

STEBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
February 17, 2015

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in the Commissioners Room of the Steuben Community Center. Present this day were Commissioners Ronald L. Smith, James Crowl and Lynne Liechty. Also present were Ken Shelton, County Councilman, Dan Caruso, County Councilman, Ruth Beer, County Councilwoman and Richard Shipe, County Council President, 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 \$273,332.75. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the Commissioners Meeting minutes from the meeting held February 2, 2015. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the Executive Session Statement from the Executive Session held on February 2, 2015. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes from the January 20, 2015, Commissioners Meeting, which were approved at the previous meeting.

Kris Thomas, Steuben County Health Department, came to the Commissioners to inform them that the Health Department has applied for two (2) grants, both of which are for starting a Medical Reserve Core. She reported that the State grant, through the Indiana State Department of Health, is for \$5,000.00. The Federal grant, through NACCHO (National Association of City and County Health Officials), is for \$3,500.00. Ms. Thomas reported that the Medical Reserve Core doesn't have to be all medical personnel, but it would be for any event that would occur, either large scale or small scale. It would also supplement the Emergency Management Agency in the event their services are needed for a disaster. Ronald Smith asked if the Health Department would be requesting funds to sustain the Medical Reserve Core after it is created. Kris Thomas stated that the Health Department would not be asking funds to sustain the Core; however, they will work towards recruitment, training and getting funds from the Community and other sources. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the grants. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners accepted an invitation from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Civil Engineers for dinner during Purdue Road School on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ross-Ade Pavilion & Buchanan Club. The Commissioners directed their Secretary to RSVP for that dinner.

Jody Kinsey, USI Insurance, submitted Amendment No. 7 to the Commissioners for a signature in order to adopt the changes for the plan relative to Health Care Reform. James Crowl made a motion to approve the changes. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the available GIS Coordinator position. An application has been received; however, the Commissioners are waiting to hear from Tami Sumney, IT Director, on the qualifications of that applicant. The Commissioners requested that Schneider and schools including Trine, Purdue and Rose Holman be contacted regarding possible leads for the position.

The Steuben County Cancer Association has submitted a request to cancel the 2015 Rental Contract for the space in the Community Center because they had an opportunity to move to an office closer to the Cancer Center. James Crowl made a motion to approve the request. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Ronald Smith requested that a letter be sent to the Cancer Association wishing them luck and that the Commissioners are happy that they could help with office space for the time they needed it.

Michelle Herbert, County Clerk, submitted the Town of Hamilton polling place, at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the polling place in the Town of Hamilton. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lee David, CAVA, submitted a request to the Commissioners regarding having the Auditorium fees waived for a fundraiser being hosted by LouAnn Homan. James Crowl made a motion to approve that request. Lynne Liechty seconded the motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Chris Cazares, National Insurance, came to the Commissioners regarding Life and Disability Insurance. Mr. Cazares stated that National Insurance serves the public sector for Life and Disability Insurance and has been doing that since 1969, primarily in the Midwest. He stated that in Indiana they work with approximately 80% of the public schools including Steuben and LaGrange. Mr. Cazares stated that National Insurance does consortiums where they pool public entities together and that allows greater discounting for the coverages that are offered. Mr. Cazares gave a short presentation regarding the 20% guaranteed savings on current rates and a 5% discount at renewal. He stated that there is no fee for the initial assessment. If the information is in by March 2, the assessment would be started March 16 and the announcement will be sent out to the carriers by April 13, therefore the County would be looking at between July and November for implementation. Mr. Cazares was directed to follow up with Melissa Shepherd, Payroll and Benefits, in a couple days.

