

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 15, 2014

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 15 2014, in the Commissioners Room of the Steuben Community Center. Present this day were Commissioners Ronald L. Smith, James Crowl and Loretta S. Smart. Also present were Donald Stuckey, County Attorney, Kim Koomler, Steuben County Auditor, Ruth Beer, Steuben County Councilwoman, Ken Shelton, Steuben County Councilman, Rick Shipe, Steuben County Council President, F. Mayo Sanders, Steuben County Councilman.

Loretta Smart made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment this day totaling \$556,993.76. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl made the motion to approve the Commissioners Meeting minutes from September 6, 2014. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes from August 18, 2014, for the Index Book, which were approved at the previous meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed the Community Center rental increase documents. Donald Stuckey stated that he reviewed the amended rental agreements. James Crowl moved to approve the new rental rate increase and the new rental contracts for the Community Center tenants. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. The Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to the tenants informing them of the increase in the rent for 2015.

A Boiler Loss Prevention Report was submitted to the Commissioners for review. Gary Fair was given the information on the repairs that are needed. Loretta Smart made a motion to give Gary Fair the ability to have the required repairs done. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

A Health Plan Termination Amendment was submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Kim Koomler, Auditor stated that since health insurance premiums are paid a month in advance, this amendment would make the termination date of the employee's health plan thirty (30) days after the date of termination of employment. James Crowl made a motion to accept the Health Plan Termination Amendment. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl reported to the Board of Commissioners on the meeting he had with the Humane Society Board. James Crowl stated that there is still ten (10) years and five (5) months left on the lease. They stated that they are running out of room and they want to expand. James Crowl stated that he informed the Humane Society Board that their leach field is hooked up to the Old County Home and Indiana Preservation is trying to find a buyer for that building. James Crowl also stated that at the end of the Humane Society's lease, the Highway Barn may not be located where it is now and he does not feel that the lease should be extended. James Crowl stated that he told the Humane Society Board that they should be aggressively looking for another place to build or they have the option of possibly purchasing the current piece of real estate. James Crowl stated that he did not venture into the second option because he was by himself at this meeting and it would be a joint decision by the Council and Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners took no action on the extension of the lease for the Steuben County Humane Society due to the amount of time left on the current lease and the other issues that exist.

The Steuben County Board of Commissioners plan on attending the IACC Annual Conference scheduled for December 1-4, 2014. Ronald Smith stated that whoever is elected Commissioner in November's election should be given the option to attend that conference as well and the information shall be forwarded to both candidates.

Additional requests by covered persons have been submitted. Donald Stuckey stated that he met with the prosecutor and effective July 1, 2014, there was a change to the statute making the removal of information mandatory if it is requested. James Crowl asked Chad Hoover, GIS, how much time it would take him to do each request. Mr. Hoover stated that it is the time he would have to take to go into each of the offices that needs to be considered. He stated that many of the offices get that information through the GIS website and once that information is removed from the public, he has to create user names, passwords and accounts for each employee that

needs to view the removed information. Mr. Hoover stated doing that takes an hour or two for every individual because he has to go through each of the 130 layers on the GIS and assign rights to each individual. Donald Stuckey stated that Chad Hoover indicated that a reasonable fee, to remove the information from GIS, was \$75.00 per parcel. Mr. Hoover stated that this removes their names forever unless they request to be put back on the site for public viewing. Chad Hoover stated that he talked with the GIS Coordinator in Allen County and in order for him to do this request, he expects an additional one and a half persons on his staff to coordinate at that level. Mr. Hoover stated that on the request form that has been drawn up, he stated that he cannot remove the information by name, he needs parcel numbers. He also stated that an acknowledgement has been put at the bottom stating that the information is only removed from the county's website, not Google Maps, Google Earth, Indiana Map, Indiana Gateway or the DLGF website, etc. Donald Stuckey stated that if a fee is going to be set, the Commissioners need to set that and a procedure needs to be adopted as well. Loretta Smart made a motion to set the fee for these requests in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per parcel, adopt the proposal from Chad Hoover and request that Council consider allowing the fee go back to the GIS fund, not into the General Fund. James Crowl seconds that motion and the motion carries with three (3) ayes.

