuben County EMS submitted a list of close outs, in the amount of \$3,017.00, for approval. Loretta Smart made a motion to approve the close out accounts in the amount of \$3,017.00. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners discussed the EDC, open door meetings and 2015 funding after reviewing the transcript from a prior meeting on June 2, 2014. Ronald Smith stated that the Commissioners need to discern whether or not they wish to take remedial action based on interpretation by the attorneys that have given information regarding this topic. Ronald Smith also stated that the Commissioners need to decide whether or not to fund the EDC for the coming year. The funds have been placed in the budget and if the Commissioners hold at the perimeter that has been established then the EDC would not be funded. James Crowl stated the money is there; however, it was stated that the Commissioners request that the EDC have open meetings and if the EDC does not comply, they were not going to be funded. Donald Stuckey stated that the attorney for the Indiana Association of County Commissioners says that the EDC is not subject to the Open Door Law. James Crowl stated that the Commissioners and the County, want the meetings open. Donald Stuckey stated that the Commissioners can require the EDC to have some portion of the meetings open and make it a funding condition. Ronald Smith requested that the EDC get a copy of the transcript and ask them to reply back to the Commissioners informing them if they plan to comply with the Commissioners decision.

F. Mayo Sanders stated that at the very beginning, the meetings were open and if the need came up for a discussion that was involving an industry coming into Steuben County, they then went into Executive Session at that time. F. Mayo Sanders felt that went very well but there were some members of the Board that felt a change was needed and that is what the EDC did.

Michael Marturello, Herald Republican, stated that there is a Governor Pence Appointee by the name of Luke Britt who serves as the Indiana Public Access Counselor. He takes requests and offers free opinions to governmental entities throughout the State of Indiana concerning Open Door and Open Record.

Craig Benson came to the Commissioners with an alleyway vacation for his clients, Mr. and Mrs. Burgoon. This alleyway vacation has not been taken to the Plan Commission as Mr. Benson brought it to the Commissioners first. James Crowl stated that as a person who sits on the Plan Commission, he has not looked at this, he has not gone out to have a site survey and he wants the recommendation of the Plan Commission on this matter. Mr. Benson stated that the Commissioners can vote on whether or not they want to do that. Mr. Benson stated that this alleyway is dead end piece of property and is basically the side of a hill. James Crowl stated that he feels that using the Plan Commission is the procedure to follow. Frank Charlton stated that the Plan Commission itself does feel that all vacations should go through the Plan Commission and go through the proper channels. Donald Stuckey stated that statutorily it is not the proper channel, it is the Commissioners decision to send it to the Plan Commission for an advisory opinion. Mr. Stuckey stated that traditionally anything that goes to the lake automatically goes to the Plan Commission.

Jim Humbarger, 420 Lane 130 Lake George, stated that he was at the meeting to represent the Lake George Regional Sewer District. He stated that this alley way vacation came to their attention due to a service line that runs north and south and the sewer district was concerned that it would limit maintenance access. Mr. Humbarger stated that if this alley is vacated, the Lake George Regional Sewer District has no objection to it; however, they would like to see an easement on the other deeded property so maintenance can be performed on the service line that runs through it if needed. Craig Benson stated that he has been in contact with the sewer district's attorney due to the Burgoon's not wanting any liability for the sewer line that runs through the easement. Donald Stuckey stated that it seems the sewer district wants to make sure that they get the easement from the Burgoon's before the alleyway is vacated. James Crowl made a motion to send this alleyway vacation to the Plan Commission. Loretta Smart seconds that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Kris Strawser and Thad Wright, Council on Aging, came to the Commissioners with a preliminary request to explore the possibility of building or renovating a new senior or community center. Ms. Strawser stated that some of the reasons they would like to explore this option are parking, after hour activities, expansion of transportation and the ongoing need for the senior population because of that population exploding. She stated that the Council on Aging is very happy with the facilities here at the Community Center; however, looking towards the future building or renovating is something they would possibly like to do. Ms. Strawser stated that there is the Community Focus Grant that is available and that grant is up to \$400,000.00 with a 10% match that would be required at the time the application was submitted. She stated that the Council on Aging wanted to bring this to the Commissioners since they would be the caretakers of this grant. Ronald Smith spoke in favor of this because at one time Council on Aging explored the possibility of moving to the west side of town and that did not happen. Ronald Smith stated that

