

STEBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 5, 2018

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018, in the Commissioners' Room of the Steuben County Community Center. Present this day were Commissioners Ronald Smith, James Crowl and Lynne Liechty. Also present were Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, Ruth Beer, Steuben County Councilwoman, Jim Getz, Steuben County Councilman and Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor.

Kathy Armstrong, JDAI, reported that they are dealing with a transportation challenge in regards to the juvenile reporting programs. Ms. Armstrong said that currently there are two (2) participants in the reporting program and she doesn't believe that there will ever be more than six (6) at a time. She said that the children do not have transportation to and from the programs and she would like to contract with Cahoots to provide trip drivers. Ms. Armstrong said that she has drafted a Trip Driver Agreement, vehicle documentation and liability requirements and a parental waiver. She said that she has tried to put as much space between Cahoots and the driver and the County and the driver as possible. Kathy Armstrong said that she believes a Youth Agreement is also needed.

Lynne Liechty said that liability is the biggest issue. James Crowl handed his paperwork to Donald Stuckey for review. Donald Stuckey stated that the liability coverage that Ms. Armstrong has on the forms is pretty low. James Crowl confirmed that this is not going on the County Insurance. Mr. Stuckey recommended \$300,000.00 per person, \$1 Million per incident aggregate and include underinsured coverage as well. He also recommended that the waiver release Cahoots, JDAI and the County and that an indemnity clause be added.

Kathy Armstrong stated that she has been in contact with Council on Aging and they are not permitted to drive the students to the program. Lynne Liechty said that she would double check with Kris Treadwell on that issue. Donald Stuckey stated that he would look something up and get amended documents to Kathy Armstrong.

Shelley Herbert, Clerk, requested to condense Pleasant 6 and 7 polling places this year and to have them vote at the Event Center. Ms. Herbert also submitted the remaining 2018 polling places for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the request to use the Event Center for Pleasant 6 and 7 and to approve the other proposed polling places. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair, Community Center Building Manager, submitted quotes for the county parking lots sealcoating in the amount of \$17,030.68. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve those quotes and to pay for the invoices from Cum. Cap. 1138-000-4000.15. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Mr. Fair also submitted quotes for window lenth repair in Purdue Extension and Council on Aging. Lynne Liechty made a motion to accept the quote from Rathburn Masonry in the amount of \$2,628.00, to be paid from Cum. Cap. 1138-000-4000.15. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair informed the Commissioners that the United States Postal Service has requested that the mailbox that services all of the offices in the Community Center be replaced. James Crowl made a motion to accept the quote from www.usmailsupply.com in the amount of \$2,081.00, to be paid from Cum. Cap. 1138-000-4000.15. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. James Crowl also made a motion to allow Mr. Fair to use the Commissioners' Credit Card to purchase the mailbox. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Crystal VanPelt, Purdue Extension, came to the Commissioners regarding rural broadband. Ms. VanPelt handed out information regarding the Digital Divide Index. She said that in her opinion Steuben County is underserved when it comes to broadband. The Commissioners thanked her for the information.

Brett Hays, NICC, submitted the quarterly TANF reports for approval. Mr. Hays stated that the State rewrote the form and the reports had to be amended. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the TANF reports. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Mr. Hays also submitted a quote from Koorsen Fire & Security to fix the deficiencies that were found during inspection. He said that the quote is for \$997.50; however, he has already replaced the batteries and he will

contact Koorsen for an amended quote. James Crowl made a motion to approve the amended quote in the amount of \$777.00. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Brett Hays reported that there is a mold problem in Work Release and in order to take care of the problem, it is a three (3) step process. Mr. Hays said that the first step is to identify it and figure out what exactly is going on. The second step is to remove it and the third is to rebuild. He said that the first step has already been done and it cost \$782.50 for a lengthy report that spells out what is needed in Step 2.

Mr. Hays submitted two (2) quotes for Step 2, one from ServPro and one from Duraclean and they are apples to apples quotes. Brett Hays also submitted two (2) quotes for Step 3, one from Manahan and one from Wagler and they are not apples to apples. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement until the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting.

Shannon Thomas, Turning Point Shelter, came to the Commissioners to request to be put into the County Budget. Ms. Thomas said that a lot of things have changed as in addition to being a temporary stay shelter they are also a longer term facility that involves a three (3) stage program participation, keeping people off the street, out of the parks and also teaching them life skills. She said that in 2015 they housed 118 people (57 from the County), in 2016 they housed 180 people (70 from the County) and in 2017 they were up to 189 people (88 from the County) and the numbers continue to climb. Ms. Thomas said that their expenses are also increasing and they have relied on churches and individual donations to help with the finances; however, now she is requesting that Steuben County Government put Turning Point Shelter into their budget.