Donald Stuckey submitted an ordinance for removing information from the GIS website and an address restriction/name change form to be attached as Attachment A. James Crowl made a motion to approve the ordinance and the address restriction/name change form. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-860

**AN ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT ADDRESSES ON PUBLIC
PROPERTY DATA BASE WEB SITE (GIS)**

Whereas, pursuant to Indiana Code §36-1-8.5 a unit of government that operates a public property data base web site, directly or through a third party, may establish a process to prevent a member of the general public from gaining access to the home address of a covered person by means of the public property data base web site; and,

Whereas, a covered person is defined as, a judge, law enforcement officer, or victim of domestic violence; and,

Whereas, the covered person has submitted in writing the information listed, but not limited to the Address Restriction form attached as Attachment "A" to this Ordinance; and,

Whereas, the following fees and charges and terms shall be accepted and collected by the Auditor of Steuben County, Indiana:

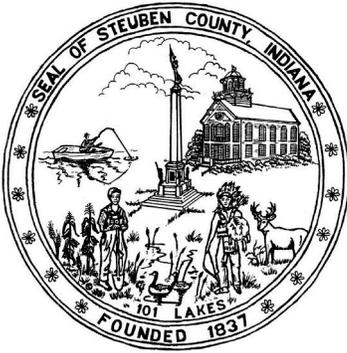
1. A fee of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per parcel as indicated on the Auditor's Tax Records that the covered person requests for the restriction and/or change of name of the records from the public property data base web site.
2. Any person or unit of government who has a dispute, or seeks relief from the terms of this Ordinance may seek resolution of that dispute or relief from the Board of Commissioners of Steuben County. The Board of Commissioners may grant such relief as is reasonable after recommendation from the County's GIS Coordinator.

This Ordinance shall be full force and effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

Dated: September 15, 2014.

Steuben County Commissioners
Ronald L. Smith, President
James A. Crowl, Vice President
Loretta Smart

Attest:
Kim Koomler, Steuben County Auditor



Attachment to Ordinance 2014-860

ADDRESS RESTRICTION/NAME CHANGE FORM

*Name (As it appears on Current Deed of Record and Tax Records, covered person must be listed on deed)

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

*Parcel numbers to be removed

- 1) _____
- 3) _____
- 5) _____
- 7) _____
- 9) _____

- 2) _____
- 4) _____
- 6) _____
- 8) _____
- 10) _____

All fields noted with an asterisk (*) are required, failure to fill in these fields result in an automatic denial of the request.

By signing the request, the covered person/persons understand that their records will only be removed from the public property data base web site maintained by Steuben County, Indiana. These records will remain available to view at the County Offices, through tax data requests, public records requests and the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance website and other websites such as, but not limited to Google[®] and Bing[®], not maintained by Steuben County.

I hereby have read and agree to the above terms and agree to such terms, and hereby request to have my name remove from the public property data base website maintained by Steuben County, Indiana.

Dated: _____, 20__.

(PRINTED NAME)

Frank Charlton, Plan Commission, came to the Commissioners regarding the rezoning of North Snow Bay 1st and 2nd Addition. Mr. Charlton said that it is currently zoned Environmental Control and the restrictions for the set backs are 15 feet versus 5 feet on side yards like it would be for Lake Residential. Mr. Charlton said that through the years the restrictions said they could build within 5 feet of the property lines. In moving forward several people have come in and asked for building permits but with the county zoning it says they have to be 15 feet. Several contractors came in wanting to get permits but they were turned down because the house was legally non-conforming and they would have to go for a variance. To eliminate that process, the Plan Commission is asking for

this rezone. On September 3, 2014, the vote was 8-0 and one abstention in favor of this rezone and it was for lots 1-27. Frank Charlton also said that the exact same thing needs to be done for lots 28-72. Mr. Charlton stated that since the Plan Commission Meeting there has been no rebuttal to this rezone. James Crowl made a motion to adopt Rezones Z-14-07 and Z-14-08 and rezone the North Snow Bay 1st and 2nd Additions from Environmental Control to Lake Residential. Loretta Smart seconds that and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ordinance No. Z-14-07

It is hereby ordained by the County Commissioners of Steuben County, Indiana, that the following described real estate in Steuben County, Indiana, which is currently zoned Environmental Control shall hereinafter be zoned as Lake Residence:

A part of the Northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 38 North, Range 13 East in Steuben County, Indiana, bounded as follows: Lots 1-thru 27 of North Snow Bay First Addition.

