

January 21, 2016

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21st MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V96-39 Minutes of January 19, 2016 Motion to approve:
1st-Beaman 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Elliott-absent, Rogers-yes

V96-40 Bills
1st-Beaman 2nd-Elliott Roll call: Elliott-yes, Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes

V96-41 Payment of Bills Ditch Maintenance
1st-Beaman 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes, Elliott-yes

V96-42 Steve White rate increase of 3% effective 1/11/16 on the recommendation of the IT Committee
1st-Elliott 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Elliott-yes, Rogers-yes

V96-43 Commissioner Beaman moved to rescind resolution V85-206 done on October 5, 2010 on the Alternative Energy Zone. The latest wind farm has eliminated approximately 60 turbines in Logan and Hardin County. The legislature tried to pass legislation to give more authority to the locals regarding set-backs and revenue but it failed. This would only be for programs going forward to be more involved with the affected individuals having rights at the table. Also includes solar power. Allows local control and say so. Commissioner Rogers-the AEZ was to be a smoother transition, streamlined. Commissioner Beaman-Van Wert County experienced a wind energy project and saw faults. Numerous landowners got out to the agreements because of no say. The County Commissioner can be more involved. Does not take away anyones rights to enter into an agreement. Relocations trigger set back requirements. Any changes. Logan County has no AEZ-the locals were involved and worked with the wind farms to negotiate as a group to find a solution to satisfy each-no fault against existing companies. This point forward. Effective today.
Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Rogers-yes, Elliott-yes, Beaman-yes.
Signed: Permanent Easement with Rick L. McCullough ref: Gander Run #1109
Permanent Easement with John & Nancy Farthing, Sandra L. Brown, Rosemary Farthing Ref: Gander Run #1109
Frontier Geoteck, Inc. for GIS Data
Bellefontaine Fire Dept. for GIS Data
Logan County JDC Ag. 1/1/16-12/31/18, 3 beds

Amanda Southward and Mark Southward of Allstate. They mainly do employee benefits. They presented a sample packet of what they offer. Commissioner Rogers noted the county recently had a bad experience with an agent and at this time had no interest. The packet will be forwarded to the Auditor for review. Can be reviewed later in the year.

Mike Bacon had a health insurance question. An employee's spouse carried the health insurance and now the spouse is retiring. The employee will take health insurance with the county. Can the spouse come on? He can get his own insurance. If there is available insurance somewhere else, that is where they should go. The Prosecutor will be consulted. A bid for a new truck at the transfer station is ready. \$150-180,000 needs moved from the Landfill fund into the Transfer Station fund. Mike did do the additional appropriation for this purchase. The Allstate presentation was discussed.

Steve White will sit in a phone conference with Windstream on Friday. The courthouse phones system will be first on in February.

Jerry McBride and Jeremy Billenstein, gave an update on Soil & Water. A new Chief was appointed at the state level. Kurt Heinz. Soil & Water is now under ODA. ODA has been very welcoming. The ORC Sections will all need changed. There are more waterways than time may allow. They hope to have a Soilcon/trainee employee to help. Jerry thanked the commissioners for approving the 2016 budget. A planning meeting is scheduled for February.

Commissioner Beaman gave an update to Soil & Water on the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project.

Commissioner Elliott left for the day.

Commissioner Beaman moved to authorize the bid process for a new roll off truck for use at the Hardin County Transfer Station. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Elliott-absent, Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Randall S. Rogers

_____, YES/NO
Brice S. Beaman

_____, YES/NO
Edward O. Elliott II

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board