Jim Getz, County Councilman, asked what Turning Point's annual budget is. Ms. Thomas said that their budget is \$130,000.00 for the year and climbing because they are housing more people.

Chip Foick, Turning Point Shelter Treasurer, said that he's been on the Board for many years and Turning Point Shelter has transitioned from the little house on Gilmore Street to the current facility. Mr. Foick said that the focus has changed a lot as well and it is no longer just housing people and keeping them from sleeping in cars or on park benches, now they are actually trying to help people realize what decisions got them into this situation and try to reeducate them so they can move forward again. The Commissioners said that they will remember Turning Point at budget time for consideration.

Frank Charlton, County Park Superintendent, reported that the Event Center camera system still has not been fixed. Mr. Charlton said that Lakeland Electronics is coming out to take another look at them tomorrow. The Commissioners asked Mr. Charlton to look into whether or not there was a warranty on the cameras.

Mr. Charlton also stated that he has talked to three (3) engineers but only one (1) gave a quote on drawing up the blueprints of the proposed bathhouse. He said that it was estimated to cost about \$4,000.00 for blueprints and approximately \$120,000.00-\$130,000.00 for the entire project. No action was taken on this matter.

Frank Charlton submitted a quote from Steury Builders for the Lion's Building ceiling in the amount of \$27,400.00. The Commissioners took no action on this matter.

Kris Treadwell, Council on Aging, submitted the 4th Quarter Claim for approval. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Claim Voucher. Ronald Smith seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Treadwell updated the Commissioners on grants that were received and provided an update on Council on Aging operations. She also reported that they were able to obtain a capital grant from INDOT in the amount of \$34,000.00 to purchase transportation software and tablets.

Ms. Treadwell also informed the Commissioners that the State of Indiana has decided to privatize Medicaid transportation for the entire state. She said that anyone that has Medicaid transportation benefits will no longer be able to contact Council on Aging directly for rides, they are now required to call a state or national call center and the requests are split out to three (3) different vendors. She said that this change will probably mean a reduction in the people that use their services.

Kris Treadwell also submitted statistics from the last couple years showing that the total miles and gas usage went down, but the trips and the passengers served went up. Ms. Treadwell said that they are being more efficient and trying to get more people in the vans at once. She reported that there were 211 new riders in 2016 and in 2017 there were 261 new riders. Ms. Treadwell also stated that there are over 4,500 people that come to activities and they have also added new activity groups.

Jeff Bassett, Business Impressions, came to the Commissioners with an addition to the Treasurer's Office Xerox. Mr. Bassett said that the Treasurer's Office is in need of finishers for their copiers as they are no longer using the stand alone printers for the tax bills. He said that it results in a monthly increase of \$21.64. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Mr. Bassett also reported that Circuit Court is requesting that their copiers be on a cost per copy contract. He said that it would be a base charge of \$12.00 per month plus \$0.02 per page. James Crowl made a motion to approve changing Circuit Court's printers to a cost per copy contract. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey, Highway Engineer, submitted NIPSCO utility permit #2804 and Frontier utility permit #2805 for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the utility permits. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey stated that Frontier was contacted and they requested an invoice for the delay and escalation costs for the Bike Trail. That invoice was sent on January 29, so hopefully payment will be received shortly.

Ms. Sharkey stated that the low bid for the 200 N/SR 827 project was submitted by Brooks Construction in the amount of \$1,526,458.00 and that was accepted on January 18. She said that the 20% local match, in the amount of \$305,291.16 has been submitted and the reimbursement request has been sent to the City of Angola on January 25 in the amount of \$152,645.80.

Jennifer Sharkey said that she met with Clark Dietz to go over the draft Bridge Inspection Report and the final report will be received in the coming weeks. Ms. Sharkey submitted a reimbursement voucher in the amount of \$5,063.00 for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve that reimbursement voucher. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey stated that she's still waiting on the PO to be returned on 200 N Phase II. She said currently the local funds are to be used from CEDIT and she is working with the Auditor's Office to set up the appropriate grant account.

Ms. Sharkey submitted three (3) parcels for the Bike Trail Phase II that were already approved, but the notary seal was needed. She submitted them to Donald Stuckey for him to stamp them with his notary seal. Ms. Sharkey also submitted Parcel 3 and Parcel 7 for signatures and notary seal. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the parcels for signature. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that the RFP for the Bike Trail Phase II was advertised on January 17 and has a due date of February 20 during the Commissioners' Meeting. She said currently the project letting is tentatively scheduled for March, pending funding.