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DATED: September 4, 2014

Steuben County Board of Commissioners
Ronald L. Smith, President
James A. Crowl, Vice President
Loretta Smart

Attest:
Kim Koomler, Steuben County Auditor

Ordinance No. Z-14-08

It is hereby ordained by the County Commissioners of Steuben County, Indiana, that the following described real estate in Steuben County, Indiana, which is currently zoned Environmental Control shall hereinafter be zoned as Lake Residence:

A part of the Northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 38 North, Range 13 East in Steuben County, Indiana, bounded as follows: Lots 28 thru 72 of North Snow Bay Second Addition.

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DATED: September 4, 2014

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Attest:
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Frank Charlton also submitted a plat to the Commissioners for signatures.

Frank Charlton updated the Commissioners on the arena building at the County Park. Mr. Charlton stated that he has information from Leupp Buildings and they came in the least expensive with what the county is wanting for a cost of \$588,356.00. Frank Charlton stated that for a building that is 160' wide and 325' long; however, that

does not include the concrete, permits, electrical, HVAC or plumbing. He stated that price does include side wall insulation and ceiling insulation. Mr. Charlton stated that if savings are needed, the insulation could be cut down and the size of the large doors could also be cut down if needed. Ronald Smith and Frank Charlton both agreed that a Park Board Meeting needs to be scheduled. Frank Charlton stated that the Chief Building can be delivered the week of December 3-10, the other type of building cannot be delivered until at least February, 2015. Mr. Charlton also stated that the bleachers that are around the current arena will be put into the new arena building.

Donald Stuckey stated that either a procedure or the statute has to be adopted and usually specs with requests for proposals are sent out and it has to be advertised. James Crowl made a motion to move forward on the arena building according to procedure by submitting a Request for Proposals. Loretta Smart seconded the motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Todd Pfafman, Community Corrections, came to the Commissioners with a request to split the cost of maintenance on the furnaces. Mr. Pfafman stated that this invoice is for work already completed. He stated that Community Corrections was having problems keeping the building cooled this summer. Mr. Pfafman submitted an invoice from Delta T in the amount of \$642.00 and he is requesting that the Commissioners pay for half of that in the sum of \$321.00. James Crowl made a motion to pay for half of the Delta T invoice in the amount of \$321.00 from CAGIT 1110-000-3000-39. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl informed the Commission Board about a problem with drainage at Community Corrections. Due to no drain being installed in the walk way, the water is not draining properly and a piece of concrete needs to be removed and a drain installed. James Crowl stated that the cost should not be over \$1,000.00 and now is the time to repair it since the sewer work on Community Corrections is scheduled to begin. Loretta Smart made a motion to repair the drainage problem at Community Corrections, to be paid from CAGIT 1110-000-3000.39 and go to Council to request an additional. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Todd Pfafman also came to the Commissioners with a request to purchase a Unitech Scanner in the amount of \$409.84, items from Amazon in the amount of \$324.04 and ID Card Workshop software in the amount of \$159.95 with the Commissioners credit card. Loretta Smart made the motion to allow Community Corrections to use the Commissioners credit card to purchase a Unitech Scanner in the amount of \$409.84, items from Amazon in the amount of \$324.04 and ID Card Workshop software in the amount of \$159.95. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Mike Hall, Community Corrections, submitted a request to the Commissioners for approval to buy gear for the Community Corrections Officers. The quote that he obtained was in the amount of \$2,427.00. He stated that will be paid from the Community Corrections Budget from the State. James Crowl made a motion to allow Community Corrections to purchase the gear for the Community Corrections Officers in the amount of \$2,427.00. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair, Community Center Building Manager, came to the Commissioners with a Delta T invoice for the repairs that were made to the Multi-Purpose Room air-conditioning, in the amount of \$2,769.68. Mr. Fair stated that it was 90 degrees the day the air-conditioner stopped working and he felt that it was in the best interest of everyone to get that repaired due to the warm weather at that time. James Crowl made the motion to pay the Delta T invoice in the amount of \$2,769.68 from Cum. Cap. 1138-000-4000.15. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair stated that obtained three (3) quotes to get the Impala repaired, but he recommends reviewing the trade-in estimates for the Impala. Mr. Fair stated that the dealership will give the County \$2,225.00 per vehicle as a trade-in towards a new van. He stated that the back seat heating and air conditioning was an option available. Gary Fair also asked the Commissioners if they would like to add the hands free phone system as an option. To add that option it would cost \$614.00. The original figure on a new 2015 Town & Country van was \$21,998.00; however, the new total with the trade-ins and no hands-free would be \$16,926.00. Ronald Smith asked Gary Fair to compile information to present to County Council.