Kristy Clawson, Emergency Management, reported that last year EMA got a grant from IDHS and also received funds from the Maumee River Basin Commission to update the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. She stated that process was started last year. IUPUI updated the plan, they submitted it to the County for final review, it was then sent to an IDHS Mitigation Officer. They then review it and if they deem it acceptable, they send it to FEMA, FEMA then tentatively approves it, sends it back to the Mitigation Officer and they send it back to the County for formal adoption by the Commissioners. Ms. Clawson stated that unfortunately, that process was delayed. The Mitigation Officer had received the letter from FEMA in October; however, Ms. Clawson did not receive the information until January. Ms. Clawson stated that she needs to have all Cities, Towns and the County formally adopt the plan. Ronald Smith stated, "Be it resolved therefore the Steuben County Commissioners hereby adopt Steuben County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official plan and further resolve that the Emergency Management Agency will submit on the behalf of the participating municipalities the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and FEMA." James Crowl made a motion to approve and adopt the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Resolution number 02-2015-01 was assigned to the Adoption of the Steuben County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ms. Clawson also informed the Commissioners that she has a conference call scheduled on Friday, February 20, 2015, to determine grant dollars that are available. Ms. Clawson also stated that she expressed her displeasure with the State for putting Steuben County on hold. Ronald Smith stated that he doesn't feel it is acceptable, Steuben County has given them plenty of time to act and this will only procrastinate the situation further. Ms. Clawson stated that the grant the Commissioners wanted to submit could not be turned in until this plan. Ronald Smith stated that it was their fault that it was not handled already.

Kate Melasi, Accumed, did a presentation to inform the Commissioners about Accumed and the benefits of outsourcing the EMS billing. Ms. Melasi said that she worked with Vicky Meek, EMS, to gather data about EMS and that information is in the slide show presentation for today. Ms. Melasi stated that outsourcing the billing would allow EMS to focus on patient care and Accumed would take care of the business side of the operation acting as an extension of the EMS office. Ms. Melasi stated that she would be more than willing to work with Vicky Meek to gather more information.

Ronald Smith opened the public hearing on the JJ General Contractors and the transfer of the tax sale certificate. Mr. Stuckey stated that this is a public hearing on the issue of a property located at 610 & 612 Gilmore Street. He stated that it is a property that went through tax sale and no one bid at the tax sale. The property also went through Commissioners' sale, no one bid at that sale either. The property is in considerable disrepair and the statute says that if no one bids at tax sale or at the Commissioners' sale, the County Commissioners can assign the tax sale certificate to another party based upon their agreement to rehab the property. Donald Stuckey stated that the property is within the City of Angola but since it is County property tax, the Commissioners have to put their blessing upon this. Ronald Smith stated that Dean Twitchell, City of Angola, said that he would like the Commissioners to move forward on this so it can be taken care of. Donald Stuckey asked the audience if there was anyone that had any questions, comments or concerns. With no input from the audience, Ronald Smith closed the

public hearing. James Crowl made a motion to approve assignment of the tax sale certificate to JJ General Contractors. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Honorable Judge Allen Wheat, Circuit Court Judge, came to the Commissioners with an Agreement with the Muskegon River Youth Opportunities, LLC for housing children that are ordered to be detained. The Agreement is for a total of 920 bed days to be reserved, at a cost of \$109.00 per day for a total annual cost of \$100,280.00. Judge Wheat stated that Muskegon River is a superb caregiving facility for Steuben County's young people and they offer a large amount of services without an additional charge. The primary goal is not to detain the children, but to adjust some of their thinking processes. Judge Wheat stated that the money for the contract is in the Circuit Court budget. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the agreement with the Muskegon River Youth Opportunities, LLC. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Brett Hays, Community Corrections, came to the Commissioners with a purchase request and also requested to use the Commissioners' Credit card as he has not yet received the credit card for Community Corrections. Mr. Hays wishes to purchase a new printer, a printer stand, filing cabinet and a laptop mount. James Crowl made a motion to approve Mr. Hays' request. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Frank Charlton, Plan Commission, came to the Commissioners regarding the expenses for Vacation Petitions that bypass the Plan Commission and go straight to the Commissioners. Mr. Charlton stated that there is a huge difference in cost whether someone comes to the Commissioners or whether they come through the Plan Commission. Also, the Plan Commission and Auditor don't know where to pay the claims for publications in the paper and the certified mailings. Frank Charlton also stated that he would like to reiterate that the Plan Commission would like for all the petitions to come through them and not the Commissioners. Donald Stuckey stated that the statute states that someone may file a petition with the Commissioners. James Crowl stated that if someone comes to the Commissioners the Commissioners can send it back to the Plan Commission. Vina Conti, Plan Commission, asked if someone is sent to the Plan Commission from the Commissioners, can the Plan Commission charge them the \$1,000.00 fee. Donald Stuckey stated that the Plan Commission can charge unless the Commissioners say not to. Mr. Stuckey stated that you cannot stop someone from filing a Vacation Petition with the Commissioners; however, if it is referred to the Plan Commission, the Commissioners can require them to pay the costs of a Petition to the Plan Commission. Frank Charlton stated that he feels that if a Petition is forwarded to the Plan Commission, all the costs should be the same as if someone comes directly to the Plan Commission. Mr. Charlton stated that he currently has a bill from the newspaper for publications and he's not sure where to pay it from because no fees were obtained from the petitioners. Donald Stuckey stated that he will call Mr. Charlton about this issue and put it on the next meeting agenda.

