May 20, 2019 Commissioners’ Meeting Continued

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 20, 2019

The Steuben County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019, 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, Ken Shelton, Steuben County Councilman and Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor.

Mike Sevits, Annex Maintenance, informed the Commissioners that the North EMS air conditioning needs to be replaced. Mr. Sevits said that it would cost approximately $2,500.00 to $3,000.00 to get a new one installed. Lynne Liechty made a motion to purchase and install a new air conditioner at North EMS. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Frank Charlton, County Park Superintendent and Kylee Harris, Event Center Coordinator, informed the Commissioners that Republic Services has been billing the County for the dumpster at the Clear Lake Park when the Contract is only for May 1 thru October 1. Donald Stuckey said that he would contact them and requested a copy of the Contract and the amount paid.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to officially approve the Contract with Ron Billingsley for the Exotic Pet Show. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ronald Smith asked if there were more campers at the County Park Campground. Frank Charlton said that they have eight (8) or nine (9) new campers so far.

Crystal VanPelt, Purdue Extension, informed the Commissioners that they have two (2) summer interns in the office.

Ms. VanPelt requested permission to have phone lines installed in the Pillar Room next to the Purdue Extension Office. She said that she has spoken to Tami Sumney, IT Director, and Ms. Sumney is okay with the lines being installed. James Crowl made a motion to approve the installation of the phone lines. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. VanPelt informed the Commissioners that in conjunction with the Angola Hometown Collaboration Initiative, they are unveiling sculptures that will be displayed on each of the four (4) quadrants of the mound. She asked if any of the Commissioners would be willing to attend the event. Lynne Liechty said she would place it on her calendar.

James Crowl made a motion to approve the claims submitted for payment this day totaling $588,629.85. Lynne Liechty 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 May 6, 2019. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes from the April 15, 2019, meeting that was approved at the last Commissioners’ Meeting.

Donald Stuckey opened the Highway Bids for the E 20 N Paving Project. Bid Tabs are as follows:

- E&B Paving: $104,410.00
- API: $112,256.00
- Brooks: $113,883.00

All bids were given to the Highway Department for review and recommendation.
Bryan Klein, SLRWD Superintendent, stated that he approached Emmett Heller and Jennifer Sharkey regarding an opportunity for SLRWD and the County to work together to pave the mile of road that leads to the District on 150 from 900 to 800. Mr. Klein introduced Steve Henschen, SLRWD Engineer from JPR. Mr. Henschen submitted a map to the Commissioners showing the area where they would like to have improvements done. Bryan Klein said that this would give them an avenue of paved road that leads to the District for all of the customers, vendors and contractors that come to the Plant. He said that they average approximately 300 or more people coming to the Plant on a monthly basis. Mr. Klein said that the majority of the homeowners on that road are within that first mile so they will benefit as well. Bryan Klein said that the upkeep over a year’s period for the gravel road as compared to a chip and seal road is about the same.

Steve Henschen stated that one of the things the District is looking at right now is improvements at the Waste Water Treatment Center, primarily the old polishing pond and with this they have an opportunity to go to the State Revolving Fund. He said federal funds are brought into Indiana and entities like the District or other Municipalities can request funding. Mr. Henschen said that they’ve been doing a combination of grants and loans to help offset the cost to the users of the District and with that, they felt that there may be an opportunity for some sort of cost sharing project, which has been done successfully in the past.

Mr. Henschen said that the District is offering to supply approximately $90,000.00 of aggregate material; however, they cannot do the paving, but they are allowed to supply the material if the other share of the cost is by the County performing the work and installing the chip and seal product. He said that the quantity was figured using the length of a mile, with 22’ wide and 4” deep of aggregate that allowed them to come up with a cost to purchase and deliver the aggregate to a site to be stockpiled or used as it is being applied. Mr. Henschen said that the Preliminary Engineering Report is being submitted to the State Agency this week, they will make a decision in July, closing of the financing will happen by December and then construction would happen in 2020.

Lynne Liechty asked Jennifer Sharkey what the County portion would be and if the amount of aggregate they are proposing would be enough. Ms. Sharkey said that she would consider doing some asphalt pavement for turning movements to that area, but as far as an overall cost, she would have to do more research.

