

STEBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
November 3, 2014

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 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 and Kim Koomler, Steuben County Auditor.

James Crowl made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment this day totaling \$234,565.09. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Loretta Smart made the motion to approve the Commissioners Meeting minutes from October 20, 2014. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes from October 6, 2014, for the Index Book, which were approved at the previous meeting.

The corrected annual allocation contracts for Steuben County Soil and Water and RISE were submitted to the Commissioners for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the annual allocation contracts for Steuben County Soil and Water and RISE. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The annual allocation contract for the Steuben County Economic Development Corporation was also submitted to the Commissioners; however, it was decided to hold off on that contract until the EDC responds to the two (2) letters sent to them.

Land of Lakes Family Health Services, Inc. d/b/a Well Child Clinic and Steuben County Council on Aging returned their completed and signed allocation contracts. The Commissioners signed the originals to be kept in the files in the Auditor's Office.

Dry Dock Marine Center, Inc. submitted an annual contract for boat, pontoon and jet-ski storage in the Goat Barn and the Started Calf Barn at the County Park. Payment for that storage was paid in full on October 21, 2014, by check number 084752, in the amount of \$5,400.00. James Crowl made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Dry Dock Marine Center, Inc. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

A request from a covered person regarding an additional term of COBRA was submitted for re-approval. At a prior meeting the Commissioners approved a request for an additional 11 months of COBRA; however, by law, the term approved must be 18 months. Loretta Smart made a motion to approve 18 months of additional COBRA for the covered person. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners received dinner invitations during the IACC Conference and requested that confirmation for dinner reservations be sent to Ken Herceg with Donohue/Herceg & Associates and Joe Fragomeni with American Structurepoint.

The revised County Park Improvement Committee roster was submitted for approval. James Crowl suggested that Loretta Smart and F. Mayo Sanders remain on the roster. James Crowl made a motion to contact Ken Brost and Thad Wright to see if they still have interest in being on the Committee. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ronald Smith requested that the topic of creating a Park Board be put on other business for a meeting in the future. He stated that one of the key people that should be involved in that should be former Commissioner of LaGrange County, Phil Curtis.

Christina Ebel, Veterans Service Officer, submitted a letter to the Commissioners regarding additional office hours. Ronald Smith asked Kim Koomler, Auditor, if hours are increased, what effects it would have on the

budget. Kim Koomler stated that it is up to County Council and it cannot happen this year because it is past the additional funding deadline. Ronald Smith stated that Ms. Ebel's caseload would warrant more office hours but requested more fact finding to be done. It was decided that Commissioner Loretta Smart will contact Ms. Ebel further on this issue.

Christina Hall, Denmark Management Property Regional Manager for Silver Lake Mobile Home Park, came to the Commissioners regarding unlivable mobile homes located in the park. Ms. Hall stated that the City and the State came in and wrote up several homes that were dilapidated and should be condemned and removed. Ms. Hall stated that she arranged, in her budget, to have these homes removed; however, she was informed that moving permits were required. She stated that she called to find out about the permits and learned that taxes were due on the homes and moving permits cannot be obtained until those taxes are paid. Ms. Hall explained that these homes are owned by people that got up and walked away from the mobile homes and left them abandoned.

Christina Hall stated that her plan is to remove twenty (20) dilapidated homes and bring in thirty (30) new homes that are taxable and will be owned by Denmark Management.

Marcia Seevers, Assessor, stated the homes were legally assessed; however, the Commissioners have the right to make the decision as far as the value of the taxes owed compared to having new homes brought into the mobile home park.

Ms. Hall stated that Hulbrook is the company moving the dilapidated homes and they will not move the homes without obtaining permits first.

Laurie Stoy, Treasurer, stated she was provided a list of 17 homes, not 20. Treasurer Stoy stated that there are judgments on 16 of the 17 homes that total \$5,609.07. She further stated that seven (7) of those judgments are in Denmark's name and that's who it was assessed to. The total taxes not paid on the 17 homes totals \$5,715.90.