Emmett Heller, Highway Superintendent, reported to the Commissioners that Ed Erwin is retiring on March 31, 2015, they plan on posting the job position on February 17, 2015, in hopes that the new employee can train with Mr. Erwin. Mr. Heller also reported on the other projects that they have been working on at the Highway Department.

Jennifer Sharkey, County Engineer, stated that she received the Notice of Authorization from INDOT on the CR 200 N/CR 200 W Intersection Project on February 12, 2015, and she sent the Notice to Proceed to the Consultant on February 13, 2015. Ms. Sharkey also stated that they are scheduling an inspection meeting within the next couple weeks with the Inspection Consultant to go over the plans and make sure that they don't have any questions before the Pre-Construction Meeting takes place with the Contractors and utilities.

Ms. Sharkey stated that she worked with Lori Hickey and Gail Coler on setting up the reimbursement proceedings with the City on the CR 200 N/SR 827 Project. She stated that it was decided to change the Interlocal Agreement, now it is set up where when an invoice is received from the consultant, the County would pay 100%. The reimbursement claims would then be sent to the State for 80% and then to the City for 10%. Ms. Sharkey requested the Commissioners approve and sign the amended Interlocal Agreement. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the amended Interlocal Agreement. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that a field check meeting was had on February 6, 2015, regarding the Maple Street Project, with INDOT, the utilities, the design consultant and county representatives. She said that after that meeting there is additional work to be done by the consultant in order to get the driveway permit to an acceptable state for INDOT. Ms. Sharkey stated that she got the supplemental this morning and at first they were quoting a fee of \$10,000.00 in excess of the current contract; however, she was able to negotiate with them and get them down to \$8,600.00 for the additional services. Ms. Sharkey submitted a financial summary to the Commissioners for the Maple Street Project and stated that 47% of the total contract funds have been spent and 84% of the contingency funds have also been spent. Ms. Sharkey is requesting an additional appropriation for the design work of \$10,500.00 but she stated that could be reduced since the fee for the additional services will be \$8,600.00. Ms. Sharkey stated that with doing some of the documents in-house, such as bid documents, construction administration and inspection, would save the County approximately \$70,200.00. Jennifer Sharkey submitted the supplemental for the \$8,600.00 for review and approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Maple Street Extension Project for the supplemental \$8,600.00. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey also discussed the bridge lighting for the CR 300 W Bridge. She stated that she had a meeting with Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Caruso and Mr. Baade. She stated that their records indicate a 40 foot right-of-way, which barely gets outside of the bridge structure. They discussed having the Lake James Association approach the private property owners of the quadrants of the bridge to see if some auxiliary structure could be built to shed light on the public road. Liability was also discussed due to having private lighting shining on a public roadway. Bill Schmidt stated that Frank Baade, President of the Lake James Association, has volunteered to do the engineering on this project and the Lake James Association has an interest in helping with this project as well. Mr. Schmidt also stated that they are working on contacting the property owners.