Ronald Smith said that the number of vehicles and the size of the vehicles would largely determine how long the chip and seal would last. Lynne Liechty said that if the road is paved, more people will start using it. Jennifer Sharkey asked with this being federal funds, how this would tie into roadwork. Steve Henschen said that from their standpoint and under their guidelines, it is just them supplying materials to a local agency and the County would not have any requirements.

Jennifer Sharkey, Highway Engineer, stated that the Contractor started work on the 200 N/SR 827 Project. She said that they will have lane shifts or restrictions, but traffic will be maintained. Ms. Sharkey said that hopefully by the next Commissioners’ Meeting the additional Change Orders will be completed.

Ms. Sharkey reported that she is still working with the Contractor on the Bike Trail. She said that they had a tentative start date of May 28; however, they are trying to push the start date back to July. Ms. Sharkey told her that a July start date would not be accepted. She said that the original completion date is June 15 and they are still hoping for that. Ms. Sharkey said that penalties will be added to the Contract due to delays.

Jennifer Sharkey said that she had a conference call on May 15 for Bridge 51 to discuss the consultant fee. Ms. Sharkey said that she does have a draft proposal and she will present that to the Commissioners at the next meeting for consideration. She said that she would like to get Community Crossings funds in 2020 for this project. Ms. Sharkey said that it would depend on the permitting requirements for the stream relocation to see if it would be appropriate for Community Crossings funding or if they need to look at Federal Funding.

Ms. Sharkey reported she is hoping to use 2020 Community Crossings funds for Bridge 17 as well. She said that they should have final plans by the end of the year so they can bid the project contingent upon funding.

Jennifer Sharkey said that she would get the scoring sheets compiled and send to INDOT for review and then they can announce a winner.
Ms. Sharkey reported that the US 20 Unofficial Detour Reimbursement was around $84,000.00 so she will coordinate with the State to see if that is the maximum amount allowed for reimbursement or if the bids coming in above that if there will be an adjustment to that Contract.

Jennifer Sharkey submitted the award documents for the Community Crossings Projects.

    Community Crossings Paving Project #1 – E&B Paving - $804,332.00
    Community Crossings Paving Project #3 – E&B Paving - $162,155.00
    Community Crossings Paving Project #4 – API - $129,222.50

James Crowl made a motion to approve the Community Crossings Paving Project Awards. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Sharkey said that the Community Crossings Paving Project #2 is a micro surface and is an RFQ. She said will have that for the next meeting.

Ms. Sharkey said that she went and drove Bellefountain Road again and spoke to the property owner about the driveway and site distance concern. She said that they can look at the speed limit and possibly extend the 40 MPH limit through that area and install a hidden driveway sign at the bottom of the hill. Jennifer Sharkey said they informed the property owner that it would most likely help their situation if they would move their driveway further east to get more on top of the hill; however, they had some concerns about the tree that is there and they will probably have concerns as far as who does the work and who pays for the work.

Jennifer Sharkey said that LTAP is combining several of the data files into a single GIS file which is very helpful for local analysis and data management. She said that the plan will be highlighted at the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors Conference in a couple weeks.

Ms. Sharkey said that for the 100 N Drainage, Mr. Strang is not able to attend the meeting scheduled for May 28. She said that she would bring this matter up during Drainage Board so the Surveyor can assist in scheduling a time for the meeting. Ms. Sharkey said that if one Commissioner could be in attendance that would help in the discussions.

Emmett Heller, Highway Superintendent, reported that they have been doing extensive patching. He said that they worked on 300 S, 250 S and 625 W. Mr. Heller said that today they are working on 800 W and 850 W around the Toll Road.

Mr. Heller said that they are working with E&B Paving on a couple paving projects and because of the rain their schedule is backed up. He said that they plan on paving all of Ball Lake 201 before the holiday and then Crooked Lake after the holiday.

Ronald Smith said that if the end of the McJunkin’s driveway could maybe be turned to the right, it might be beneficial. Emmett Heller said that they spoke about that this morning and if you sit in the driveway and start to make that turn, you are either looking over your shoulder or looking into the mirror and you are going down over the hill the entire time. Mr. Heller said that the best thing to do to move the driveway to the property line.