Ms. Hall stated that she has additional information on the other three (3) homes that Laurie Stoy does not have information on. She also stated that Denmark does not own or have titles on those homes. James Crowl asked why Denmark was taxed for these homes if they do not own them. Marcia Seevers, Assessor, stated that when Denmark puts their report into her office, the homes that are taxed to them were put in their name. She stated that if they made a note that the homes are salvage, etc., they are removed from the tax rolls but do have a delinquent balance. Christina Hall stated that she believes when the home gets abandoned and no one is paying the taxes on the home, the property owner, which is Denmark Management, gets the bill.

Laurie Stoy, Treasurer, stated that on the permits it says that all taxes are paid and she must sign them acknowledging that.

James Crowl made a motion to waive the taxes and the judgments so the Treasurer can sign the moving permits to release the mobile homes. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Charles Malinowski, Malcon, came to the Commissioners with a proposal for the preparation of the Medicaid Ambulance Cost Reports for 2014-2015. Mr. Malinowski stated this is the new program through the ambulance to recover certain types of additional reimbursement on Medicaid services that are provided through the ambulance. He reported that Steuben County was Malcon's pilot project for 2011-2012. \$75,208.00 came through on this program, it was deposited into County Miscellaneous Revenue and can be spent with no strings attached.

Charles Malinowski stated that the new proposal is for two (2) years and has a provision that the County can terminate the agreement at any time for any reason without penalty.

Donald Stuckey stated that he has read the contract and he advised that it is the same as the last contract and there is a thirty (30) day notice requirement for termination by either party.

Loretta Smart made a motion to accept the proposal from Malcon. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Emmett Heller, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on recent projects that the Highway Department has been working on. Mr. Heller stated that he's been working on snow routes so he can meet with Kristy Clawson, EMA. He stated that the second mechanic is working out well. Mr. Heller also stated that Brandon Smart has taken another job, the job posting was posted on October 22, four (4) applications were received and the position has been filled by Randy Scott. Mr. Scott will be starting on November 13, 2014.

Mr. Heller reported that the fuel prices has been dropping but bounced up over the weekend. He stated that it's still below the bid price on fuel and a penny up on diesel; however, it is anticipated that diesel is going to drop as soon as the harvest is over.

Ronald Smith asked Mr. Heller if it would be of benefit for the County to acquire a tandem truck. Mr. Heller stated that, in his opinion, it would be beneficial. Ronald Smith asked Mr. Heller, Jennifer Sharkey and James Crowl to take a serious look at that option and come back with recommendations.

Jennifer Sharkey, Highway Engineer, submitted utility permit #2717 from Frontier for approval. Loretta Smart made a motion to approve Frontier utility permit #2717. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey updated the Commissioners on the 200 N/200 W Intersection Project. She stated that she has the Construction Inspection Contract with A&Z Engineering. She further stated that it has been reviewed and revised to reflect the more accurate cost for the services. INDOT has also reviewed and approved the contract as well. James Crowl made a motion to approve the Construction Inspection Contract with A&Z Engineering. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey informed the Commissioners that with the 200 N/200 W Intersection Project there was some discussion about saving a tree on Lane 101 Crooked Lake. Since that tree reduced the taper for the turn lane below the minimum INDOT requirements, INDOT would like a signed letter from the Commissioners stating that the County would like to save the tree. Ms. Sharkey stated that the taper length will be sufficient if the tree is left in place. Loretta Smart made a motion to sign the letter, regarding saving the tree, for INDOT. James Crowl seconded that and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey stated that the utility relocation plans have been approved for the 200 N/200 W project and NIPSCO Gas would like to relocate their facilities prior to the project beginning construction. She stated that further staking is necessary from Roland & Associates who did the survey and the right of way staking. She informed the Commissioners that nine (9) stakes will be set along the north side of the road and she has sent Roland & Associates the information to get a quote from them since it would be an additional cost. Ms. Sharkey stated that once she receives that quote, she will submit it to the Commissioners.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted a Utility Agreement between the City and the County. She stated that the contract needs to be executed so the work can be done as part of the project. The City had an easement for their sanitary forced main and since the County purchased their easement and the proposed right of way it would be incorporated as part of the project. Ms. Sharkey stated that the agreement outlines the work that is being done and the dollar amount is part of the County's project but both the County and the City have to agree that this is the work being done and it is agreed upon. She stated that this is a standard City Utility Agreement that INDOT has prepared for situations like this. James Crowl made a motion to accept the Utility Agreement between the City and County. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ronald Smith asked Jennifer Sharkey if the road striping has been scheduled. Ms. Sharkey stated that she contacted Three Rivers on October 27, 2014, and they informed her that it would be at least two (2) weeks before they were going to be in the area. She stated that she has been investigating other alternatives for some of the smaller striping projects.