Ms. Sharkey stated that the agreements for the 2018 Community Crossings Grant were sent to INDOT for final approval and they should be coming back shortly. She reported that the bid documents have also been advertised for the Old 27 Project from Baker Road south to the County limits just north of SR 120. Ms. Sharkey stated that those bids are due on February 20 during the Commissioners' meeting as well.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that she met with the Angola Parks Department regarding emergency response services location markings for the Bike Trail. She said that she spoke to Gary LeTourneau about finding a system so people using the Bike Trail can effectively communicate where they are located so they can have better emergency

response. Ms. Sharkey said that the City of Angola is putting together a mapping system of the proposed constructed trail all the way to Commons Park.

Ms. Sharkey reported that she gave the Auditor's Office an information sheet on LOHUT due to several inquiries from the public since the tax has started collection. She said that further information will be available to the public for clarification and understanding

Jennifer Sharkey informed the Commissioners that the Toll Road is doing improvements on their I-69 southbound entrance ramp and are looking for a maintenance of traffic plan. Currently their plan would send south bound traffic north on I-69, get off at Baker Road Exit and then get back on the interstate. Since that involves a portion of County facilities, they need the Commissioners blessing and/or input. The Commissioners discussed the possible damages and whether there would be reimbursement for that. Ms. Sharkey stated that they are working on an agreement for damages and a pre-construction assessment will be done as well.

Emmett Heller, Highway Superintendent, reported that he was able to obtain a 2012 Freightliner Tandem Axle Lowboy Tractor at the auction last week. He said that it should serve the County for several years and it cost \$25,575.00. Mr. Heller reported that the Athey should be in sometime this week as well.

Mr. Heller said that they have stock piled some sand, they are working on drainage and they are still working on the road list for 2018. He also stated that he has been working on getting prices together for the onsite fuel and another new truck was put on the road.

Emmett Heller informed the Commissioners that he will be getting the auction information to Erin Schifflli.

James Crowl made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment this day totaling \$1,013,794.47. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to officially approve the purchase of an air compressor for the Highway Department, in the amount of \$10,156.00 from 1176-533-4000.15. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl made a motion to approve the minutes from the Commissioners' Meeting on January 16, 2018. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes from the January 2, 2018, Commissioners' Meeting for the Index Book, which were approved at the prior meeting.

Ordinance 907, An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Steuben County, Indiana and Declaring an Emergency was submitted for approval. Donald Stuckey stated that it is the same one that is submitted every year.

**Second and Third Readings
Steuben County, Indiana**

**Ordinance 907 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement
to the Code of Ordinances for Steuben County, Indiana and
Declaring an Emergency**

Thereupon, County Commissioner, Lynne Liechty moved that all rules of procedure of the County Commissioners which might prevent, unless suspended, the second and third readings of the Steuben County Ordinance Ordinance 907 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Steuben County, Indiana and Declaring an Emergency, for final passage and adoption of said Ordinances at this meeting without reading the said Ordinances in full but reading the title only. This motion was seconded by James Crowl and was on the call of the roll adopted by the following vote:

Ayes
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Nays
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Under the suspension of the regular rules, County Commissioner, James Crowl, then moved that the Ordinance be read for the second and third readings by title only and thereby be ready for passage and final adoption in this meeting. This motion for the second and third readings for final passage and adoption of said Ordinances was seconded by Lynne Liechty and on the call of the roll was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes
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Nays
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The County Auditor then read aloud the title of said Ordinances for the second and third readings. Thereupon, County Commissioner, Lynne Liechty, moved for final passage and adoption of the Ordinances in full applicable regulations to establish such Ordinances. This motion for final passage and adoption was seconded by James Crowl and on the call of the roll adopted by the following vote:

Ayes
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Nays
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The President of the Steuben County Commissioners, Ronald L. Smith, declared publicly Ordinance 907 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Steuben County, Indiana and Declaring an Emergency, to have been duly passed and adopted. Thereupon, said Ordinances were signed by all members of the County Commissioners present and attested by the County Auditor. Ordinance 907 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Steuben County, Indiana and Declaring an Emergency is on file in the Auditor's office. Ordinance 907 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Steuben County, Indiana and Declaring an Emergency reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 907

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio, has completed the 2017 S-11 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the Political Subdivision, which supplement contains all ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted since the prior supplement to the Code of Ordinances of this Political Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation has recommended the revision or addition of certain sections of the Code of Ordinances which are based on or make reference to sections of the Indiana code; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislative Authority to accept these updated sections in accordance with the changes of the law of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the municipality and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality that this ordinance take effect at an early date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section 1. That the 2017 S-11 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the Political Subdivision as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio, and as attached hereto, be and the same is hereby adopted by reference as if set out in its entirety.