Larry Gilbert, Surveyor, spoke to the Commissioners regarding the CR 200 N/SR 827 property. Mr. Gilbert stated that two (2) appraisals were done and they both came in at \$25,000.00. He stated that he put together a purchase agreement for that property and submitted it to Donald Stuckey to review. James Crowl made a motion to approve the purchase agreement pending Donald Stuckey's approval of the agreement. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ken Shelton, County Councilman, came to the Commissioners to speak about the request made by the Steuben County Humane Society. Steve Mumby, Humane Society President, along with many supporters of the Humane Shelter also attended the meeting. Ken Shelton thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to address them this morning. Mr. Shelton stated that at a recent Commissioners Meeting it was brought before the Commissioners to address the situation with Steuben County Humane Shelter and the request they made for funds. At a previous meeting, Commissioner Smith said the need was there and the proposal sounded good but the request was untimely and it was unfair to the Council to advance the request to them for their decision due to the budget already being in place. Mr. Shelton felt that this situation deserved needed additional attention because of the severity of the situation if action was taken on it. He said that he was concerned, as a Councilman, that if they didn't act, the potential of a more extreme financial burden would come upon the county.

Mr. Shelton stated that he agrees the request from the Shelter was untimely and believes that under absolute optimum conditions it should go through County Council like everything else. Mr. Shelton believes that at this point in time, the Shelter is asking for \$84,000.00. The Shelter has already been allocated \$18,000.00, if they would sign the allocation contract, and it would be paid in two \$9,000.00 increments. He stated that the Shelter needs the money now in order continuing operations.

Mr. Shelton stated that he personally views the Shelter as a service provider and Steuben County needs their service. He understands that it was perceived as not very timely and threatening; however, he did not see it that way. He did state that he can certainly see how it would be perceived that way. By definition he believes it is an ultimatum; however, the intent is not an ultimatum, it's a prayer, and the Shelter wants to continue providing the service, but can't without the funds.

Mr. Shelton stated that the Shelter's request for \$84,000.00 and the \$18,000.00 allocated, if the terms of the \$18,000.00 can be met by what is necessary, leaves a shortfall of \$66,000.00. He proposes that the Commissioners consider and make a motion to forward the request for \$66,000.00 to County Council which would bring their total

allotment in 2015 to \$84,000.00. Mr. Shelton stated that he would further suggest that payments be made in \$7,000.00 increments. He feels that would give that Shelter what they need, it would also provide the citizens of Steuben County what they need and it would give the County a better comfort level at handing out the payment. Mr. Shelton also suggests that this be retroactive to January 1, 2015, due to the services that have been provided in 2015 up to this point and if they would have signed the contract prior to January 1, 2015, they would have been entitled to that \$18,000.00 anyway. Mr. Shelton also suggests that the agreement between the Commissioners and the Shelter be voidable by either party with ninety (90) days notice, for any future request, they adhere to the established procedure and they must come before the Commissioners and Council at budget time to make their timely request. Mr. Shelton believes this to be an absolute win-win situation for all parties involved.

Lynne Liechty asked where Ken Shelton was planning on getting the funding from. Ken Shelton said that he understands that the money is available in EDIT, where the \$18,000.00 allocation comes from. Donald Stuckey stated that would require a written modification of the EDIT Plan. Lynne Liechty expressed her feelings about the Shelter as she was on the Board for a number of years and she thinks it is a community wide service and it affects agriculture as well as the people in the city. She stated that she would like to take a look at it, she doesn't know where we are right now with the budget and how EDIT needs to be changed for this to be possible. Donald Stuckey stated that they would have to look at the total funds and the total funds allocated to see how to move the funds. Kim Koomler, Auditor, stated that there are surplus funds in EDIT and in Cum Cap Development which would not require a change in the EDIT plan. Kim Koomler stated that there is sufficient funds in the Cum Cap Development and in the EDIT fund. Lynne Liechty stated that she wants to make a motion to move it to Council.

