

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 21, 2016

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on March 21, 2016. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney, Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Vollmer. Minutes of the March 7, 2016, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: COUNTY WAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

Charmian Klem, as a member of the County Wage Study Committee, appeared to advise that the Committee has been discussing with the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University the conducting of a wage study of County employees. A proposal by the County to the School must be received by May 1, 2016. The consulting fee would be free, but reimbursement of expenses would be payable. A contract will be submitted by the School to the County.

RE: FOREVER FAMILIES RUN 5K

Kira Stone, representing Forever Families organization, appeared to request use of portions of CR 100 S and Old Huntingburg Road as part of a 5K activity on September 10, 2016, from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. The roads will not be closed, but shared with vehicles. On motion made and seconded, permission was granted. The organization will provide signs. A portion of roads used are City streets.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Department activities as follows:

Division Road	No report
Part Time Summer Help	Request part time help to assist on weed control. This is an annual event. On motion made and seconded, permission was granted.
Additional Appropriation	As previously requested, the Supervisor was authorized to apply to the County Council for \$500,000 from EDIT funds for road paving. The Commissioners authorized the request by the Highway Department. Extended discussion was held on HB 1001 and SB 67.
2016 Paving Plan	Due to EDIT and State funding, cut three hot mix projects and Pass QB project from 2016 summer work. The Ireland Walnut Ridge Court road has been paid for by the subdivision developer and will be completed this year.
Annual Operations Report	On motion made and seconded, the report is approved and signed.

RE: ELECTION BOARD

Roger Messmer, Election Board President, appeared to discuss and obtain a final decision on poll locations for the May, 2016 election. He explained the alternative solutions and problems with computer communication at certain locations. The Board desires 2 poll pads at each site, and currently 11 sites were proposed. There is not adequate equipment for 13 sites. The Board is to study the use of a limited number of polling centers, as compared to current Super Centers. Extended discussion followed. After discussion, on

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motion made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed with proposal as originally presented by the Board, except that Birdseye will have a poll for Jefferson #2, and Schnellville will have a poll for Jefferson #1.

RE: GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K

Sarah Leonard, Girls on the Run Committee, appeared to request use of part of West Ackerman County Road from 7:30 am to 10:30 am on April 30, 2016 for the 5K Run. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted the request, with the condition that signs be displayed. The road will not be closed, but will be shared with traffic.

RE: RADEMACHER FARM EXCEPTION

Phil Buehler appeared on behalf of Eugene Rademacher to request a family farm exemption for a 3.27 acre tract for grandson, Blake Rademacher, in the NE q of the SE q of Section 22-T3S-R6W in Cass Township. On motion made and seconded, the exception was granted.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted the following reports on Highway Engineering projects:

Huntingburg RR Overpass	Invoice from City for \$4,812.46 for services by DLZ for project design. On motion made and seconded, claim approved and payment authorized.
Summer Interns	Requested to hire 2 summer interns, as in past. Normally interns do bridge design and work and are paid from Bridge Fund. On motion made and seconded, permission granted.
Bridge #147	Pre Construction meeting held, Agreement has been submitted to Contractor and will be submitted to subsequent Commissionersq meeting.
Title VI Plan	Will be required by State in future related to Title VI Discrimination. Copy of plan has been received and is being reviewed.

RE: HIGHWAY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Ann Messmer, Highway Clerk, appeared to request approval of an Additional Appropriation of \$210,000 in the Local Road Highway account and \$910,000 in general Highway Accounts for paint, stone, bituminous and paving accounts. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Additional Appropriation, subject to approval by the County Council. The Highway Clerk also requested approval of a transfer of funds within the Highway Fund, from the Workman& Comp fund to the Insurance Liability and Casualty fund of \$4,000. On motion made and seconded, the transfer was approved.

RE: VETERANS USE OF COURTHOUSE – MAY 28

The Auditor reported that the County Veteran& Council has requested use of Courthouse lawn and restrooms on May 28, 2016, for VeteransqDay Observance. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was granted.

RE: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 5

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The Auditor reported that request has been made that the east lawn and porch of the Courthouse be used on May 5, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for the World Day of Prayer Observance. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was granted.

RE: INSURANCE BENEFITS AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

The Commissioners entered into a discussion of Insurance benefits and wages of County employees.

RE: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT – CELL PHONES

The Commissioners discussed use of personal cell phones by Solid Waste employees. The Auditor informed the Commissioners of the County's cell phone policy and of the various plans offered by cell companies. Auditor to discuss phone plan with Solid Waste Director.

RE: EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATIONS VIDEO

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the HR Committee to present a video previously viewed by the Committee to the County employees. The video relates to communications by employees and relations with the general public. The Committee will coordinate when the video will be offered.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The Commissioners set future meetings of the Commissioners for April 4 and April 18 and for May 2, all beginning at 8:00 am, and for May 16, beginning at 8:30 am. The Solid Waste District Board will begin at 7:30 am on May 16.