

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on September 6, 2016. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathy 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 Fleck. Minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting of the Commissioners had been previously distributed to the Commissioners and were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of August, 2016 were as follows: Recorder \$15,163.48; Health Department \$18,525.07; Auditor \$54.00; Clerk \$36,483.05. Claims against the County were examined and those found to be just, due and owing were allowed and those found to be not due and owing were disallowed, all as more fully set forth in the Claims and Allowance Docket of the County.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS WATER HEATER

Jerry Gramelspacher, Dubois County Community Corrections custodian, appeared to advise that the hot water heater at the Center is leaking and will have a short life. He reviewed with the Commissioners the process which he followed to select a replacement. He requested proposals from 6 area companies and received 4 proposals. He discussed the options given to the suppliers and the reasons for each. The following proposals were presented and opened:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Option #1</u>	<u>Option #2</u>
Schroering Plumbing	\$33,151.87	\$55,849.79
Mehringner Plumbing	\$30,650.00	\$59,550.00
R & G Mechanical	\$28,900.00	\$53,900.00
Huntingburg Machine Works	\$24,204.00	\$48,766.00

The proposals were returned to Mr. Gramelspacher for review. He will report back to the Commissioners at the September 19th meeting.

RE: LETHA SULLIVAN – CUZCO REAL ESTATE

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, representing Letha Sullivan of Cuzco, appeared to advise the Commissioners that 2 tracts on the north side of Cuzco are owned by the County as a result of prior tax sale. After extensive discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Tract #109 would be conveyed to Mrs. Sullivan in exchange for her payment of all recording, deed, and survey expenses. Tract #107 will be retained by the County as a dedicated roadway, and adjacent owners will have the right to apply for driveway permits thereto.

RE: THERESA LEHMKUHLER – JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, representing Theresa Lehmkuhler, appeared to request an exception for Parcel #19-15-02-500-013.000-013, for construction on the site, which does not have adequate road frontage under the County Land Use Ordinance (Subdivision Control). The Commissioners, landowner, and surveyor discussed the problems which could result from granting an exception to this request. Mrs. Lehmkuhler will continue to obtain an easement between her tract and the public roadway.

RE: COUNTY EMA ORDINANCE

Tammy Humbert, County EMA Director, appeared to submit a proposed Amendment of Ordinance dated April 5, 2017, updating the original Emergency Management Ordinance. On motion made and seconded, the Amendment to the Ordinance was approved.

RE: HUNTINGBURG STELLAR PROJECT

Huntingburg Mayor Spinner appeared to submit a report of the current Stellar Project. He stated that the Senior Housing project is completed and that a number of the rental units are occupied. He also discussed the fact that the City is reviewing locations for a Community Room which could be used by various agencies, including the County EMA, in the event of emergency, and informed the Commissioners that the City proposes to use approximately \$25,000 of the prior County commitment to the program for engaging Garmong to develop the plan for this project. The Commissioners expressed no objection to the proposal.

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The Mayor also reported on the status of the railroad overpass project, including that necessary real property has been acquired. The original estimated cost of \$10,000,000 is still in line, with DLZ providing engineering services at a cost of 11% of the project costs.

The Mayor also discussed City flooding problems during prior periods of heavy rains. An area which causes a portion of the problem has been determined, and a study, including a review of Ell Creek, is being done, involving the Corps of Engineers and County Highway Engineer.

RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Ann Messmer, Highway clerk, appeared to request the following Transfers of Funds:

From: Solid Waste - Highway Reimbursement	\$10,000
Solid Waste - Gas, Oil & Diesel	\$10,000
To: Solid Waste - Refuse Disposal	\$20,000
From: Highway - Workmen's Compensation	\$15,000
To: Highway - Equipment Repair	\$15,000

On motion made and seconded, the transfers were approved.

RE: ASSURED PARTNERS – EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE

Keith Saunders, a representative of Assured Partners, appeared to present a proposal for providing employer paid life insurance to Dubois County employees, as well as voluntary group life insurance. He submitted rates from Principal Life for voluntary term life insurance, AD & D, dental and vision coverage, and critical illness. Saunders discussed Blue Cross network coverage as compared to our current network, and stated that the group life benefit he is proposing offers a 25% lower premium than our current plan. The voluntary life insurance does not require a minimum number of participants.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit his report of Sheriff Department activities for the month of August. The Security Center currently has 84 inmates, which equals 100% occupancy. The Sheriff discussed current drug use in the area, and the fact that the jails are being filled with users rather than dealers.