Ronald Smith stated that Cum Cap Development is not defined to facilitate this type of program. EDIT could be; however, it would take resolve on part of the Commission Board and that would be the more appropriate way to do it. Cum Cap was increased a year ago because the County had shortfall in maintaining the county buildings, and that problem still exists. There are a lot of things in the Community Center and other County buildings that they have to say no to and some of those have to do with handicap accessibility, etc., because the funds are not available and for the Commissioners to rob from Cum Cap would be inappropriate. James Crowl agreed with that. Ronald Smith stated that County Council increased Cum Cap because of those needs and he does not feel that these funds can come from Cum Cap.

Ronald Smith stated that the Commissioners are in charge of CEDIT and write the plan for it so funding from there is possible. Donald Stuckey stated that if the plan is rewritten, the money still has to be appropriated by the Council. Mr. Stuckey stated that the Commissioners can request the Council for an appropriation to reflect a modification in the EDIT plan and then County Council can either approve or disapprove that modification. When it comes back, the written plan is modified appropriately. Donald Stuckey also stated that retroactive appropriations cannot be made but they can use the \$18,000.00 to fund the first couple months and then go from there.

James Crowl asked Ken Shelton if he was here representing the entire Council. Mr. Shelton stated he was not. He is attending the meeting as a councilman and he made the request to Council in the last meeting that the Council respectfully address the Commissioners regarding this issue. President Rick Shipe asked Mr. Shelton if he would bring this issue to Commissioners and he is not speaking on the entirety of the six (6) other council members.

James Crowl stated that the shortfall that has occurred has no doubt occurred months ago, this is a budgetary item and it should have been address last July or August. He believes the Shelter knew that they were going to have this shortfall and wants to know why someone from the Shelter wasn't here to address the Council and ask for more money at the appropriate time. Steve Mumby, President, stated that the funds they have today, with the exception of the money that they get from the County and from the City of Angola, is not reliable. Those funds are donations, fees and fundraisers so you're always betting on the future whether or not those funds are going to be there. Mr. Mumby stated that they have been running at a deficit for a long time and by large the Board Members have been making up that deficit. Mr. Mumby stated that he understands they are not in sync relative to the budgets, that's a problem and it needs to be corrected.

James Crowl asked the audience how many would agree that the Council on Aging is a very important entity to this County. He stated that the County gives the Council on Aging \$40,000.00 a year for their budget and the Shelter wants \$84,000.00. He asked the audience to try to put things in perspective because the Council on Aging is hurting as well. James Crowl stated that he's having a hard time seconding Lynne Liechty's motion. If the

Humane Shelter signs the allocation contract right now, they have \$18,000.00, but he's having a hard time putting it in perspective of how the shelter should receive over twice as much money as the Council on Aging receives. Lynne Liechty stated that the Shelter has done a tremendous job at fundraising in comparison and they have demonstrated their ability to work very hard to fundraise and put this shelter where it is today. James Crowl stated that the Council and the Commission Board, over the years, have done everything they possibly can to help the shelter, but now the Shelter has said either give us \$84,000.00 or we are going to stop working for you. Steve Mumby stated that it's like any other business and you can only run in the red for so long and we're at the point of running on borrowed money.

Ken Shelton stated that understands what James Crowl is saying and there are many very worthy not for profit agencies out there that provide a very worthwhile service; however, this situation has the potential of impacting many other governmental entities. He said that just within the last couple weeks someone contacted him, asked if he was aware that a tenant moved out of a house, left four (4) dogs in that house and the landlord called the Police. The Police in turn called the Humane Shelter who had to remove those animals. In situations like those, what would happen? Ken Shelter stated that issue is going to fall on someone whether it is the Police or the Sheriff and then what would they do with the animals? Ken Shelton stated that this is a societal problem. James Crowl stated that he's not disagreeing with the fact that the Humane Shelter is needed and knows that we have to work through this. He stated that if the Commissioners say, 'yes' to this and turn it over to Council, and the Council then is going to have a tough decision on how much money to come up with and it may not be \$84,000.00 it may be \$30,000.00 and then at budget time we can re-evaluate.