Section 2. Such supplement shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the Legislative Authority and the Clerk of the Political Subdivision is hereby authorized and ordered to insert such supplement into the copy of the Code of Ordinances kept on file in the Office of the Clerk.

Section 3. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the people of this municipality, and shall take effect at the earliest date provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 5th day of February, 2018.

First Reading: 2/5/18
Second Reading: 2/5/18
Third Reading: 2/5/18

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James A. Crowl, Vice President, Middle District
Lynne Liechty, North District

ATTEST: Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor

Rae Delaney, Payroll, submitted the January 19, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$384,395.21 for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the January 19, 2018 payroll. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Breann Fink, Steuben County Literacy Coalition, submitted a request to use the Auditorium during the weeks of July 9, 2018 and July 16, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., on May 22, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and to use the Community Center Parking Lot on April 7, 2018 from approximately 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Ms. Fink further requested a fee waiver for the use of the Auditorium. James Crowl made a motion to approve the dates requested to use the Auditorium and the Parking Lot and to waive rental fees; however, the cleaning deposit and custodial fees (if applicable) still must be paid. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Fred Wooley, McClue Nature Preserve, submitted a request to change the by-laws to state that the Board of Directors consists of ten (10) to fifteen (15) members instead of only ten (10). Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the change to the bylaws of the McClue Nature Preserve to state that the Board of Directors consists of ten (10) to fifteen (15) members instead of only ten (10). James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

June Julien, Steuben County Tourism Bureau, notified the Commissioners that Carter Snider would like to be reappointed to the Innkeepers Tax Commission. James Crowl made a motion to reappoint Carter Snider to the Innkeepers Tax Commission. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Kyle Hassenfratz, MorphoTrust, submitted a request to partner with Steuben County Government to offer fingerprinting services. After review and discussion on the request, the Commissioners took no action on the matter.

Matt Brinkman, Region 3a, submitted a board appointment request to the Commissioners. James Crowl made a motion to appoint Ronald Smith to the Region 3a Board of Directors. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Rae Delaney, Payroll, submitted the February 2, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$400,942.57 for approval. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the February 2, 2018 payroll. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Crystal Dadura, HR Director, submitted a request to have three (3) weeks of paid vacation leave due to special circumstances. Kim Meyers, Auditor, submitted a recommendation for two (2) weeks (10 days) vacation. In addition to that Ms. Dadura would receive two (2) personal days and ten (10) sick days, she would recommend five (5) of those sick/personal days to be used and recorded as vacation days if needed. Lynne Liechty made a motion to

accept Kim Meyers' recommendation. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jeff Sine, Croxton and Roe Insurance, asked if the County wanted to insure the 10,000 street signs that are under County jurisdiction. Mr. Sine stated that he did not recommend insuring the signs at this time due to the replacement cost of the signs being under the \$500.00 deductible. The Commissioners agreed with Mr. Sine's recommendation and declined insurance on the signs at this time.

Kim Meyers, Auditor, submitted the updated Steuben County Deferred Compensation Plan through Lincoln Financial. Ms. Meyers said that she had a meeting with Lincoln Financial regarding the Plan. She said that they revised the document and updated it to make sure everything was current. Kim Meyers, Crystal Dadura and Rae Delaney went through it during a meeting with Lincoln Financial and made the necessary changes and amendments. James Crowl made a motion to approve the updated Steuben County Deferred Compensation Plan. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Erin Schiffli informed the Commissioners that Steven Kilmer contacted her regarding a County owned property on Big Turkey Lake. Ms. Schiffli stated that Mr. Kilmer is purchasing a property located at 3895 S. 1200 E. near Big Turkey Lake and he is wanting to know if the Commissioners would want to sell a triangular piece of property on Big Turkey Lake that is located across the street. James Crowl stated that he was not aware that the Commissioners owned a piece of real estate on Big Turkey Lake. Commissioner Crowl said that before anything can be done, Larry Gilbert, Surveyor needs to be contacted because the property might be a wetland. Erin Schiffli stated that she spoke to Kelli Johnson in the Auditor's Office and there is no deed record number, when it is pulled up on GIS there is no information on the parcel; however, in the plat books it does state that the Board of Commissioners own it. Donald Stuckey said that in order to sell it, the Commissioners would have to advertise the property for sale and receive competitive bids. The Commissioners said that they would like to take a look at the property first before anything is decided.