The Commissioners discussed with the Sheriff several concerns which are set forth in the Jail Staffing Analysis, as prepared by Bennet Associates during August, 2016, as previously distributed to the Commissioners. The Analysis was prepared at the Sheriff's request using funds from the Department's budget. He explained that since the Department of Corrections has ceased holding level 6 felony inmates, these individuals are now being placed in work release, home detention and Security Centers. He stated the need for planning for future expansion of the current Security Center is necessary, but should involve relocation of Courts and related offices from the Courthouse. Pending completion of the plan, due to the overcrowded conditions, the Sheriff requests extra hours from the staff, with overtime salaries is paid for the overtime hours. The Commissioners discussed the requirements for such planning.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of the current status of Department projects:

Security Gates	Installed with punch list items on electric to be resolved.
Purdue Farm Road	The road has been determined by INDOT to be under no one's jurisdiction, and is not on INDOT inventory of roads. INDOT will not pay outstanding bill. DNR paid the prior bill in 2014. Offer made to DNR that if they pay 2014-15 billing, County will add to inventory. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to accept the Purdue Road into County inventory, regardless of bill payment.

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CR 625 S Co-op Chip/Seal	Dedication of road by Carla Fleck on file. Fleck is to co-op road in front of her residence. Question by Fleck as to unpaved area of 210 feet between Kyana Road and residence, and she agrees to pay 1/2 of extra 210 feet of paving. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the dedication and co-op and approved paving the extra 210 fee on a 50-50 basis. The owner will pay \$1,920.08 as her share of co-op in front of residence, and 50-50 share of 210 feet extra space.
Jail Sinkhole	Work reported to be completed to remove sinkhole on jail property and to replace culverts to eliminate future sinking. Total cost is \$4,641.59 for the Contractor, plus services and materials added by Department. On motion made and seconded, payment of claim was approved.
Holland Sanitation Site	Estate of Steve Hunter has requested \$600 per year for 3 year lease. Past cost was \$400 per year for 5 year lease. Supervisor was requested to attempt to negotiate acceptable terms
Haysville Sanitation Site	On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved renewal of the site lease at Haysville Park for 5 years with rent at \$400 per year.
CR 450S	Progress being made in dirt work on road. Will continue work to 800W and pave next year.
Shop Tool Purchase	Prior employee owned his own tools and took them with him when he retired. Purchase of replacement tools for \$2,699.77 will take care of problems in vehicles being referred to repair services in the area. The shop is currently reviewing diagnostics programs.
Federal Highway Administration Seminar	The Supervisor has been invited to attend Federal regional seminar in Minneapolis on October 25/26, plus 2 travel days. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized attendance, with all expenses to be paid by Federal Highway Administration.
Chip Seal Paving	All paving and patch projects are complete. Bids for Durapatcher will be opened at next meeting.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current engineering projects, including:

Community Crossing Grant

County has received \$476,306.22 grant, to be used on 6 paving projects. Projects will be let on October 3. INDOT will have meeting on

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Bridge #147	grant use on September 16 th . End bents are complete, beams are set, and welding is in process.
Paving Update	Current status given.
CR 400W	Ell Creek in and north of Huntingburg is causing flooding in Huntingburg. Huntingburg proposes \$75,000 for study. Ell Creek is not a public ditch. County has committed to clean ditch at bridge near Farbest plant, but narrow ditch down stream causes bridge to be a recurring problem.
Department IT Problems	Department has been having problems in obtaining computer services form Matrix, since all service points are at Courthouse. Repairs are taking too long, and new equipment is not being installed. When computer is down, it can be out of service for 3 days. Additional, Engineer does not have administrative password as requested.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners have set the future Commissioners' meetings:

September 19, 2016	8:00 a.m.
October 3, 2016	8:00 a.m.
October 17, 2016	8:30 a.m., following Solid Waste meeting.