Ronald Smith stated that he would like to thank all of the audience members for attending and informed that the Commissioners have received all of their correspondence and phone calls. He stated that if no one responded to their correspondence, please do not take it that the Commissioners do not want to speak with them. Commissioner Smith stated that he does have reason to be supportive of the Humane Shelter as all three (3) Commissioners are involved in animal care. He has talked about the availability of funds in EDIT; he doesn't feel that it is totally appropriate because the nature of the tax is Economic Development; however, on the other hand that is the source from which we pull the money for the allocation, therefore the Commissioners should give that consideration. Ronald Smith stated that the City acted on the request from the Humane Shelter and the City made a proposal that they pay 74% in terms of an increase in the amount of funds and the ultimate amount of funds the City is paying is \$25,000.00. Ronald Smith stated that this is a benchmark that has been set by the City, the Commission Board will make the same proposal of 74% of the \$84,000.00 which would make the County's responsibility this year to \$62,530.00.

Lynne Liechty stated that she would like to take the \$62,530.00 request to Council. James Crowl stated that a number figure should not be entered into this. Ronald Smith stated that Council has to have a dollar figure. James Crowl stated that's Council's decision. Lynne Liechty again stated that she would like to take the \$62,530.00 to Council. James Crowl stated that he's having a hard time with that. Ronald Smith stated that the Commissioners make a recommendation and Council can either increase or decrease. Lynne Liechty made a motion to take a request for \$62,530.00 to Council which would be an increase of \$44,530.00. James Crowl stated that he thinks that number is too high, it's Council's decision, but he will second that motion. Ronald Smith stated that there is a motion and a second that the County's fiduciary responsibility will be changed as soon as Council makes appropriation with the request coming from the Commissioners to add an additional \$44,530.00, bringing it to a total amount of \$62,530.00 for 2015. The motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tim Troyer, Sheriff, came to the Commissioners regarding the old squad room which is now used as the new conference room. He stated currently it is being used as a tri-purpose room. Sheriff Troyer stated it's being used as an overflow room for training, meetings and it is also being used as a temporary juvenile hold room. Sheriff Troyer stated that sometimes Probation will get a juvenile, they will get them in custody, they are waiting for the transport company to come and get them and Probation needs to sit with the juveniles. In the past, they have taken up an interview room or they have sat in the break room. Having the juveniles in those rooms allows them to hear other inmates, interviews of other investigations, etc. and is not a good environment. Sheriff Troyer also stated that the juveniles have to be in a place where it is not locked. By utilizing the room downstairs it is crash barred and you can get out if you need to. Sheriff Troyer stated that cameras have already been installed so there are no allegations to anybody if a probation, confinement or patrol officer is down there with the juvenile. He stated that they brought up the idea of installing a television so the juveniles can watch TV and it will keep them entertained. Sheriff Troyer

stated that he would like to obtain permission to purchase and install a new 60" flat screen television. He stated that the new television can be used for training and/or meetings as well. Sheriff Troyer also stated that the television with the bracket would cost approximately \$900.00 and he has that money in his budget. James Crowl made a motion to allow Sheriff Troyer to purchase a new television and bracket. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Sheriff Troyer also submitted a request to purchase new mats and a Red Man Suit to be used for defensive tactics training. Sheriff Troyer stated that the total cost for both of the items would be approximately \$5,000.00. He said that he does have the funds in his budget to cover that cost. Lynne Liechty made a motion to allow Sheriff Troyer to purchase new training mats and a Red Man Suit for defensive tactics training. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: IU Public Policy Institute re: February 2015 News; IACC re: 2015 State Budget; Steuben County EDC re: SCEDC 2015 Annual Meeting Reminder; Monarch Capital Management re: Taste of the Sister Cities Gala; IAC re: Newsletter of Feb. 6, 2015; NACo re: 2015 Technology Innovation Summit; NACo re: 2015 NACo Legislative Conference.

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James A. Crowl, Vice President, Middle District

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Lynne A. Liechty, North District

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Koomler, Steuben County Auditor  
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