

STEBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
May 7, 2018

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 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 and Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor.

James Crowl made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment this day totaling \$473,364.50. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Kim Meyers, Auditor and Melissa Bixler, Treasurer, submitted the Monthly Comparison Report for review and approval. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the Monthly Comparison Report. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

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

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

Erin Schiffler, Commissioners' Secretary, notified the Commissioners that the Annual AIC Conference conflicts with the Monday, September 17, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting. The Commissioners decided to change the September 17, 2018 meeting to Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Rae Delaney, Payroll, submitted the April 27, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$398,042.37 for approval. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the April 27, 2018 payroll. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Erin Schiffler gave the Commissioners information on the IACC District Meeting at Lake Wawasee. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Crowl both said that they would not be able to attend. Commissioner Liechty does not yet know if she can attend.

James Crowl made a motion to officially approve repairs to EMS door number two (2) and to perform preventative maintenance to EMS doors number three (3) and number four (4) for a total amount of \$1,134.00. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to formally approve the furnace repair in the Annex/E911 in the amount of \$1,000.00. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jody Kinsey, USI, updated the Commissioners on current claims. Ms. Kinsey also discussed possibly switching from two (2) networks to one (1) network. She said that the latest the decision could be made is between September and October. The Commissioners gave Ms. Kinsey permission to work with Crystal Dadura to interview the employees that are currently Lutheran insureds.

Kathy Armstrong, JDAI, discussed the National Safe Place Initiative. Ms. Armstrong asked the Commissioners to consider allowing JDAI to contract with Indiana Youth Services Association to establish and join the National Safe Place Initiative. She said that the purpose is to provide a safe space for kids who are in crisis. She said that shelter care is a problem and in the past children have been sent to detention because there was no other place for them and Safe Place is an answer to that problem. Ms. Armstrong said that everything with Safe Place is youth driven, optional and is all done with the parent's consent. She also said that this is all done outside of the legal system and that is the beauty of it. She said that this has the potential of bringing in an additional \$20,000.00 to the County which will help support JDAI. James Crowl made a motion to accept the Indiana Youth Services Association Safe Place/Voca Professional Services Contract. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tami Sumney, IT Director, submitted a quote for an Identity Services Engine (ISE) and Advanced Malware Protection (AMP) from Symplexity in the amount of \$21,091.61. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the quote from Symplexity. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Clint Knauer, Plan Commission, stated that he has received correspondence regarding the Salser Vacation Petition and they have requested that the matter be continued until May 21. James Crowl made a motion to continue the Salser Vacation Petition until the May 21, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Randy Brown, EMA Director, came to the Commissioners regarding possible storage options. The Commissioners have not found out if the garage at the Humane Shelter was an option yet and they requested that Erin Schiffler pull the lease to see if the garage was listed on the lease. Ronald Smith asked Donald Stuckey to find out if the Commissioners have the right to use the garage. Lynne Liechty made a motion to allow Mr. Brown to use the garage at the Humane Shelter if the Commissioners are allowed to use it. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. It was also stated that if it is found that the Commissioners cannot use the garage at the Humane Shelter, Mr. Brown will have to come back to the Commissioners to decide on another option.

Clint Knauer, submitted a Petition to Vacate for James Palazzo – VPW 18-01. Mr. Knauer said that the recommendation was two (2) to two (2) with one (1) abstention so they were unable to pass on a positive or negative recommendation at that time. The Commissioners reviewed the photos and maps. Donald Stuckey said that they are only requesting to vacate half of the area.

