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Workshop Round III: *Safeguarding Your Public Image on Social Media*

September 27, 2017



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Term ends December 31, 2018

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Owen County Councilman Anton Karl Neff
20 hrs · 🌐

The agenda for an upcoming special meeting of the Owen County Council has been posted. The only item of business is to perform a binding review of Jennings Township's proposed 2018 budget. Simply put, in the event that a majority of a township board's members are firefighters that serve with a department the township funds, the budget is to be considered by the county fiscal body. This meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor meeting room of the courthouse and it is open to the public. #OCINGov

OWEN COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – September 25, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

Open Meeting with Pledge to American Flag - Moment of Reflection

1. Public Hearing – Jennings Township Budget

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Anton Karl Neff is with Shannon Neff
15 hrs · 🌐

My wife Shannon became ill (we suspect heat/sun-related) while on recess duty outside at school this afternoon. She did require transport to the hospital and is resting at this time. Many thanks to Julie, Vicki, Peggy, and others at Spencer Elementary for tending to her, and Owen County EMS for their outstanding response. She should be back to normal soon.

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Heather Combs, Jeff Richardson and 260 others

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Vi Simpson Get well, Shannon. The world needs good folks like you!
Like Reply · 4 hrs

Ann Haffner Prayers for your wife, Anton.
Like Reply · 50 mins

Kay Caldwell Mahoney Hope she's feeling better.
Like Reply · 8 mins





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September 20 at 8:23am · 🌐

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Sept. 18, Owen County Highway Department superintendent Joe Pettijohn was arrested and taken into custody by the Indiana State Police. Charges filed in the case include conflict of interest, both level 6 and level 6 of theft, both class A.

Pettijohn was arrested Monday morning and is sealed until late in the afternoon. He was taken to the Honorable Kenneth Moore Circuit Court in Spencer. Pettijohn's attorney, Michael Parsons, filed a probable cause affidavit with prosecutor Don Egle. State Police Detective Egle is in charge of the investigation.

In the probable cause affidavit, Egle states, "My investigation concluded that Joe Pettijohn, Owen County Highway Superintendent (county employee), purchased a Gradall from the City of Martinsville. The Gradall was transported by a county employee, on county time, using county equipment, to Mr. Pettijohn's residence.

"The Gradall was worked on by a county employee before or days after the Owen County Auditor cut the check. On May 18, 2017, the Owen County Auditor, Patty Steward, cut a check to Michael Parsons, the middle person in the plan, to get the Gradall out of Mr. Pettijohn's name. It is known that Joe Pettijohn profited from Owen County in the amount of \$4,697 from the county check for \$14,500.

"With the transaction with Michael Parsons, Mr. Parsons received \$300 for being

the middle man in the plan for the county to possess the Gradall."

The investigation originally began on May 31, 2017 with a telephone call from County Council president Jennifer Abrell to Detective Egle.

Information was gathered from and interviews given to numerous individuals. Bank records were subpoenaed and county highway department activity logs reviewed during the course of the three and a half month investigation.

"It is my understanding that an individual in a Commissioner appointed County position has been arrested," Abrell said in a prepared statement.

"I am deeply saddened at the possibility that Owen County taxpayers have been defrauded. Know that the safeguarding and security of taxpayer monies is paramount to your Owen County Council.

"As president, I immediately contacted law enforcement when presented with information suggesting those monies had been misdirected.

"While still only allegations, I am optimistic that taxpayers will see justice in this matter. Rest assured that your Council members are serious about our duty as stewards of County funds," Abrell concluded.

According to court records, Pettijohn was released from the Owen County Security Center on a \$750 cash bond following his arrest. An initial hearing was set for Friday, Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Readers are reminded that criminal charges are only allegations and this defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Joe Pettijohn



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 **Spencer Evening World** September 19 at 8:28am · 🌐

Owen County Highway Superintendent Joe Pettijohn was arrested Monday morning by Indiana State Police Trooper Ryan White on two counts of Theft; Receiving Stolen Property, and one count of Official Misconduct, according to information received this morning from the Owen County Sheriff's Department. More details are forthcoming.

