

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
May 12, 2014

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Commissioners Room of the Steuben Community Center. Present this day were Commissioners Ronald L. Smith, James A. Crowl, Loretta S. Smart, Gary Manahan of Manahan Construction and Craig Williams from the City of Angola.

The Commissioners met for a special meeting regarding the sewer repairs that are needed at the Steuben County Community Corrections.

Commissioner Crowl spoke with Mr. Manahan before the meeting to familiarize himself on site regarding the sewer repairs.

Gary Manahan, with Manahan Construction addressed the Commissioners regarding the sewer repairs. At the May 5, 2014, Commissioners Meeting, the Commissioners approved a \$4,670.00 estimated cost for the sewer repairs for Community Corrections at the southeast corner of the parking lot. On Thursday, May 8, 2014, Manahan started digging the sewer up and there wasn't any breakage in the area outside the catch basin.

On Friday, May 9, 2014, the sewer pipe was cleaned and scoped out and it was determined there was no damage underneath the county's parking lot. Manahan hired Shorty's and they found that underneath, between the sidewalk and the curb (the parkway), there is a very healthy Maple tree that broke the top of the glazed tile and has standing water. Since that was outside the designated area that Manahan's was going to repair, it had to be fixed temporary so Community Corrections would have sewage. The sewer has to be fixed from the hole made from the Maple tree, to the catch basin in the south bound lane of South Wayne Street. Manahan advised that eventually the roots from the Maple tree are going to get bigger and solids are going to be caught on the roots and the sewer will clog up.

Craig says that the County needs to at least put in a new catch basin and then go to the storm sewer. He also stated that the county either needs to go straight out from the catch basin and take out the storm water and then also take out the sanitary and put in a brand new one or do a sewer bust. Mr. Williams said that the sewer bust would be less expensive than to cut the road.

Gary Manahan believes that the project is outside the parameters of what his company does and feels it best that he bows out and let someone else, that works with the road all the time, handle it.

Mr. Williams is going to get Mr. Manahan contact information for the company that the City of Angola used for their last sewer bust and Mr. Manahan said that he's willing to make contact with that company.

Gary Manahan stated he will put in the concrete catch basin and they will replace the concrete as originally planned and he also stated that he incurred bills from Shorty's and Dilt's for the camera work and cleaning out the sewer pipe.

Commissioner Crowl asked Mr. Williams who is responsible once we get into the City's real estate. Mr. Williams stated that the City's ordinance holds that the property owner is responsible for the lateral up to and including the connection of the main. Even though it is in the right of way, it would be the County's responsibility to maintain.

Commissioner Crowl and Mr. Williams had a discussion regarding catch basins and the flow of the water.

Commissioner Crowl explained that one pipe that was put in years ago takes care of storm water and sanitary is bad under the Maple tree. Where there was one pipe, there now needs to be two so that the storm water and the sanitary are separated.

Commissioner Smart asked if the sleeving of the pipe is something Manahan would do or does a specialty company need to be hired? Manahan said that work is a specialty and a different company would need to be hired. Gary Manahan said that Craig Williams from the City of Angola has the information because they've already done a similar fix in town and the City was satisfied with the work. It's less intrusive and you don't have to cut the street as much. Commissioner Smart stated that Fremont has done that in the past, it works very well, is less expensive and is less intrusive.

Craig Williams said there will probably have to be a little bit of excavation in South Wayne Street in the south bound lane because the bend radius of the pipe they are installing would require excavation. Mr. Williams and Commissioner Crowl discussed other options that are available.

Gary Manahan said that he intends to take a folder and put it in the old boiler room in the basement of Community Corrections with copies of what needs to be done for a future sewer tap.

Mr. Williams said he will do what he can to make sure there are no snags.

Commissioner Smith requested numbers and Gary Manahan said that he will come back with quotes including all options for fixing the sewer.

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