James Palazzo, 380 Lane 250C, stated that it is 25 feet from his property line to the road and he has gotten stuck twice because it is a mud hole. Mr. Palazzo said that he wants to bring it up and get the drainage right. He said that he has also been maintaining it the last couple years. James Crowl made a motion to approve Ordinance 3144. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

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

**Ordinance No. 3144**

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 Ordinance 3144 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  
3

Nays  
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Under the suspension of the regular rules, County Commissioner, James Crowl, then moved that the Ordinances 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  
3

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, James Crawl, 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 Lynne Liechty and on the call of the roll adopted by the following vote:

Ayes  
3

Nays  
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The President of the Steuben County Commissioners, Ronald L. Smith, declared publicly Ordinance 3144 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 3144 is on file in the Auditor's office. Ordinance 3144 reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 3144**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGARDING THE VACATION OF A PLATTED ROADWAY, THIRD ADDITION TO SELLERS  
SHADY SHORES ON LAKE PLEASANT**

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Vacation of a Platted Roadway pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-3-12/13/;

WHEREAS, the Petitioner owns or has legal interest in certain real estate which is contiguous to the roadway or place which they propose to vacate;

WHEREAS, notice by publication to the population at large and notice by certified mail to abutting property owners has been properly made consistent with Indiana Law;

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has paid the expense of providing legal notice;

WHEREAS, the vacation of the roadway **would not** hinder the growth or orderly development of the unit or neighborhood in which it is located or to which it is contiguous;

WHEREAS, the vacation **would not** make access to the lands by means of platted way, difficult or inconvenient;

WHEREAS, the vacation **would not** hinder the public's access to a church, school or other public building or place; and,

WHEREAS, the vacation **would not** hinder the use of a public way by the neighborhood in which it is located or to which it is contiguous,

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED ROADWAY IN STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA **IS HEREBY VACATED:**

**The West twenty (20) feet of the South 210 feet of Lane 250C, existing within the plat of the Third Addition to Sellers Shady Shores on Lake Pleasant, Recoded in Plat Book 3, Page 26A as found in the Office of the Recorder of Steuben County, Indiana.**

**THENCE, all of said vacated public roadway, described in the attached description, shall pass in fee title to the owners of Lots 73, 74, & 75 of Third Addition to Sellers Shady Shores (Map# 76-04-13-230-410/411/412.000-007)**

**STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

5/7/18

First Reading

Lynne A. Liechty Northern District

5/7/18

Ronald L. Smith, President Southern District

Second Reading

James A. Crowl, Central District

5/7/18

Third Reading

ATTEST: Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security Number in this document, unless required by law. Vina L. Conti

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Brett Hays, NICC, submitted the TANF Quarterly Report for approval. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the Quarterly Report. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl asked if a Community Corrections Work crew could clean a cemetery fence. Todd Pfafman said that it would have to be arranged with Trisha Speelman.

The Commissioners voted on the candidates for the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor position. Erin Schiffli tallied the votes and stated that there were two (2) votes for candidate #3 and one (1) vote for candidate #1. Ronald Smith said that candidate #3 will be notified before the individual hears it from another source. The Commissioners further requested that Erin Schiffli draft letters to the other candidates informing them of the Commission Board's decision.

The Commissioners were asked to consider paying part-time county employees for jury duty. Donald Stuckey said that he is not aware of any policy that has been put in place in the past. Kim Meyers, Auditor, said no policy has been in place; however, the specific employee was not working, did serve for jury duty and was denied payment. Ms. Meyers said that she feels that since he wasn't on a work schedule for that day, there was no conflict of work, so he should be paid for his jury duty. Kim Meyers explained that if you are a County Employee and you are pulled off the job to serve jury duty, you do not get paid as it would be double dipping. Donald Stuckey stated that the Commissioners are setting policy that part-time workers will get paid for jury duty. Lynne Liechty made a motion to allow part-time county employees to be paid jury duty pay. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Mary Allred, EMS Director, submitted the First Responder Contracts for approval and signature. James Crowl made a motion to approve the First Responder Contracts. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jeff Bassett, Business Impressions, submitted a Cost per Copy Agreement for the Recorder's Office for approval. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the Cost per Copy Agreement for the Recorder's Office. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Erin Schiffli stated that there were some concerns in the Council on Aging Rental Agreement concerning the definition of "Common Areas." Donald Stuckey recommended getting a map of the first floor, highlighting the "Common Areas" and then attaching that document to the Rental Agreement as an Amendment.