Jennifer Sharkey informed the Commissioners that there were updated past performance scoring sheets that INDOT provided for each of the three consultants on the 200 N/SR 827 Project so there are new score sheets that the Commissioners will need to fill out.

Ms. Sharkey stated that she met with Bill Schmidt on October 23, 2014, and there is significant support for the installation of lights on the bridge at the Four Corners of Lake James. She stated that there are fundraising efforts being done by the Lake James Association to cover the initial cost; however, there was concern about ongoing maintenance and utility costs. Ms. Sharkey stated that she reached out to a few consulting firms inquiring about some different lighting options and costs associated with those types of fixtures. Bill Schmidt stated that he believes the Lake James Association can raise the money over and above what it would cost to install the lighting, but they do not believe they can bear the ongoing costs of the electrical and the upkeep. Mr. Schmidt stated that if the Commissioners were not willing to take care of the ongoing costs, the project would probably be undoable. Jennifer Sharkey is going to do more research on this issue and bring the information to the next meeting.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted an LPA voucher for reimbursement on the Bike Trail. James Crowl made a motion to approve the LPA voucher. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey also submitted an invoice from BF&S for construction inspection services on the Bike Trail. She stated that the reason we continue to have inspection services is because progress meetings continue so everyone can keep up to date on what is going on with the project. The construction inspector has been compiling depths and locations of the relocated Frontier lines so next spring there should not be any complications due to Frontier utility conflicts. Loretta Smart made a motion to approve the invoice from BF&S for construction inspection services. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey reported that Phase I of the bridge inspection is complete. She stated that the invoice has been paid on Phase I and she submitted a reimbursement voucher for 80% of the invoice that has already been paid. James Crowl made a motion to approve the reimbursement voucher for the bridge inspection. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted an invoice from GAI on the Maple Street Project in the amount of \$1,051.20. She stated that Jeff Weaver, who was the prior contact at GAI, has taken another position with another company so the new contact for GAI is Mark Jessey. GAI has been progressing with the design because after the meeting with INDOT, it was decided to move forward with the project. Loretta Smart made a motion to approve the invoice from GAI in the amount of \$1,051.20. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey updated the Commissioners on the October 29, 2014, meeting on the Toll Road Interchange Project with Branch County, Michigan along with the Town of Bronson. She stated that there was great discussion and they are on board with the project. Ms. Sharkey stated that they discussed developing a map that shows the developable land in both Michigan and Indiana within a 40 or 50 mile radius from the proposed interchange to supplement the application should we move forward with the project. She stated that they are also looking to garner support from the Michigan DOT as well as possibly the USDA since there are a lot of farming operations nearby that would benefit from getting the agricultural products to market quicker. Ms. Sharkey also stated that the infrastructure capacity was discussed.

James Crowl stated that he feels they need to be very cautious here and that Steuben County doesn't get committing funds to a project that deals with another state and a highway that the state doesn't control. He stated to be very cautious about investing Steuben County's money in this project. James Crowl stated that we are dealing with millions of dollars in the future, for a clover leaf, to make this work and the company that has leased the toll road has to be the major player in this. Jennifer Sharkey stated that she will be setting up a meeting with the toll road representatives to get their support and if their support is not obtained, then the project doesn't move forward.