 **PETTIJOHN ARRESTED**
During Monday morning's meeting of the Owen County Board of Commissioners, the three member panel of Donnie Minnick, Steve Williamson and Jeff Brothers recessed to go into executive session before reconvening to make a stunning announcement.
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September 19 at 10:39am · 🌐

Yesterday, the Indiana State Police had arrested Owen County Highway Superintendent Joe Pettijohn. I have not yet been provided a copy of the official report or examined the court documents but, the County Commissioners oversee the operations of the highway department and I do know that they had suspended him for the next two weeks while they investigate this further. #OCINGov





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September 19 at 2:17pm · 🌐

For those of you following the news concerning the recent arrest of our Owen County Highway Department Superintendent, the warrant and charges are now unsealed after judicial hearing, and noted below.

Case/Filing # 60C01-1709-F6-000705

State of Indiana v. Joe A Pettijohn

35-44.1-1-4(b)(2)/F6 Felony: Conflict of Interest def., being a public servant, knowingly or intentionally...

35-44.1-1-1(1)/F6 Felony: Official Misconduct def., a public servant, knowingly or intentionally commits an...

35-43-4-2(a)/MA: Theft...

This case will now work its way through the justice system so that both the State of Indiana and the defendant can have equal opportunity to address these charges. Remember, a defendant is innocent until proven guilty.


Source: Indiana's Odyssey Case Management System

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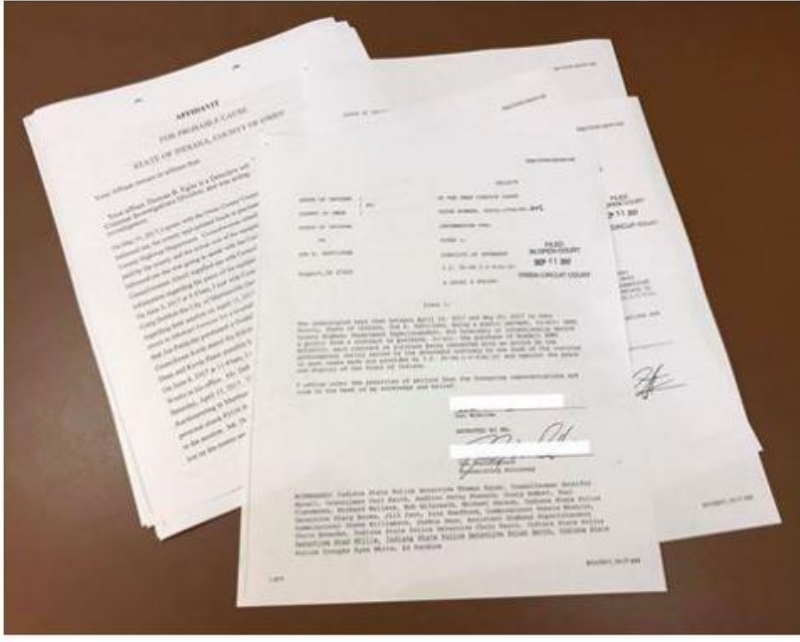




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 **Owen County Councilman Anton Karl Neff**
September 20 at 2:44pm · 🌐

There has been a lot of information shared/posted via social media that is not entirely accurate concerning news of the recent arrest of Owen County Highway Department Superintendent Joe Pettijohn. It is most important that this information comes from official verified sources. To that end, I have obtained copies of the Probable Cause Affidavit and charges filed. These are posted for public view via my website at <https://tinyurl.com/ztxmv45> so that folks can read the report d... See More





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January 14 · 🌐

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Description

This page is the official and verified page of Owen County Councilman Anton Karl Neff, who represents District Two on the Owen County Council in Owen County, Indiana.

Purpose

- Provide information concerning the Owen County Council.

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