Gary Fair stated that he felt the Commissioners need to make a decision on the Impala, to either fix it or to pull it from the fleet due to the possibility of a county employee getting stranded while driving it. Kim Koomler

asked if county employees driving their own vehicles could be an option. She also stated that for state called meetings the gas is paid for out of unappropriated funding, not out of the budgets, so all of that expense is covered. The Commissioners agreed to pull the Impala from the fleet and not allow county employees to drive it due to the repairs that are needed. James Crowl stated that since the fleet is one vehicle short county employees will have to start taking their own vehicles and the county will have to reimburse mileage.

Ronald Smith spoke to Gary Fair about the Loss Prevention Report on the boilers and appointed Mr. Fair to take care of the issue and get the items in the report repaired. Once the repairs have been made on the boilers the Commissioners will sign the statement and return it to the insurance company.

Ronald Smith asked Gary Fair for an update on the leaking walls in the Community Center. Mr. Fair stated that he needs to get a second opinion on that issue and Frank Charlton is also helping with this issue. Gary Fair stated that out of the eleven (11) windows that were re-caulked and re-weeped, only one (1) of the eleven (11) didn't leak. Mr. Fair stated that the water is not coming in around the lentils like he thought, the water is coming in somewhere above that and down the wall which is why he recommends getting a second opinion. He stated that when it was raining, he captured close to 3.5 gallons of water in the Council on Aging Director's Office with one leak and in Purdue Extension he stated that the water is running in at two (2) different places.

Elten Powers submitted a request to the Commissioners to allow the Pleasant Lake Lions Club use the Auditorium and to waive the rental fees. Loretta Smart made a motion to allow the Pleasant Lake Lions Club to use the Auditorium and that the rental fees be waived. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Donald Stuckey submitted an amended rental contract for Gary Fair and Elten Powers to sign. Mr. Stuckey advised that there was a typographical error in that lease agreement; however, the Commissioners' Assistant will fix the error.

Elten Powers informed the Commissioners that the Pleasant Lake Lions Club took the liberty of having the piano on the stage tuned at a cost of \$130.00 because it was last tuned six (6) years ago.

The Commissioners received a request for preparation and submission of a Resolution Advocating Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and other Medical Treatments and Therapy for TBI and PTSD for Veterans by email. Donald Stuckey stated that he read the information and he does not understand why this is being requested of the County Commissioners. Mr. Stuckey also stated that he doesn't think that County Commissioners should get involved in determining medical procedures for Veterans. Upon advice from legal counsel, the Commissioners decide to take no action on this request.

The Commissioners received information on the OCRA meeting that is being held in Kendallville, Indiana at the Cobblestone Golf Course. Ronald Smith stated that he plans on attending that meeting on October 23, 2014.

The Purdue Extension Office has notified the Commissioners that Inger Friend has retired and Tami Mosier is being promoted to the Steuben County Office Director. Loretta Smart made a motion to appoint Tami Mosier as the Steuben County Purdue Extension Office Director. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary LeTourneau, Communications Director, came to the Commissioners with a proposal from Michigan Critical Partners regarding the radio issues that were presented on the 800 and the fire frequencies. Mr. LeTourneau stated that the goal is to not exceed \$50,000.00 and he is asking that the Commissioners accept the proposal so he can present it to County Council. Loretta Smart made a motion to accept this proposal and to allow Mr. LeTourneau to present it to County Council. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ronald Smith noted that a report was received from Christina Ebel, Veterans Services, and she notified the Commissioners that she has taken training that certifies her in Veterans Benefits. Ronald Smith requested that a letter be sent to her thanking her for getting her certification and that the Commissioners appreciate the work she is doing as the Commissioners have received several good compliments on the work that she's been doing.

The 2015 Commissioners Meeting Schedule was submitted for approval. Loretta Smart made a motion to approve the 2015 Commissioners Meeting Schedule. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tim Troyer, Sheriff, came to the Commissioners with an idea regarding the mobile command center. Sheriff Troyer stated that currently they have a 1995 Ford Dolphin that was a seizure vehicle back several years ago and it has about 39,000 miles on it. Sheriff Troyer wanted to propose possibly using the next ambulance that is to be decommissioned as the mobile command center instead of the Ford Dolphin and then either trade or sell the Ford Dolphin. Sheriff Troyer stated that he believed the Blue Book value on the Ford Dolphin is around \$5,000.00-\$7,000.00. Sheriff Troyer stated that the ambulance would be a better fit, he feels that the fact that the ambulance can fit in the garage instead of being outside in the elements, is a benefit. Sheriff Troyer said that he believes that the ambulance would be a better fit, county-wide, for any emergency that may require its use. Sheriff Troyer stated that he wasn't sure exactly how much it would cost to refurbish the ambulance and to equip it as the mobile command center; however, he believes that the radios that are in the Dolphin can be easily transferred to the ambulance.