the Commissioners realize the limitations the Community Center currently has; however, they would like to keep Council of Aging in the building, but they would certainly like to see Council on Aging improve. Loretta Smart made a motion to allow Council on Aging to pursue the Community Focus Grant. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Ms. Strawser stated that she would keep the Commissioners informed on the progress.

Emmett Heller, Highway Engineer, updated the Commissioners on current projects. Mr. Heller stated that they finished the county's portion of the drainage at the corner of 100 N/200 W. He stated that the Highway Department has starting some berming in the county and they are still mowing and trimming. Mr. Heller also stated that they received a permit from the DNR so they could trim cattails at the north end of Mud Lake on 650. He stated that they trimmed it as far as they could. Mr. Heller reported that they set up the screen in the Boy Scout Pit last week and started making some gravel down there. A full-time mechanic has also been hired, so the Highway Department now has two (2) full time mechanics. Mr. Heller stated that they ordered and received five (5) loads of salt from Detroit Salt Company, they have been mixed, put in the salt barn and the barn is now full. He also stated that wedging was done in the last two (2) weeks to take care of some muck shears. They have also been repairing snow plows and repairing cracked/damaged windshields. Mr. Heller also stated that they used part of the funds from the spring auction to upgrade the patch truck and the pit truck and in the last couple weeks the Highway Department acquired a 2008 Ford F-350 with a flat bed and a 2008 Chevrolet 2500 4WD pickup for the pit truck with the two (2) old trucks going to auction.

Emmett Heller submitted a title for signature so the license plates can be transferred to the first pick-up truck. James Crowl made a motion to sign the title. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted Frontier utility permits #2713, #2714 and #2715 for approval. Loretta Smart made the motion to approve those Frontier utility permits. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that she has started negotiations with A&Z Engineering about the construction inspection for the 200 N/200 W project.

Ms. Sharkey also submitted an invoice from Donohue/Herceg for as needed engineering in the amount of \$5,346.00. James Crowl made a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$5,346.00. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and that motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that she needs to collect scores on the 200 N/827 project, she will then compile and send to INDOT for approval for the short list of three (3) consultants. For the interviews, Ms. Sharkey stated that she has checked with the City of Angola's Scoring Committee and she tried to make it on a Commissioners meeting day. Ms. Sharkey stated that she was looking at Monday, October 20, 2014, at 2:45 p.m. for the interviews. She stated that she believes it will take about 30 minutes for each consultant.

Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, opened up the Gas Bids. North Central Co-op bid the following prices:

Motor/Oil/Grease

Advantage HD DEO 15w40 Oil ó Bulk \$9.98 gal
Advantage Premium GL5 80w140 ó Drum \$3.34 lbs
Advantage Extreme Tacky Grease - Tubes \$3.09 lbs
- Drums \$3.03 lbs
Advantage Premium Hydraulic Oil ó Bulk \$7.52 gal

Gasoline Bid

Countrymark 91 Plus Gasoline Minimum 89 Octane Unleaded Gasoline with Valveguard for older engines \$2.999/gal ó 100,000 gallons - \$299,900.00 **Firm Price

CO-OP 87 E-10 PLUS GASOLINE Minimum 87 Octane Top Tier Gasoline - \$2.691/gal ó 100,000 gallons - \$269,100.00 **Firm Price

Diesel Fuel Bid

Countrymark Premium Diesel-R Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel grades #1, #2 and Premium or winter blend - \$3.038/gal ó 100,000 gallons - \$303,810.00 **Firm Price

The Gas Bids were submitted to the Highway Department for review.