Jennifer Sharkey discussed the Old SR 127 lighting fixtures by the Outlet Malls. She stated that the State approached the County in 2011 or 2012 about these lighting fixtures. The State has been moving forward with the toll road, divvying up whose fixtures are whose, and during this process they revisited the county. They would like to turn over ten (10) of those light fixtures along the roadway to the county since it is no longer a state road and is a county maintained road. Ms. Sharkey stated that the two (2) options that they have presented are that the County can pay for a separate service point with NIPSCO and begin to pay for the maintenance and the electricity of those lights or the County could choose to either remove or turn off the lights along that section of roadway. She stated that for the lighting fixtures that are currently operating, they cost approximately \$7.00 a month per fixture in the maintenance costs and \$6.00 a month per fixture in the electricity costs for a total approximate cost of \$130.00 per

month for those ten (10) lights. Ms. Sharkey stated that contacting NIPSCO to determine a separate service point could cost some additional fees as well.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that based on the curvature of the road and the amount of traffic that utilizes that route, from a safety perspective, she recommends keeping the lights operable to aid the traveling public in that area. Ms. Sharkey stated that she's not sure of the legal side or if the State could force the County to take over the lights. Donald Stuckey stated that the County may not have to accept responsibility of those lights, but at some point, the State will stop maintaining them. Mr. Stuckey stated that there's potentially a liability if the lights are not maintained and an incident occurs. The Commissioners asked Ms. Sharkey to examine the possibilities and report back.

Shelly Hansen, USI, came to the Commissioners with a Health Insurance Renewal Presentation. Ms. Hansen stated that she has good news for the county this year and she is very pleased with the renewal. She is happy to say that if we do absolutely nothing this year on the medical there is a 0% increase and the overall increase is 3%. She stated that she was not expecting that because this year the county had numerous high claims and six (6) people were over the specific deductible. Ms. Hansen stated that another option that is available is to increase the specific deductible to \$65,000.00 and that would save the county about \$30,000.00 in the specific premium and the fixed costs would reduce minus 5%. She stated it would take six (6) people to hit the specific deductible for that to be a bad idea but she recommends considering that option.

Shelly Hansen stated that the Life and ATV renewal came in with a 0% increase and they guaranteed the rate for two (2) years.

Ms. Hansen stated that the Vision renewal came in with a 0% increase guaranteed for one year.

Ms. Hansen stated that the Dental renewal came in with a 24% increase. She stated that the most they would negotiate that was 16% so she asked them for some alternatives. Ms. Hansen stated that right now there is a \$1,000.00 year maximum for dental and \$1,000.00 lifetime for the orthodontia. She stated that the majority of the employees are using \$300.00 a year. Ms. Hansen recommends that the County reduces the calendar year maximum to \$750.00 instead of \$1,000.00. She stated that there is also an option called a max builder for anyone that would have claims less than \$500.00. She said that they can accumulate an additional \$250.00 for the next calendar year but they have to use it. Ms. Hansen said that if the max builder is eliminated and if the calendar year maximum is taken down to \$750.00 then a rate increase of 2% can be obtained.

Shelly Hansen reported on the medical claims experience. She stated that through the end of September, the loss ratio was at 79.35% and she hopes it doesn't exceed that because she starts to worry once it gets 80% or above.

Ms. Hansen stated that out of all the claims that the County was paying, the medical claims were 88% of that, prescription drugs 12% and she stated that is excellent.

Ms. Hansen also submitted a marketing summary regarding the companies that she quoted.

Shelly Hansen stated that ProClaim did increase their admin fee \$0.50 per employee per month. She stated that they are still very competitive and they are increasing because of the additional things they need to do because of the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Hansen stated that the Reliance quote was a little less than ProClaim's but she stated that she does not recommend moving because that was just moved last year and reinsurance carriers don't like seeing people jump around.