Brett Pepple, 265 S. 700 E, stated that he is responding to a letter that he received from Donald Stuckey regarding the recently installed pond on his property. He said that the letter stated he was in violation of the law with the outflow and he was somewhat confused because the pond was approved by the Planning Commission. Donald Stuckey said that Mr. Pepple did call his office and he explained to him that the Plan Commission doesn’t approve drainage issues and they certainly can’t approve drainage onto County Road Right of Way because only the Commissioners can do that. Mr. Stuckey said that it is a private drain and needs to be addressed by the Commissioners.

James Crowl said in the future when the pond gets full and the water starts flowing through there it will be a tremendous amount of overflow into the County Road ditch and that is unacceptable. Commissioner Crowl said that it will do damage to the road and to the neighbor on the other side. He said who ever installed the pond should
realize that is not normally done and you don’t dump a 12” tile into a Highway Ditch but you can dump into a County Ditch with approval by the Surveyor. James Crowl said that there is a County Ditch to the south of Mr. Pepple.

Mr. Pepple said he didn’t know if the overflow is actually in the right of way but he would be willing to cut that back. James Crowl said that the water is still going to go into the ditch. Mr. Pepple said that he understands that, but with the natural lay of the land the water went into that ditch anyway and it is his belief there will now be less water going into the ditch because he has to keep the pond full of water. He said that he believes there would be minimal outflow from the pond going into the ditch.

Jennifer Sharkey said that there would be a difference between the sheet flow versus a channelized flow and the County Ditch would handle sheet flow. With the flow being channelized it comes all at once and that is where the potential flooding issue comes into play. Mr. Pepple said that a lot of the water is coming from the property to his north and there is a tremendous amount of water with a natural waterway.

Lynne Liechty asked if the solution is to try to slow the water down. Jennifer Sharkey said that she believes that there is stone at the outlet already. The Highway Department has looked at possibly moving the roadside ditch down to the County Drain that way if they did get the surge of outflow from the pond they could hopefully not have it forced across the road but down to the Legal Drain.

Lynne Liechty asked if Mr. Pepple built the pond in order to drain the water from his property. Brent Pepple said that area in question is typically wet and to make it look nice and appealing he wanted to install a pond. He said that he doesn’t like the pipe that the Contractor installed leading out to the right of way and he would be willing to cut it back, swale it and wrap it. Mr. Pepple said that one of the local farmers is going to seed around the pond for erosion control and appeal.

James Crowl said that there will be a cost to the County for the damaged that it is being caused by the pipe. Commissioner Crowl said that they can take care of the water but someone is going to have to pay for fixing the drain from Mr. Pepple’s pipe to the Open Ditch and he doesn’t think it is fair the County should be paying for it when it is being caused by Mr. Pepple’s water. Mr. Pepple said that he doesn’t agree that he is causing any issue. James Crowl said that if the pond gets full and we get rain, there will be real issues with water going over the road and over on the neighbor’s yard.

Emmett Heller said that the ditch needs to be cleaned and they need to start by Mr. Pepple’s driveway. Mr. Heller said that he agrees with Mr. Pepple on the water coming out of the field because that is causing a lot of trouble and that is why it needs to be cleaned out.

Ronald Smith said that he has sympathy with Mr. Pepple in the fact that he already has an expense because he provided an area of retention and that water is always going to be the same volume because it is draining the same amount of land. James Crowl said the water is being dumped in one spot and it is going to cause an erosion problem. Ronald Smith said that can be mitigated and taken care of. Brent Pepple said the surface area of the pond is one (1) acre. Ronald Smith stated if the pond raises two (2) inches, that is a lot of water. He said the pond serves as one of the things that they have been looking for in building projects and they keep telling people to put in retention ponds but the exit area needs to be taken care of. Commissioner Smith said that they will allow Mr. Pepple, the Contractor and the Highway Department to work on this issue.

James Crowl asked if Mr. Pepple would be willing to split the cost with the County. Mr. Pepple said that if he felt like he was adding to the issue, he would be open to that; however, he thinks he is helping the situation more than hurting it.