Dean DeVoe from North Central Co-op addressed the Commissioners about the gas bids. Mr. DeVoe thanked the Commissioners for the past relationship and opportunity to serve the County. Mr. DeVoe stated that what the Commissioners have in front of them is the bid that can be locked in today. He stated that with this being October, the County's current pricing is locked in until the end of December. Mr. DeVoe also stated that the amount of gallons is not locked in, just the price. Mr. DeVoe said that the gasoline and diesel prices are only good for today because of the fluctuation of the market. Emmett Heller stated that he's been keeping track of the gasoline and diesel prices and he recommends waiting on locking in a price. Loretta Smart made a motion to allow Emmett Heller to make the decision on when to lock in the gasoline and diesel prices, but requested that he run it by the Commissioners before the price gets locked in. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted an invoice for approval for the construction inspection services from August 1 through August 31. Ms. Sharkey stated that she has reviewed the documentation submitted. She also submitted the State reimbursement documentation for the invoice. James Crowl made a motion to approve the invoice for the construction inspection from August 1 through August 31. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey updated the Commissioners on the Bike Trail progress. She stated that Frontier has been on the bike trail in the recent weeks and they are currently relocating the lines at a greater depth than what they were. This is different than the relocation plan that was previously approved which was to relocate laterally out of the alignment with the trail. Ms. Sharkey stated that the new relocation plan caused concern with the contractor but Frontier is moving forward at this time. She stated that Frontier is doing this on their own accord, at this time, to keep the process moving because resources are scarce at Frontier at this time. She stated that she has a conference call with INDOT and the consultant to discuss the work and to schedule a progress meeting with the contractor and the INDOT area engineer based on the results of the conference call.

Jennifer Sharkey updated the Commissioners on the Maple Street Project. She stated that a meeting was held last Friday with INDOT and the Town of Orland and she believes that some issues were resolved as far as the procedure to continue with the design and construction. Ms. Sharkey asked the Commissioners for an official notice to proceed motion for the consultant to continue design work. She stated that it seems with the signed agreement the County committed to move forward with the project and she would like to give the consultant a piece of mind that there is an official notice to proceed for the design work. The Commissioners resigned the agreement due to INDOT misplacing the other signed agreement.

Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, opened up the Snow Removal Bids.

Diggin & Dozin No bid

Julian Earthwork, Inc. ó Plowing \$70.00/hr

Salting using salt provided by the County - \$70.00/hr

Gary Fair, Community Center Building Manager, requested to comment on the snow removal bids. Mr. Fair stated that last year, using the salt provided by County Highway, there were issues with spreading the salt. Mr. Fair stated that most of the snow removal contractors in this area do not have the correct equipment to spread the coarser type of salt. Mr. Fair stated that Diggin & Dozin was the only company that had the equipment and they declined to bid this year. He stated that last year Julian's Earthwork purchased ice melt and used that instead of the salt from the County Highway. Mr. Fair stated that using the County Highway salt on the newly paved parking lots is harsh on them. James Crowl stated that only under extreme measures should the County Highway salt be used on the parking lots. Mr. Fair stated that he believes that the contractor bidding should be providing ice melt for the parking lots instead of advertising to use County Highway road salt.

James Crowl made the motion to accept the bid for \$70.00/hr for snow removal and reject the bid for salting until after further discussion with the contractor. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted a Resolution for the Title VI Implementation Plan for adoption by the Commissioners. Ms. Sharkey stated that she spoke to Kim Koomler and this is more in line with the ADA Transition Plan. Donald Stuckey has also reviewed and approved the document. Ms. Sharkey stated that it is to keep the County in compliance for federal aid assistance similar to the ADA requirements the County had a few years ago. She also stated that as the appointed coordinator she will be attending training for Title VI on November 18, which is mandatory for all coordinators. Loretta Smart made the motion to adopt the Resolution for the Title VI Implementation Plan. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey also updated the Commissioners on the TIGER Grant for the Interchange Project for the Toll Road on SR 327. She stated that there is a meeting in Branch County, Coldwater, Michigan with the Steuben County EDC, Branch County EDC, Ms. Sharkey, Steuben County Commissioners and possibly INDOT, on October 29, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Jennifer Sharkey reported on the Follett Creek structure that runs under I-69, which is proposed to be sliplined by INDOT. Ms. Sharkey stated that INDOT reached out to her last month to make the county aware of the proposed project and gather any concerns. She stated that currently they are proposing to put an 11" HDPE pipe inside the existing 14" steel pipe. Ms. Sharkey stated that this is the channel that connects Little Otter Lake to Marsh Lake and the project is on a 2019 letting date. Ms. Sharkey stated that she did express concerns that were discussed at a previous meeting about boaters, most likely those in a canoe or kayak, using the channel way for access to Marsh Lake. The INDOT Hydraulics Engineer said that sliplining the pipe is the most economical solution and the condition as is warrants a slip line versus a total replacement. INDOT also stated that doing a total replacement would be an astronomical cost due to the pipe being located under I-69. Ms. Sharkey stated that this is INDOT's project, they are just gathering the local communities input.