Loretta Smart made a motion to lock in the rates with a \$65,000.00 specific deductible. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Shelly Hansen reported to the Commissioners regarding the Cadillac Tax that the County will be facing in 2018, which is part of the Affordable Care Act. She stated that the threshold for a single would be \$10,200.00 and a family would be \$27,500.00, so if the cost of the plan is exceeding that, the County will be taxed above that 40%. Ms. Hansen stated that the County will exceed that threshold in 2019 and that tax will be \$44,000.00 in 2020 the tax

will be almost \$137,000.00. She stated that next year the County will have to go non-grandfathered and have no choice but to change the plan design by increasing deductibles, copays, etc. to get the cost of the plan down so the County is not facing that tax.

Ms. Hansen also reported on the play or pay tracking of hours which comes into effect in January 1, 2015. She stated that part-time employees need to work no more than 28 hours a week. She stated that as long as the county doesn't have anyone over 1,560 a year then the County doesn't have to offer it.

Shelly Hansen said that the County paid their first re-insurance fee which was \$63.00 per insured. She stated that in 2015 it will reduce to \$44.00 per insured and in 2016 it should reduce to \$33.00 and then it is supposed to go away.

Brett Hays, Community Corrections, came to the Commissioners with a request to purchase two (2) biometric gun safes, gloves and a handheld metal detecting wand in the amount of \$643.91 and three (3) laptops in the amount of \$5,172.00 with the Commissioners' credit card.

Brett Hays stated that he's aware that the Commissioners' credit card is probably near the limit and he also has training scheduled for this month. Mr. Hays stated that the actual conference was paid for by a claim; however, the hotel rooms for the training have not been paid for yet. Kim Koomler, Auditor, asked if someone could use a personal credit card for the hotel rooms because the Commissioners' credit card is almost maxed to the limit. Brett Hays stated that he would rather not do that with the hotel rooms due to having complications with that in the past. Mr. Hays stated that can order some of the items he's requesting to purchase, with his personal credit card, but doesn't want to put that on his employees. Lori Hickey, Deputy Auditor, asked if Mr. Hays uses his personal credit cards, would he get it tax exempt. Mr. Hays stated that he would not get it tax exempt from Amazon.com; however, Cyberpower doesn't charge tax. It was decided that the purchase request for \$643.91 would be on the Commissioners' Credit Card with the understanding Community Corrections is going to have a hotel charge for training. Ms. Hickey stated that as soon as Mr. Hays orders the items with the Commissioners' credit card, he needs to turn in the claim so it can be paid as soon as possible.

James Crowl asked what the current limit of the Commissioners' credit card was. Lori Hickey stated that the limit is currently set at \$8,000.00 and it has not been raised for a very long time. James Crowl asked if we could get it raised. Ms. Hickey stated that the last time it was raised was when Commissioners were at Commissioners' Conference and they couldn't check out of the hotel because the credit card was declined due to it being over the limit. James Crowl asked why Ms. Hickey couldn't call the bank and find out if she could increase the limit. Ms. Hickey said she could do that and asked James Crowl what she should increase the limit to. Kim Koomler suggested increasing the limit to \$15,000.00. James Crowl made a motion to approve Mr. Hays' request to purchase the items requested with the Commissioners' credit card once the limit is increased. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and that motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Chad Hoover, GIS, came to the Commissioners regarding aerial photography. Mr. Hoover stated that when the photograph was done in 2012, it was part of a state project and that the state had bid out and contracted with a vendor for 2011, 2012 and 2013. He further stated that they included a fourth year in there as well as a coverall in case of inclement weather. Mr. Hoover stated that pictures can still be taken under that same state contract. He said that he has investigated, the current contract was written during the downturn in the economy and now photography has gone up in price. After looking at the budgets, he stated that there are funds available in the 2010 Bond that are allocated for GIS and there are also CREDIT funds for GIS that would cover the balance. He stated that the price for 6 inch aerial photography is \$107.00 a square mile which comes out to about \$35,000.00. Mr. Hoover is requesting permission to proceed in getting a contract from the state to do the aerial photography. The contracted price for 12 inch photograph, which haven't been done since 2003, is \$45.00 a square mile, 6 inch photography is \$107.00 a square mile and 3 inch photography is \$300.00 a square mile. James Crowl made a motion to allow Chad Hoover to move forward with the 6 inch photography at \$107.00 per mile, to be paid from the 2010 Bond and CREDIT funds allocated for GIS. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tami Sumney, IT Director, came to the Commissioners about ordering the Spillman server. Ms. Sumney stated that the migration is scheduled for January 6, 2015 and the server needs to be ordered. She stated that the server is going to cost \$36,837.00 and the migration is going to cost \$8,000.00, both to be paid from the 2013 Bond. Loretta Smart