Lynne Liechty stated that she had complaints about a road/alleyway easement. Ms. Liechty said that the easement was moved from one side of the property to the other side and Mr. Rode is informing people that they cannot have access. Mr. Rode says that he pays the taxes and he does not want anyone on there. Donald Stuckey said that makes no rational sense. Lynne Liechty said that she would like to have another letter written to Mr. Rode and explain that it is still an easement under the same conditions as the original easement. Commissioner Liechty said that Mr. Rode is parking things on the easement and not allowing people to use it. Donald Stuckey stated that the Commission Board has no ability to force him to do anything, he can only be told what the interpretation of the easement is, but the Court has to make the determination. Lynne Liechty said that she believes it needs to be

repeated to Mr. Rode. Donald Stuckey said that he can do that, but he cannot enforce the matter. Commissioner Liechty said that she would get back to the complainants and tell them that at this point forward they are looking at litigation if he doesn't comply.

Kelly Bailey, SUP 101 Lakes, inquired about using the old County Park Office for Paddle Board and Kayak Rentals. The Commissioners asked Erin Schiffli to invite Ms. Bailey to the next Commissioners' Meeting on May 21, 2018 for further discussion.

Tim Troyer, Sheriff, submitted a quote from Command Sourcing, Inc. for a WRAP Safety Restraint in the amount of \$2,850.00. Lynne Liechty made a motion to accept the quote from Command Sourcing, Inc. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Frank Charlton, County Park Superintendent, stated that the County Park is now open. Mr. Charlton said that the rain has pushed back the Paving Project.

Lynne Liechty said that she wanted an update on the lottery that was held for the Campground. Mr. Charlton said that the lottery was loud and there were some unhappy people. He said that everything went fine until they got to Lot 107. The person that wanted that lot was not a first year camper like everyone thought he was. The gentleman was at the campground last year and was on a different lot which is why his name was put in the bucket. Frank Charlton said that he bought buckets for each lot and had a young girl draw the names. The guy that was already on Lot 107 was the one that was drawn. Mr. Charlton said that when that gentleman's name was read, people started yelling that it wasn't fair, etc. Lynne Liechty said that the rules need to be clarified to the campers. Frank Charlton said people put multiple names in the buckets of lots they didn't even want because they wanted to gift the lot to someone else. Lynne Liechty said that this needs to be addressed by the Commissioners and have Donald Stuckey sign off. Kylee Harris said that every year only about three (3) campers end up moving and she doesn't know if the lottery is worth it anymore. Ms. Harris also stated that there is a particular camper that is stirring rumors for the new campers and is making them very uneasy. She said that it is making it difficult for Park Staff to keep everyone straight as far as billing, where campers are located and who is gifting who what lot, etc. James Crowl asked if it was time for that particular camper to leave the Campground. Frank Charlton said it is getting close for that to happen. Frank Charlton said that it wouldn't bother him if they discontinued the lottery. Ronald Smith said that the decision can be made in the next County Park Committee Meeting.

Frank Charlton submitted a quote from Lawn M.D. for cleanup at the Clear Lake Park that included weed-eating the hillside, cutting down trees, disposing of those tree and coating the tree stumps to prevent regrowth, in the amount of \$3,500.00. Mr. Charlton said that he did ask for quotes from other companies; however, this company is the only one that responded. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the quote from Lawn M.D. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Frank Charlton reported that the hole from the demolition of the Old Exhibit Hall has been filled in. Mr. Charlton also reported that two (2) light poles have fallen and he can't shut off the electric until the boats are removed from the calf barn. He reported that Delta T did maintenance on the air handlers, the wells have been shocked and everything was taken care of for IDEM.