Donald Stuckey said that the law is that water is a common enemy of everyone and when you have natural flow and contour there is not an issue, it is everyone’s problem; however, when you collect and drain, you violate the law as far as the common enemy doctrine because you pooled it and then you discharged it. Mr. Stuckey said that is what is prohibited under Indiana law. He said that it may very well help the situation by retaining the water, but you can’t retain water and discharge on someone else’s property. Donald Stuckey said that the pooling and
discharge is the issue. He has every right to put a pond on his property, retain the water, but he can’t just put a pipe in discharging the water onto someone else’s property.

Jennifer Sharkey said that she didn’t realize that there was an approved plan and she feels that there is a disconnect in the local operations. She said that if everyone was in the discussion from the beginning, maybe they could have worked at that, so she does feel for Mr. Pepple in that regard that there was a permit or approved plan provided.

Ronald Smith asked if costs could be calculated and brought back to the next meeting. Donald Stuckey said that if the pipe is in the right of way, it cannot be and that violates policy. Brent Pepple said that he plans on pulling the pipe back out of the right of way as he is not comfortable with it being there. Mr. Pepple said that he had the Contractor install a dry well that can be used by the local Fire Department if needed. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Pepple for coming to the meeting.

Doug Bidlack, Turning Point Shelter President, spoke to the Commissioners regarding the Annual Allocation. Mr. Bidlack said that he has had people come to him and ask why the Commissioners gave more money to the Humane Society than to Turning Point Shelter. He said that he told them it was lack on Turning Point’s part because they didn’t come and ask. Mr. Bidlack said that it is not in him to beg and ask, but the position he is in, he feels forced to do so. He said that they continue to see broken homes, addictions and there are people in great need. Mr. Bidlack said that Turning Point is run by local people and helps local people. He said that whatever funds they receive, they will turn around and invest it into helping more people and the more funds they have the more people they can reach out to. Mr. Bidlack said that if you give a man a fish you feed him for a meal, but you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime and that is their mindset at Turning Point. Ronald Smith said that they will put the allocation request of $30,000.00 under advisement.

Shannon Thomas, Turning Point Shelter, said that she has been at Turning Point for five (5) years now and they continue to grow. Ms. Thomas said that she has seen a lot of lives change as they are helping to prevent children being born addicted, they have prevented children being hungry and being on the streets. She said that she loves her job and they teach budgets, they have parenting classes and they try to uplift and get people’s self esteem back. Ms. Thomas said that the people they are helping are getting regular jobs and back into the community where no one would even know they were at Turning Point. She said that they are making a difference in Steuben County. Shannon Thomas asked the Commissioners to try to imagine what the County would look like if they didn’t have Turning Point. She said that they helped 200 people two years ago and 189 last year whom may be sleeping in the parks, possibly stealing, in jail or involved with DCS. Ms. Thomas thanked the Commissioners for letting them present.

Rodney Robinson, Sheriff, said that if the Contract with Canteen Services is approved, he will need to purchase trays in the amount of $1,440.00. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the purchase of the trays. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Sheriff Robinson submitted the Contract with Canteen Services for approval. He said that this Contract will reduce his staffing in the kitchen by three (3) employees and they are hoping for a start date of June 17, 2019. James Crowl made a motion to approve the Contract with Canteen Services. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Tami Sumney, IT Director, requested permission to purchase three (3) network switches in the amount of $8,921.02. Ms. Sumney said that these switches are at the end of their life and support is no longer available. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the purchase of the three (3) network switches in the amount of $8,921.02. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Rae Delaney, Payroll, submitted the May 10, 2019 payroll in the amount of $391,297.73 for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve the May 10, 2019 payroll. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.
Wagler & Associates, Inc. submitted Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 for the County Park ADA/Rensch Hall Project for approval. James Crowl made a motion to approve Change Order #1 and Change Order #2. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the repairs made to the Annex entrance door in the amount of $368.70. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

James Crowl made a motion to approve the repairs to the Community Center Chiller Circuit #2 Butterfly Valve not to exceed $4,000.00. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Clint Knauer, Plan Commission submitted the Strasser Petition to Vacate and Ordinance No. 3146. Mr. Knauer said that this is the one at 201 Lake George and it has been pending for months. He said that a Dedication has been approved and they are ready to move forward. Donald Stuckey said that it exists, but the Commissioners need to pass the Ordinance. Mr. Stuckey said that they are vacating the old easement, right now there are two (2) easements and the Commissioners are vacating one (1). Lynne Liechty made a motion to pass on 2nd and 3rd readings. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. Ordinance 3146 reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 3146**