made the motion to enable Tami Sumney to order the Spillman server and pay for the migration of the data from the 2013 Bond. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners discussed the Spillman Interlocal Agreement with the City of Angola and the County. Tami Sumney stated that the changes that the Sheriff proposed were the only changes that she has seen and she informed the Commissioners about those. Ronald Smith stated that the Commissioners wanted to make sure that Ms. Sumney saw, understood and gave approval before they moved forward with the Interlocal Agreement. Tami Sumney stated that there are a few changes that she is not comfortable with, but she stated it is not her decision, it's the Commissioners' decision.

Donald Stuckey stated that it depends whether or not the Commissioners want the proposed committee to have the final say if there is a dispute or if that decision will be made by the Commissioners and/or the Mayor. Donald Stuckey stated that it was his understanding that the Commissioners and the Mayor wanted the right to resolve any disputes that arise regarding Spillman data usage.

Ronald Smith stated that he has spoken to the Mayor and the City of Angola has some people that they would not want to have access to the data. Tami Sumney stated that this is to be a unified system and if there are data limitations to departments, it's not a unified system. Tami Sumney stated that she understands having the protection; however, from an administrator's standpoint, it is a nightmare having to make all the changes and keep making the changes. She stated that some kind of happy medium needs to be met with everyone.

James Crowl and Donald Stuckey stated that right now, the Commissioners control the contract. The Commissioners are proposing in entering into a contract with the City of Angola to jointly administer this system.

James Crowl stated that this agreement will help save tax dollars. Ms. Sumney stated that on the hardware side of it, every 5-7 years, the County will save some money when hardware is purchased because the City of Angola said they would pay one third (1/3) of the hardware. She stated that by no means is the support cost going down for the county, but the City will be a shared agency and their support costs will go down. Ms. Sumney stated that this contract will benefit the City more than it will benefit the County.

Tami Sumney also stated that the Sheriff has written her out of the Spillman Committee and she's the lead IT Director for Steuben County, she is also the only Certified Spillman Administrator and she does all the budgeting for Spillman. The Commissioners stated that issue was one of the main problems they had with the proposed changes. Donald Stuckey stated that if this Contract is between Steuben County and the City of Angola, why are the outside parties coming in and telling the Mayor and Commissioners what to put in the contract? James Crowl stated that the only way this contract will happen is if Tami Sumney is put on the Committee because she's the one in charge. Tami Sumney stated that she is the primary contact person with Spillman Technologies to do this entire project. Donald Stuckey also stated that the Spillman contract states that the County has to have one (1) certified operator in the county and Tami Sumney is the only certified operator.

Loretta Smart stated that if this contract is going to benefit the City of Angola more than the County and make Tami Sumney a lot more work, why not just leave it the way it is. Ms. Sumney stated that it is not a bad idea to do this because it will save the County a little money every 5-7 years when it comes to hardware replacement, but it has made a lot of work for everyone with the local agreements and trying to get the project up and rolling.