Kylee Harris said that she sent an email to the Clear Lake Town Marshal and the Sheriff's Department to let them know that the County Park is open and asked that they watch for any suspicious activity.

Jennifer Sharkey, Highway Engineer, submitted NIPSCO utility permits #2813 and #2814 for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the NIPSCO utility permits. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey said that there have been some delays in the utility relocation for the 200 N/SR 827 Project. She said that NIPSCO should be relocated by the end of May and she is still working with Frontier as they had a material shortage issue. Ms. Sharkey said as far as she knows, Brooks Construction is still scheduled to start construction on June 1. Jennifer Sharkey said that the Railroad got their Purchase Order approved so they will have a five (5) day road closure, possibly from mid to late May. Ms. Sharkey submitted reimbursement vouchers for the

Construction Engineering and the Preliminary Engineering. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the reimbursement vouchers. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted the completed Bridge Inspection Report. She said that there is one structure that is now on a yearly inspection cycle and she is working on that supplemental agreement. Ms. Sharkey said that they are working on some ideas for replacement in the next three (3) years, either realigning it or doing modifications so the County can get extended use out of the structure.

Ms. Sharkey said that there was a project kickoff meeting with INDOT and the consultant held on April 27 for the CR 200 N. Phase II Project. Jennifer Sharkey said that the public has contacted the Highway Department regarding the condition of 200 N. and she has informed them that those construction dollars are programmed for 2022.

Jennifer Sharkey said that Brooks Construction was going to do the Old 27 Project at the end of May; however, their crews are not available at that time so they are pushing it back. Ms. Sharkey said that they still plan on completing the project before the Toll Road Project in July.

Ms. Sharkey stated that she is working on an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit on the north side of the intersection of 100 N/200 W from 50 mph to 40 mph.

Jennifer Sharkey said that formal approval is needed to allow for 15 minute increments for time off requests, as approved by the Supervisor, for the Highway Department operations. Lynne Liechty made a motion to amend the Highway Department Standard Operating Procedures to include 15 minute increments for time off. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey reported that the micro-surface that was done as part of the previous Community Crossings Project on 100 E between US 20 and 200 W and on 100 N from the City Limits to 200 W will be redone free of charge to the County. She said that the Highway Department was not happy with the product that was laid and the contractor agreed that it was not up to their standards either. Ms. Sharkey said that 100 N will be done this year, but 100 E may have to wait until next year.

Jennifer Sharkey also informed the Commissioners that the HAWK Signal on SR 127 appears to not function properly so the State will be inspecting it.

Ms. Sharkey said that they are trying to coordinate July 4 as well as the Cruise-In on September 19 where parts of the downtown will be shut down. She said that they would like to divert truck traffic on 200 W to I-69 and she believes that the Commissioners should be on board with that decision before it is final. James Crowl asked if the condition of the roads will be assessed prior to the detours. Ms. Sharkey said that can be added to the discussion.

Jennifer Sharkey thanked the Commission Board and Erin Schiffli for drafting the letter of recommendation for her and she did send in the application for consideration.

Ms. Sharkey discussed Bike Trail Funding and submitted Resolution No. 04-2018-02 for approval. Kim Meyers, Auditor, stated that Council already passed a modified resolution and it is now coming to the Commissioners. Donald Stuckey said that since County Council approved it and if the Commissioners pass it, they are committed. Jennifer Sharkey said that she has had conversations with at least six (6) different agencies during the month of April. Ms. Sharkey said that those conversations stemmed from the local request to Representative Zent. She said that she spoke to the INDOT Deputy Commissioner, the Indiana House of Representatives Policy Director, the Lieutenant Governor's Office, the DNR and also locally with the Community Foundation. She said that those conversations all came to the same conclusion that there were no funds available, only federal funds which must be applied for and awarded. Ms. Sharkey said that the Contractor has stated that they must start by June 1 to substantially complete the project this construction season.