Vicky Meek, EMS, stated that the ambulance would work great for Sheriff Troyer's needs; however, her goal was to trade the old ambulance in on the purchase of a new ambulance and she is doing a purchase agreement on that within the next month. Ms. Meek stated that if she is not going to trade in that ambulance, she needs to take that out of the purchase agreement. Vicky Meek informed the Commissioners that she will be getting between \$6,000.00 and \$15,000.00 for trade in on that ambulance. Ms. Meek stated that she believes that the ambulance would work well for the Sheriff's needs and that it is a good idea, but she doesn't want to short herself when purchasing a new ambulance.

Ronald Smith informed Jennifer Sharkey, County Engineer, that he inadvertently told her 400 N needed to be restriped and he actually meant 300 N. Jennifer Sharkey said that she would correct that as 400 N has been scheduled for restriping.

Emmett Heller, Highway Superintendent, submitted an update of work that has been done by the Highway Department. Mr. Heller requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise the available Mechanic position in the newspaper because no applications have been received. Jennifer Sharkey verified that there is a line item to pay for that advertising in the Highway budget. The Commissioners gave Highway permission to advertise the job posting in the newspaper.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that she has contacted 3 Rivers and they are extremely busy at this time with some INDOT projects but they are putting the striping on their list and the Highway Department has prioritized the road list submitted to them. Ms. Sharkey stated that the Highway Department has prepared the roads so if 3 Rivers can get different spots between their other projects, the roads are ready.

Jennifer Sharkey informed the Commissioners that the Gas Bids were sent out on September 9, 2014, the due date is October 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., with the bid opening at October 6, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. during the Commissioners Meeting.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted a utility permit #2712 for NIPSCO for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve utility permit #2712 for NIPSCO. Loretta Smart seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Jennifer Sharkey updated the Commissioners on the 200N/200W Intersection Project and said that all of the right of way documents were submitted on September 11, 2014, to INDOT. Ms. Sharkey stated that the letting is scheduled for February 2015 instead of January 1, 2015, because of the right of way delay.

Ms. Sharkey went through all of the scoring sheets of the inspection proposals and she stated that the winning firm is A&Z Engineering and that documentation was sent to INDOT. INDOT has reviewed that documentation and has approved the county's method. She stated that all of the firms that submitted letters of interest have been contacted regarding the results.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that she had a meeting on the Bike Trail last Wednesday with BF&S, Fox, E&B Paving, INDOT and Frontier. Ms. Sharkey said that Frontier is having difficulty to secure the resources needed to relocate the lines so the work may not be started until mid-December. She stated that they came up with a different plan of lowering the existing line instead of relocating them and that is being reviewed. Ronald Smith asked what Ms. Sharkey's opinion of the best option was and she stated that she felt that relocating the utility line was the best idea. Ms. Sharkey also stated that the mock-up of the cut wall is located at the Hoosier Hill Inn Property for texture and color to make sure it looks the way we want it.

Ms. Sharkey stated that the Bridge Inspection Contract Report is in and in each of the Commissioners' mailboxes. She stated that there are five bridges that have work scheduled. Most of that work is maintenance activities but on Bridge 11 on 400 S there is more extensive work involving preserving the steel beams.

Jennifer Sharkey stated that she did not have an update on the Maple Street Project. She is still waiting on INDOT to get back with her on scheduling a scoping meeting. Ms. Sharkey stated that a meeting has been scheduled for the TIGER Grant with the Branch County EDC on October 29, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., in Coldwater, Michigan. She stated that was set up by the Steuben County EDC to gain further support across the border for this project. Ms. Sharkey stated that she also been contact with the Toll Road and have identified who would be involved in this decision process and she will coordinate a time to meet with them at a later date.

James Crowl asked who was going to be the lead agency on the Maple Street Project. Jennifer Sharkey stated that there has been discussion on that and that is why a lot of the meetings are being scheduled, not only to gain support for the project but to also investigate other financial partners. James Crowl stated that the County cannot take on another project right now unless there are finances available.