Velda Dose asked Ms. Sharkey if INDOT plans on doing any scraping or dredging before installing the slipline because there is a lot of stuff that goes through the existing pipe. Jennifer Sharkey stated that she believes INDOT is just focused on that pipe, not the channel itself. She stated that she believed the dredging would be a DNR project, not a state project. James Crowl stated that he believes that some type of excavation or dredging will be needed on either end to drag the slip line through.

Brett Hays, Community Corrections, came to the Commissioners with a request to purchase items from Amazon with the Commissioners' credit card, in the amount of \$1,201.76. Mr. Hays also requested permission to purchase four (4) new firearms in the amount of \$1,592.80 and 7,000 rounds in the amount of \$2,800.00. Loretta Smart made the motion to allow Brett Hays to use the Commissioners' credit card for the Amazon purchases and to allow Community Corrections to purchase the four (4) new firearms in the amount of \$1,592.00 and 7,000 rounds in the amount of \$2,800.00. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl stated that there is a need for a generator at the old jail where the new Work Release is going to be located. Brett Hays said that Gary Manahan, Manahan Construction, is currently working on what type of load the generator would have to handle and the size of generator that would be required for that load.

Tim Troyer, Sheriff, came to the Commissioners with maintenance issues at the Sheriff's Department and Jail. Sheriff Troyer stated that the jail's generator is up for service, in the amount of \$1,200.00. Sheriff Troyer verified that the generator covers everyone in the building including the Communications Department. James Crowl asked if there was any way that line could be run to the old jail. Sheriff Troyer stated that he did not know.

Sheriff Troyer also stated that the walk-in cooler is struggling to keep up due to filling up with algae and lime over the years. Sheriff Troyer said that they are constantly maintaining the system, putting money into it and trying to fix it. He also stated that the system is currently running but the maintenance keeps getting worse and they are afraid it will stop working eventually. It was recommended to Sheriff Troyer that the best plan of action would be to replace some of the units so it would maintain a constant frozen temperature in the walk-in freezer and a

cooling temperature in the walk-in refrigerator. Sheriff Troyer stated those units would cost between \$14,000.00 and \$16,000.00.

Sheriff Troyer also reported that the concrete steps located at the front of the jail are chipped and the rebar is showing like it was at the Annex. The company that fixed the Annex stairs estimated that it would cost \$1,800.00 to fix the jail stairs and that price included a three (3) year warranty.

Sheriff Troyer also submitted quotes for fixing the basement tile floor. He stated that a lot of the tile is separating and lifting due to moisture in the ground. Sheriff Troyer stated that he obtained quotes from three (3) flooring companies and the quotes ranged from \$35,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

Sheriff Troyer stated that if all of the low bids are accepted, the total cost is \$53,805.00. He stated that he has about \$20,000.00 left in the maintenance budget; however that doesn't include items that he is going to have to deal with between now and December. Sheriff Troyer stated that if all of the repairs were made, he would have a deficit of \$35,000.00-\$38,000.00. He stated that the Commissioners could approve a couple repairs now and a couple later, but the generator and the refrigerator units should be considered a priority. Loretta Smart made the motion to take the low bids on the generator, the refrigeration unit and the stairs. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair, Community Center Building Manager, spoke to the Commissioners about the proposed green space in the upper annex parking lot. Mr. Fair stated that he's still waiting on information for that project. He stated that he's currently working on alternatives to the green space to prevent people from driving off the edge of the parking lot. Mr. Fair thought maybe a guardrail could be installed as a temporary barrier because redoing the entire retaining wall came in more than expected and is not in the project budget. Gary Fair stated that he has about thirty (30) days to complete the paving of the lots.