Ronald Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 04-2018-02. Lynne Liechty said that she is not happy about taking the money from the Major Moves Fund. Lynne Liechty seconded the motion. James Crowl stated that the County has taken it to the top of the hill with all kinds of money donated by State and Federal awards.

Now it is the County's responsibility to take it to the most productive State Park in the State of Indiana and it stinks that they won't kick in. Lynne Liechty said that currently Steuben County has a Bike Trail to nowhere and she doesn't like unfinished business. The motion carried with two (2) ayes and one (1) nay. Resolution No. 04-2018-02 reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2018-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AND THE STEUBEN COUNTY COUNCIL, COMMITTING TO THE  
STEUBEN COUNTY BIKE TRAIL PHASE II PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Steuben County has completed the Steuben County Bike Trail, Phase I.

**WHEREAS**, the Steuben County Board of Commissioners and the Steuben County Council hereby resolve that they are committed to moving forward with the Steuben County Bike Trail, Phase II.

**WHEREAS**, the funding shall be local funds and those funds shall come from Major Moves, CEDIT, the Bike Trail Grant Fund and from local entity contributions as specified by the chart attached and incorporated as **Exhibit A**.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Steuben County Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Steuben County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of May, 2018.

Ronald L. Smith, President  
James A. Crowl, Vice President  
Lynne A. Liechty, Member

Richard Shipe, President  
Ruth Beer, Vice President  
Jim Getz  
Dan Caruso  
Wil Howard  
Ken Shelton  
Linda Hansen

ATTEST  
Kim Meyers, Auditor

ATTEST:  
Kim Meyers, Auditor  
4 ayes  
3 nays

2 ayes  
1 nay

**Steuben County Bike Trail  
Funding Summary  
10-Apr-18**

Construction Estimate (CN)	\$ 1,540,000.00
Construction Inspection (CE)	\$ 136,000.00
Contingency for Change Orders	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,688,000.00</b>

City of Angola	\$ 250,000.00
SCCF	\$ 52,000.00
Tourism Bureau	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 402,000.00</b>

Total Project Costs	\$ 1,688,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 402,000.00
<b>Total County Share</b>	<b>\$ 1,286,000.00</b>

<b>CEDIT</b>	\$ 136,000.00	CE
	\$ 202,400.00	CN
	<b>\$ 338,400.00</b>	
<b>Major Moves</b>	<b>\$ 919,410.00</b>	CN
<b>Bike Trail Grant Fund</b>	<b>\$ 28,191.70</b>	CN

**Total Project Funds \$ 1,688,001.70** includes contributions (Angola, SCCF, Tourism) + CEDIT + Rainy Day + Grant Fund

Jennifer Sharkey submitted the Construction Inspection Contract with BF&S in the amount of \$136,000.00 and the Construction Contract in the amount of \$1,539,211.00 for approval. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the Construction Inspection Contract and the Construction Contract. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to schedule an Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a five (5) year Performance Review of Jennifer Sharkey. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. The Commissioners scheduled a five (5) year Performance Review for Jennifer Sharkey on May 21, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room.

Emmett Heller, Highway Superintendent, reported that they received a Ford-350 to be used as a Patch Truck. Mr. Heller said that the cost of the truck will be right at the \$12,500.00 which was the amount approved by the Commissioners. He said that they are prepping for FDR and the residents seem to be cooperative with the work that is going on. Emmett Heller said that they opened Delancy's Pit on April 23 and they are making 53 crushed gravel right now to use for base in the FDR process. Mr. Heller said that to date, they have put in 48 culverts already this year.