James Crowl stated that all county monies go to Spillman and he wondered how one agency could disparage one agency against another and deny them access when the other person has it. Donald Stuckey stated that there could be a legitimate reason to deny access and that is fine if the Committee decides that, but whoever has been disparaged has to have some way to appeal that decision to someone. Loretta Smart stated that timing is important and feels that maybe this is not the correct time. Donald Stuckey stated that the key issues are that Tami Sumney, IT Director is on the Committee which means someone would have to be taken off and the issue of no appeal from the five (5) member board.

Ronald Smith requested that the Mayor be in attendance at the next meeting so the final wrinkles can be ironed out and asked RJ Robinson, Chief Deputy, to report back to the Sheriff that the Commissioners are trying to make this work and do the right thing.

Tami Sumney reported on the power surge that caused the virtualization system to go down. Ms. Sumney stated that she worked a few after hour work hours replacing the UPS and got everything back up and running.

Several covered persons have requested removal of their information from the GIS website and the Commissioners had a discussion about waiving and/or grandfathering in the requests that were received before the Commissioners put the ordinance regarding the \$75.00 fee per parcel in place. Chad Hoover, GIS, stated that he met with the prosecutor and showed him how other websites bring up the information even after it has been removed from GIS. Ronald Smith requested that letters be sent to the covered persons that have requested that their information be removed from the GIS website.

The Commissioners discussed renewal of the Deer Removal Contract. James Crowl stated that due to circumstances with Mr. Hansen not being able to do it, as long as there is no extra charge by the other person that was doing it, a contract can be signed. James Crowl stated that Mr. Hansen spoke to him and said that he cannot do the deer removal for the county and he wants the other gentleman to do it. Ronald Smith requested that James Crowl have Eric Hansen contact the Auditor's Office to let them know that he officially can no longer do the deer removal for the county.

The Potawatomi Snowmobilers requested permission to run the snowmobile trail through the County Park again for the 2014-2015 season. Loretta Smart made a motion to allow the Potawatomi Snowmobilers to run the snowmobile trail through the County Park. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Steuben County Council on Aging submitted a grant for signatures. James Crowl made a motion to approve the signing of the grant. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Loretta Smart stated that she would like to discuss the joint venture with the communications with the City of Angola and Steuben County. She stated that if the county's IT Director wasn't aware of any of this going on and the committee was formed without the county's IT Director, she feels that gives the Commissioners the understanding, right up front, of how things will progress. James Crowl stated that he agrees with Loretta Smart on that position. Loretta Smart further stated that since it would only be a slight benefit to the county, every 5-7 years, would benefit the City of Angola more, and with all the problems it has created, she feels that the county should bear the financial cost every 5-7 years versus the problems it will create. James Crowl stated that he agreed with Loretta Smart on that position as well.

Ronald Smith asked Loretta Smart if she would like to take action. James Crowl stated that he is not happy with the contract and he feels that it is extremely lopsided. Loretta Smart made a motion to eliminate the Spillman Interlocal Agreement with the City of Angola. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Ronald Smith requested that a letter be sent to the Mayor concerning the Spillman Interlocal Agreement and the County, stating that due to issues that have not yet been resolved, the Steuben County Board of Commissioners choose not to pursue it any further.

Lori Hickey, Deputy Auditor, reported to the Commissioners that the credit limit on the Commissioners' credit card was raised to \$15,000.00.

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: ENR Midwest re: Lake Huron Pipeline; Maria Davis, City of Angola re: Step Up Saturday; NACo re: County News Alert; McGraw Hill Construction Events re: Energy Crisis; McGraw Hill Construction re: 2015 Executive Conference; Do it yourself capitalism re: Oil price decline; ENR Equipment & Trends re: Testing Midsize Pickups, Aerial Accidents, etc.; DLGF re: October 20 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; AIC re: Newsletter; DLGF re: October 27 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; Bingham, Greenebaum, Doll LLP re: 2014 BGD Legislative Conference Session Topics; Indiana EDC; Marketplace News Update.



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Ronald L. Smith, President, South District

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James A. Crowl, Vice President, Middle District

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Loretta S. Smart, North District

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