Gary Fair also submitted three (3) Delta T invoices for approval. Mr. Fair stated that the work listed on these invoices is work that has already been completed. Mr. Fair also stated that there is another invoice coming from Building Temperature Solutions for an ongoing issue in the Veterans Services Office and he estimates that to be a little over \$700.00. James Crowl made a motion to pay the Delta T invoices from CAGIT 1110-000-3000.39. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair informed the Commissioners that pole lights in the east and south parking lot have lights that are out. Mr. Fair stated that he is waiting on quotes to fix those lights. Gary Fair stated that he will bring those quotes to the Commissioners prior to having the work done.

Tami Sumney, IT Director, updated the Commissioners on the new county website and she hopes that the site will go live next week. Ms. Sumney stated that she is going to hopefully get some training in next week for the department heads that will be updating their webpages.

Tami Sumney sent the Commissioners a memo regarding virtualization. She stated that the backup solution is unsupported after this month so it is time to go ahead and replace hardware. Ms. Sumney stated that she reached out to two (2) companies for quotes and she recommends going with ENS. She stated that on her memo she gave reasons as to why she chose ENS over the other company and she also mapped out where she would come up with the money to pay for the virtualization. James Crowl made a motion to allow Ms. Sumney to move forward with the virtualization. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tami Sumney also requested permission to send her assistant, James Schlup, to VMWare School November 3-7, 2014 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She stated that the cost for that training is \$3,495.00. Loretta Smart made the motion to allow Ms. Sumney to send Mr. Schlup to the VMWare School. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners spoke with Tami Sumney regarding the Spillman Interlocal Agreement between the City of Angola and the Steuben County Board of Commissioners. Donald Stuckey stated that he approved it at one time. Mr. Stuckey stated that there was input from other departments; however, he was under the impression that the Commissioners rejected those additional provisions. Tami Sumney stated that she drafted the Interlocal

Agreement, told everyone to review it and the City of Angola and the Sheriff want changes. Ms. Sumney feels that changing the agreement is not her call and that it is up to the Commissioners to decide. James Crowl stated that the Commissioners agreed to what she drafted and Ronald Smith stated that they will continue to stand by that. Ronald Smith stated that the Steuben County Board of Commissioners stand with the original agreement that Tami Sumney drafted and if the City of Angola or the Sheriff have any questions, they need to come and talk to the Steuben County Board of Commissioners.

David Knepper, WeKon & Scott, came to the Commissioners regarding the properties located at 410 and 414 Weatherhead Street. Donald Stuckey stated that he talked to Mr. Knepper's attorney this week and Mr. Stuckey understood that Mr. Knepper's position was that, in the calculation he received, the Auditor's Office had not forgiven the penalties and interest. Mr. Knepper stated that he had agreed to take the taxes from 2008 forward but he felt there was a considerable amount of penalties and interest left. Donald Stuckey stated that the Auditor's Office calculated that penalties and interest was \$26,558.42 and they eliminated all of that except the \$5,000.00 which Mr. Knepper agreed to pay. Mr. Stuckey further explained that after that date, the taxes, penalties and interest were due and owing and when that is added to the \$5,000.00, that is how they came up with the \$43,935.39. Mr. Knepper stated that he is having trouble with the buyer because they were not anticipating the amount due to be so high. Donald Stuckey stated that if Mr. Knepper is wanting a new agreement, that is up to the Commissioners to decide. Donald Stuckey asked Mr. Knepper if he has a new proposal for the Commissioners. Mr. Knepper asked to speak with his attorney, Linda Wagoner, and to make a phone call to the property buyer, then come back to the meeting and inform the Commissioners of a new proposal. Ronald Smith said that it needs to be a concrete offer or else Mr. Knepper will need to come back to another meeting.