Mr. Heller also requested to switch the Highway Department to ten (10) hour days on May 14. He said that he plans on switching back the week before Labor Day. James Crowl made a motion to allow the Highway Department to start their ten (10) hour days on May 14. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Dan Reinhold, Crooked Lake, said that there is an easement at Lane 274 off 275 of Crooked Lake. Mr. Reinhold said the neighbor that lives on the corner has blocked off the easement with a chain so people can't get up and down there. Apparently, one of the reasons she blocked it off is to protect it and Mr. Reinhold says that he agrees with that because last year he went and redid the hill and put drainage in with his equipment. He said that he worked with Larry Gilbert on that project as well. Mr. Reinhold said that the easement is huge and regulating it is the hard part. He said that several people have had piers there for over ten (10) years and that isn't the problem, it's the fight of who is able to go down there. Dan Reinhold said the woman that owns the property on the corner is trying to control that. He said that he is wanting to know who has the right to go down there, who is in charge of it, what is allowed, what isn't allowed and how they regulate the usage. He said that they are looking at help and wisdom on how to regulate it. Donald Stuckey said that if it is a County right of way, the world has the right to go down the right of way, it can't be blocked and no one can do anything on that right of way which impedes anyone



else's use of the right of way. Mr. Stuckey said that the Commissioners have nothing to do with the piers, the DNR determines that.

Jennifer Sharkey said that it is an easement in the Kidney's Addition Plat and whatever the bylaws are for that plat may outline what can be done. Donald Stuckey said they need to look at the plat and the Auditor's Records. He said that his experience with these old subdivisions is that they normally don't have much information listed. Mr. Reinhold said that the woman means well and he doesn't want to say anything bad about her, they are just asking for guidance. Mr. Stuckey said if the County owns the right of way, they have the right to do an enforcement. If it is just a general easement, then only the Courts have the right to enforce. Donald Stuckey said that he can look at the easement language of the original plat to see what is there.

Donald Stuckey submitted a letter to the Commissioners that is addressed to Peter Keck, BZA Board Member, regarding his removal from the BZA Board. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the letter and send it to Mr. Keck. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Donald Stuckey said that it needs to be put on the Commissioners' letterhead and then sent.

Mary Allred, EMS Director, submitted April 2018 Closeouts in the amount of \$5,276.05 and April 2018 Writeoffs in the amount of \$358,787.48, for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the April Write Offs and Closeouts. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair, Community Center Building Manager, submitted Delta T Invoices in the amount of \$1,895.90, for approval and requested that the Commissioners pay for them out of their budget. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve paying for the invoices from the Commissioners' Budget. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ronald Smith reported that one of the County Council Members has asked if another Courthouse Study Committee Meeting is going to be scheduled and asked what the Commissioners are doing. Commissioner Smith informed the County Council Member that he called Donald Stuckey and found out that the one property on the corner is no longer available. Ronald Smith said that another meeting needs to be scheduled so they can re-group. The Commissioners asked Donald Stuckey to approach the owners of the other home that is still for sale to see what can be done.

Ronald Smith wanted to address a letter that was received from the Mayors & Commissioners Caucus regarding becoming a non-profit organization, charging dues of \$1,500.00 and possibly hiring a lobbyist. James Crowl said that he is not in favor. Lynne Liechty said that she spoke to Nelson Peters and informed him that she goes to Indianapolis every month and they have a lobbyist. She said she can't really say if this would help in anyway. Ronald Smith said that they are talking about hiring a part time lobbyist whom would be paid \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00 to represent interests of the Caucus. Commissioner Smith said that the Mayors and Commissioners Caucus is basically a quasi-cohesive group because they never know who will attend the meetings. He said that they have done some good and the Caucus is well known through the rest of the State because of what they have done. Commissioner Smith said that he just doesn't see them turning into a lobbyist sort of group. Donald Stuckey said that Allen County dominates with the lobbyists because they have more funding. James Crowl asked if the Commissioners of larger Counties pay more for dues. Ronald Smith said all dues are the same. Ronald Smith said that a letter needs to be drafted and sent to John Sampson. He requested that the letter inform Mr. Sampson that the Steuben County Commissioners had a discussion concerning his request and because the Commissioners chose not to be a participant in a group hiring another group of lobbyists, it was not accepted by the Steuben County Board of Commissioners.