Donald Stuckey stated that he sent the initial letter and a follow up letter to the Steuben Lakes Regional Waste District and he has never received a response. Mr. Stuckey stated that people normally give them easements because they get sewer service; however, the County isn't getting a service so he asked the Waste District if they were going to purchase the property. Donald Stuckey said that the deadline is the Waste District's problem as he has tried to respond to them twice and they haven't responded.

Donald Stuckey told the Commissioners that Bill Jones routed one of the easements for the Bike Trail through him. Mr. Stuckey said that it is for Parcel 10, 10A and 10B and it needs approval and signatures. He said that the amount is consistent with the appraisal. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the easement. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Mr. Stuckey stated that there is one easement left to secure. He said that the appraisal was approximately \$2,700.00 and the property owner requests approximately \$7,200.00 for the easement. Bill Jones has spent a lot of time on this case and they are at an impasse and it has been given to Mr. Stuckey to proceed with condemnation/eminent domain. Donald Stuckey advised that the amount is under \$25,000.00 so the Commissioners can pay more and Mr. Stuckey further advised that it would cost the Commissioners more to litigate the matter than to pay the requested amount. He said that the Commissioners would have to pay him for his legal fees, pay for three (3) appraisals done by Court appointed appraisers and then if the property owner is rewarded more than the \$2,700.00, the Commissioners would be responsible for the property owner's attorney fees up to \$25,000.00. Mr. Stuckey stated that the difference between what the property owner wants and what the County is offering is \$4,590.00.

James Crowl asked what the total cost of the Bike Trail was going to be. Kim Meyers said that the total cost including everything is going to be approximately \$1.3 Million. James Crowl asked where the funds were coming from. Ms. Meyers said that some funds were encumbered and \$1.197 Million still needs to be funded. She said that the Commissioners and Ms. Sharkey need to determine where the remaining funds will be coming from.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve paying the property owners requested amount that is over and above the appraisal. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Donald Stuckey stated that he has a meeting with Res Polyflow and the Town of Ashley on Wednesday. Lynne Liechty said that the \$1 Million needs to come back to the County before anything can happen. Kim Meyers stated that currently RES Polyflow is just making interest payments. Lynne Liechty stated that Karen McEntarfer is in the same position as well.

The Commissioners asked Donald Stuckey for an update on the home acquisition. Donald Stuckey reported that he has not done anything with the purchase of the homes on South Wayne Street because there is no appropriation in place. James Crowl made a motion to go to County Council in March for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$199,000.00 from Cum. Cap. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Donald Stuckey asked if any school districts have made any comments regarding the ruling by DLGF on TIF windfalls. Mr. Stuckey stated that DeKalb County discussed it this morning because the SDI TIF District was set up for twenty (20) or thirty (30) years and they paid it off in nine (9). Therefore, the Redevelopment Commission effectively released the increased revenue to the various townships and schools and for seven (7) years those monies have been going to the various entities. DLGF has ruled it a windfall and the school district, primarily because they are the ones most affected, just chopped one third out of their Cum. Cap. equivalent budget. Kim Meyers said that there are no TIF Districts in Steuben County that make that sort of revenue.

Bill Schmidt, Steuben Life, informed the Commissioners that he spoke to Judge Wheat and he will allow them to use the Circuit Court Courtroom for the program. Mr. Schmidt asked the Commissioners what needs to be done now. James Crowl stated that if Steuben Life would be willing to pay for the security guards' extra duties, there probably wouldn't be a problem. Mr. Schmidt said that the Commissioners are more than welcome to attend as well.

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation District re: European Honey Bee; Matt Meersman – SJRBC – re: Updates; Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission re: Call before you dig; Rod Renkenberger MRBC re: February Agenda; County Commissioners re: January 23 email from Commissioner Bennett; Indiana LTAP re: APWA North American Snow Conference; Lt. Governor re: Public Schedule; Stacey Meek NICC re: Advisory Board Meeting; Kathy Armstrong JDAI re: Training Flyer; Indiana Historical Society re: Appointments; Kathy Armstrong JDAI re: Juvenile Justice Jeopardy demonstration; Matt Meersman SJRBC re: Agenda; Board of Aviation re: 1/18 Memorandum; Steuben County Soil & Water re: 2018 Annual Meeting; Mediacom re: Increase of LBSS Surcharge.

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