Gary LeTourneau, Communications Director, submitted a proposal in the amount of \$3,475.00 from Williams Electronics to the Commissioners. Mr. LeTourneau stated that the proposal allows the county to get letters of concurrence from the FCC for the counties around Steuben County with interoperability and to transmit to law enforcement frequencies. Gary LeTourneau stated that this could be paid from the School Radio Fund. Loretta Smart made a motion to accept the proposal from Williams Electronics in the amount of \$3,475.00. James Crowl seconded the motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Vicky Meek, EMS, came to the Commissioners with two purchase agreements for a new ambulance. One of the purchase agreements includes the trade-in of the old ambulance, the other one does not include a trade-in. Ms. Meek stated that the Sheriff has expressed interest in getting the ambulance instead of trading it in and she would like some direction on which purchase agreement the Commissioners would like to accept. Ms. Meek also asked if the ambulance is not being traded in, how the new ambulance will be financed. James Crowl stated that he wants to make sure that Vicky's budget isn't affected by this decision. Ronald Smith gave Sheriff Troyer permission to contact SRI to put up the Dolphin RV for auction. James Crowl made a motion to accept the purchase agreement without the trade-in of the ambulance. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners had a discussion regarding removing the ceiling for the durable medical equipment on the Steuben County Health Insurance Policy. Shelley Hansen submitted a letter recommending that the ceiling be removed. James Crowl made a motion to remove the durable medical equipment ceiling. Loretta Smart seconded the motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

David Knepper, WeKon & Scott, came back to the Commissioners with a proposal on the 414 Weatherhead property. Mr. Knepper stated that he cannot take on all the tax penalties and interest; however, he is willing to pay \$12,000.00 on the 414 Weatherhead property. Mr. Knepper also said that he would like to pay a total of \$42,000.00 for the 410 Weatherhead property. Donald Stuckey stated that his understanding is that Mr. Knepper will pay \$12,000.00 on the 414 Weatherhead property plus the drainage assessments. James Crowl stated that this is dealing with 414 Weatherhead only. Mr. Knepper stated that he could go ahead and agree to \$42,000.00 on the 410 Weatherhead property. Donald Stuckey stated that the 410 Weatherhead numbers are needed before an agreement is drafted. Laurie Stoy, Treasurer, asked if the \$12,000.00 was for the county portion and then an additional \$611.38 for the city liens and an additional \$2,329.44 for the drains. Mr. Knepper said that Ms. Stoy was correct. Loretta Smart made a motion to accept the proposal of \$12,000.00, plus drainage assessments in the amount of \$2,329.44 and city liens in the amount of \$611.38 and the payments will be made immediately. Mr. Knepper's attorney, Linda

M. Wagoner, shall put the agreement in writing by tomorrow, Tuesday, October 7, 2014. James Crawl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: Indiana Stamp re: AIC Conference Booth; Mediacom Business re: Gigabit Fiber Solutions; DLGF re: September 15 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; St. Joe River Basin re: Public Notice; Steuben County EDC re: Our Story Invitation; IDEM re: 17th Annual P2 Conference and Trade Show Agenda; DLGF re: September 8 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; DLFG re: September 2 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; Purdue Road School re: Call for Abstracts; DLGF re: September 23 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; NACo re: County News; ENR re: Tracks & Trends; Department of Homeland Security re: "See Something Say Something" Campaign; Paradigm re: Pipeline Safety; Department of Workforce Development re: Indiana Nonprofit Summit; Jack Gerard re: Energy Exports; Tait Communications re: Toughest Radios in the Industry; EMC Insurance re: Loss Control Insights; Courtney Tritch, NEIndiana re: Partnership News; ENR Events re: Discover the latest in construction technology; ENR Events re: Futuretech Conference 2014; Eric Hinshaw re: Indiana Agriculture Issues Survey; October 1 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; AIC re: Newsletter

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