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

**REGARDING THE VACATION OF A PLATTED EASEMENT, FIRST ADDITION TO FOREST PARK**

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Vacation of a Public Easement 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 public way 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 public way 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 EASEMENT IN STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA IS HEREBY VACATED:

An Ingress-Egress Easement to and from Lake George over the Easterly five (5) foot of Lot numbered 15 in the First Addition to the Original Plat Forest Park, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 15, as monument by a 5/8 inch rebar, and also being the point of beginning; thence North 18 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds East on the East line of said Lot 15, 164.98 feet to the
shoreline of Lake George; thence departing the East line of said Lot 15, North 78 degrees 13 minutes 45 seconds West, on and along the meanderings of the shoreline of Lake George, 5.07 feet to a point located on the shoreline of Lake George; thence departing said shoreline, South 18 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds West, parallel with the east line of said Lot 15, 165.47 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 15; thence South 83 degrees 47 minutes 19 seconds East, 5.13 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.02 acres more or less and being subject to easements and/or rights of way of record.

THENCE, all of said vacated public easement, described in the attached description, shall pass in fee title to the owners of Lots 14 & 15 (Map# 76-03-15-410-209/210.000-006)

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

First Reading: 12/3/18
Second Reading: 5/20/19
Third Reading: 5/20/19

Lynne A. Liechty Northern District
Ronald L. Smith, President Southern District
James A. Crowl, Central District

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

Gary Fair submitted quotes for the repair of the Courthouse Wall. Mr. Fair said that they were talking about tearing the wall down and then rebuilding with stackers. He said that was not in the budget for 2019 and he has called off the engineering team. Mr. Fair said a quote from Rathburn Masonry to repair the existing wall, using the brick and the cut stone from the tunnel demolition came in at $9,550.00. Mr. Fair said that he contacted four (4) different contractors and this was the only one that responded.

Gary Fair said that he contacted three (3) different contractors on this project and received only one quote. Mr. Fair said the quote from Chuck’s Custom Concrete is for demolishing the tunnel, removing the roof line, taking the brick and cut stone to use for future use and that came in at $14,800.00.

Mr. Fair said the concrete will have to be cut out of the sidewalk to access the lower brick. The City of Angola is suggesting that be backfilled with stone after the work is complete. He said that he spoke to the City Engineer and the electricity is going to be put three (3) feet away from South Wayne Street so it is going to be away from the Courthouse Wall. Mr. Fair stated he tried to get a good price on this project and the total with these two (2) quotes is $24,350.00. He said that is prior to getting the stone work filled in and any other work that is not foreseen when the tunnel is torn down.

Gary Fair said that this is Option #2 and the City brought to his attention that there is an Option #3 and that is to do nothing. If the County proceeds with Option #3 and the City proceeds with their sidewalk project, once the County decides to move forward with this project, the new sidewalk will be torn up and repairs will have to be made.

James Crowl said that the water line has not been addressed. Gary Fair said that there is no reason to address the water line in his mind. He said that if renovations are made to the Courthouse, that would mean that a new domestic line would be coming in to the building anyway.

Commissioner Crowl said that doing nothing is a mistake. The wall needs to be fixed and the City of Angola is putting in new sidewalks. Kim Meyers stated that no money has been set aside and/or budgeted for the project.