Ms. Sharkey stated that for the new 200 N project at 827 for engineering and right of way, those proposals were due last Friday by 3:00 p.m. and the eight (8) firms that have submitted letters of interest are: Northwest Consultants, Donahue/Herceg, DLZ, Lawson Fisher Associates, A&Z Engineering, Primera Engineers Ltd., Crossroad Engineers and American Structurepoint. Ms. Sharkey stated that she will be getting the packages prepared for the Commissioners and for the representatives from the City of Angola. She stated that this selection will be different in that all proposals will be scored and the top three (3) will be selected to come back and prepare a presentation.

Jennifer Sharkey also updated the Commissioners on the Title VI Implementation Plan. She stated that she has talked with Kim Koomler about scheduling a Personnel Committee Meeting to discuss the plan. Ms. Sharkey also stated that she will be attending a mandatory training on November 18, 2014, so she is officially certified that way the County is in compliance with the Title VI requirements.

The Commissioners discussed the Durable Medical Equipment coverage in the county insurance policy. Ronald Smith stated that there is a discriminatory clause in the policy on the Durable Medical Equipment and he believes that the Commissioners need to take a look at that issue. He stated that it is discriminatory in the type of benefits that are provided. James Crowl requested that Shelley Hansen put in writing that it is discriminatory because he did not get that feeling when she came to a past meeting. Donald Stuckey stated that it is not illegally discriminatory but it is discriminatory. Loretta Smart stated that she thought the Commissioners addressed the issue and stated that in January when the insurance contract needed to be renewed, that issue would be addressed at that time.

The Commissioners discussed the 2015 EDC Allocation. Ronald Smith stated that the funding was placed in the 2015 budget and if the Commissioners wish to challenge the fact that it will be funded for next year, the EDC needs to know that. James Crowl stated that he believed that in the minutes it was stated that the Commissioners decided that the funding would be there if they held open meetings. If the EDC did not hold open meetings, the funding would not be there. James Crowl said that the minutes could be checked to make sure, but he believes that was the understanding in April. Loretta Smart stated that she believed that was what was decided. James Crowl said that a letter was sent to the EDC at that time stating that fact. Donald Stuckey stated that it was his understanding that the EDC complied with the Open Door Law, which is a little different because there is a question as to whether they have complied with the Open Door Law or not. Ronald Smith stated that it was his premise as well because they did their due diligence and that basically showed that they were right in their interpretation.

James Crowl requested that the minutes be checked to see exactly what was stated. If it was stated Open Door Law that is one thing, if it was stated open meetings, by the Commissioners request, it's another.

Velda Dose addressed the Commissioners about the issue of golf carts that was brought up at the Lake Council Meeting. Ms. Dose stated that she understood that golf carts are only allowed on lake roads with a yellow sign and you can't run golf carts on State or County Roads. Ronald Smith told her that she was correct on her interpretation. The Lakes Council was wondering because the kids driving the golf carts are out joyriding and there is nothing saying how old they have to be, that they have to have a license, etc. Ms. Dose stated that if there's an accident a Sheriff would come out to do a report; however, the Sheriff won't come out for a property damage incident involving a golf cart. The Sheriff also won't have enforcement on the roads with yellow signs. Donald Stuckey stated that the exception is that street legal golf carts can be purchased.

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: Jessica Christen, Steuben County EDC, re: Our Story Invitation; IDEM re: 17th Annual P2 Conference and Trade Show Agenda; County Commissioners re: September 8 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; General Preservation Corporation re: exterior preservation of courthouses; Karr Tuckpointing re: masonry building inspection; County Commissioners re: September 2 email from Commissioner Schaafsma; NEIndiana re: Partnership news; Purdue Road School re: Call for Abstracts; ENR Events re: Atlanta Conference; Ronald Everett re: caution lights at Dekalb/Steuben county line and Old Hwy 27; Jessica Christen Steuben County EDC re: 7th Annual Economic Development Forum; Jack Gerard, API re: Record setting summer for American Oil and Natural Gas; Maria Davis re: Downtown Car Cruise-In; NACo; ENR re: Top Contractors; SJRBC re: meeting information and presentation;

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ronald L. Smith, President, South District

James A. Crowl, Vice President, Middle District

Loretta S. Smart, North District

Attest: _____
Kim Koomler, Steuben County Auditor
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