James Crowl stated that the Sheriff's Department is decommissioning a truck and Marty McNeal's Impala is about ready to fall apart. Commissioner Crowl thought maybe that truck could be given to Mr. McNeal to replace the Impala. James Crowl made a motion to give Mr. McNeal the decommissioned Sheriff's truck, to retire the Impala and sell the Impala on GovDeals.com. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Donald Stuckey informed the Commissioners that he has received communication from Christena Badger's Indianapolis attorney. Mr. Stuckey said that they are wanting to know if the Commissioners are interested in

entering into any negotiations before they file suit. The Commissioners informed Mr. Stuckey that they do not want to enter into negotiations. Lori Hickey, Chief Deputy Auditor, informed the Commissioners that she also received mail today concerning Ms. Badger and that she did file for unemployment.

James Crowl asked for an update from Donald Stuckey on RES Polyflow. Donald Stuckey stated that next Monday the Town of Ashley Plan Commission and the Town of Ashley is meeting to finalize zoning issues which is necessary for them to close on their transaction.

Erin Schiffli informed the Commissioners that she never heard back from the 4-H Board on Resolution 05-2018-01 regarding the use of the County Park for the 4-H Fair. James Crowl said that they are fine with it and the 4-H Board will meet next Monday night. James Crowl made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2018-01. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Resolution 05-2018-01 reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-2018-01**

**WHEREAS**, the Steuben County Commissioners value the contribution to Steuben County by the Steuben County 4-H Fair Association;

**WHEREAS**, the Steuben County 4-H Fair Association has utilized the Steuben County Park, located at 100 Lane 101B Crooked Lake, Angola, Indiana, for many years in order to hold the week-long Steuben County 4-H Fair. Traditionally, the 4-H Fair is held each year beginning on the third Friday of July and runs the duration of the following week.

**WHEREAS**, the Steuben County Commissioners wish to assure the Steuben County 4-H Fair Association that they are permitted to continue to use the Steuben County Park for the annual week long 4-H Fair beginning the third Friday of July.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Steuben County Commissioners:

1. That for the next twenty-five (25) years from the date of this Resolution, the Steuben County 4-H Fair Association is granted the use of the Steuben County Park, located at 100 Lane 101B Crooked Lake, Angola, Indiana, beginning on the third Friday of July for a week-long exhibit of 4-H Projects, known as the Steuben County 4-H Fair.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be no deviation from this resolution unless both the Steuben County Commissioners and the Steuben County 4-H Fair Association mutually agree to change the terms of this Resolution.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2018.

**Steuben County Commissioners**

Ronald L. Smith, President  
James A. Crowl, Vice President  
Lynne Liechty

ATTEST:  
Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: Dave Gee – Region 3a re: Brownfield Inventory; Sam H re: NIPSCO's Harmful Blue-rick LED Streetlights; Joy Hudson – HPG Network re: Mayors & Commissioners Caucus Non-Profit Organization Establishment; Amy Hesting – NEIndiana re: Permitting Celebration Reminder; Philip Worrall re: Ford Award Help; Ken Wilson re: Thunder Lakes Ribbon Cutting; West Otter Lake Association re: Membership; BoAC re: Memorandum 4/2018; Jake Harris – Pedestrian Protection Product Manager re: RediMat; Janel Meyer – Steuben County Soil & Water re: Approved Board Minutes; St. Joe River Basin Commission re: St. Joseph River Basin Symposium; Joe Fragomeni – American Structurepoint re:

Historic Michigan City Courthouse to Receive American Structurepoint Makeover; Stacey Meek – NICC re: Memorial Dedication Ceremony; Janel Meyer – Steuben County Soil & Water re: Preliminary Agenda.

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Lynne Liechty, North District

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