Ronald Smith said that what has to be done has to be done and the Commissioners are acting in that capacity. Commissioner Smith said that Gary Fair came to him and asked him if he would make this his idea.
Ronald Smith said that they were coming back from a meeting with the Mayor and Gary Fair said that this could save a lot of money, but he didn’t want it to be his idea, he wanted it to be Commissioner Smith’s idea. Ronald Smith said that Gary Fair has come up with a workable plan, it will save the County considerable money and is doing the right thing. Commissioner Smith thanked Mr. Fair for his investigation and for working on this. James Crowl made a motion to accept Option #2 and the quotes from Rathburn Masonry and Chuck’s Concrete for a total cost of $24,350.00. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Gary Fair also submitted a quote to install a sidewalk where there are currently pavers making a walkway from the Martha and Wall Parking Lot. Mr. Fair said that the pavers are not acceptable and he would like to have a sidewalk installed. He said that the quote he received was for $1,100.00 and he is willing to pay half from his .53 account if the Commissioners are willing to pay the other half. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the quote and for the Commissioners to pay for half of the sidewalk. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Sheryl Kelly, BoAC, informed the Commissioners that Todd Gorman has resigned his position on the BoAC and they are recommending that the Commissioners appoint Greg Diehl as successor. Lynne Liechty made a motion to appoint Greg Diehl as Todd Gorman’s Successor on the BoAC. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Ms. Kelly also stated that a ten (10) year inspection is required for the fuel tank at the Airport. She said that the approximate cost of that inspection is $5,000.00 and they would like to pay for that inspection from the fuel proceeds that the BoAC would otherwise give the County. Donald Stuckey said that the BoAC cannot write a check to pay the bill for the inspection. Kim Meyers said that the funds must come through the County and then be appropriated at the June Council Meeting. Ms. Meyers said that she would add it to the June Council Meeting.

Patrick Kirkpatrick, EMS Director, came back to the Commissioners as requested regarding Ambulance funding options. Lynne Liechty made a motion to allow Mr. Kirkpatrick to go to County Council and request an additional appropriation from the Cum. Cap. Fund in the amount of $138,000.00. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty said that they are exploring the possibility of selling the Clear Lake Park. Commissioner Liechty said that the County would have to prove that there are no living relatives of the original donor and prove that it is not in the best interest to keep it as the original donation intent. Donald Stuckey stated to sell, Council would have to be on board as well. Mr. Stuckey said there were some restrictions on that property. Kelli Johnson, Chief Deputy Auditor, said that there are a few documents that Erin Schiffli found on the Clear Lake Park, but a title search would probably have to be done; however, a Judgement for Quieting Title was found. Donald Stuckey requested the documents be sent to him via email.

Pam Feller, Probation, submitted a request to allow the Director of the Northeastern Center to ride in a County Vehicle on June 10, 2019, for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant training in South Bend. James Crowl made a motion to approve the request. Lynne Liechty seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the final invoice from Handy Excavating and the Change Order in the amount of $6,090.00. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes. The Commissioners also asked Erin Schiffli to inquire about the flag pole that was at the Old County Home because the Commissioners would like to keep it if possible.

Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the preliminary documents for the Council on Aging 2020 5311 INDOT Operating Grant and to allow Denise Kreais, Executive Director, to apply for the grant. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.

Donald Stuckey submitted a document regarding the designation of the Commissioners as the Hearing Authority pursuant to IC 36-7-9 (unsafe building law) adopted by Ordinance No. 660. Lynne Liechty made a motion to approve the document. James Crowl seconded that motion and the motion carried with three (3) ayes.
May 20, 2019 Commissioners’ Meeting Continued

The Mayors and Commissioners Caucus of Northeast Indiana submitted a letter regarding an invoice for 2019 Dues. No motion was made and the matter did not pass for lack of a motion.

Donald Stuckey informed the Commission Board that Robert Keen would like to schedule an Executive Session regarding pending litigation and asked what availability the Commissioners had on their calendars.

James Crowl asked Donald Stuckey about agreements for North EMS and the joint driveway. Mr. Stuckey said that he has requested the deeds; however, he has not received them yet.

The Commissioners received the following correspondence: Jacque Clements, IACHES re: Newsletter; Ben Beer, USI Consultants re: IACC North District Meeting Pre-Party; Ken Wilson, JICI re: RES Polyflow Groundbreaking; RJ Kunkle, The Traditions Group re: Courthouse; Janel Meyer SCSWCD re: Approved Minutes; Emily Stone, General Hotels Corporation re: Wingate Angola; Letter from State Reps to Eric Holcomb re: US 30 Improvement Funding; BoAC re: Memorandum 5-19.

STEUBEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____________________________________________
Ronald L. Smith, President, South District

_____________________________________________
James A. Crowl, Vice President, Middle District

_____________________________________________
Lynne Liechty, North District

Attest:  __________________________________
Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor