

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 1, 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 February 1, 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 January 19, 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 January, 2016 were as follows: Recorder \$11,979.42; Health Department \$20,601.19; Auditor \$104.00; Clerk \$41,462.75. 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: DUBOIS COUNTY STRONG

Ed Cole, Dubois Strong, appeared to discuss the need for a Certificate of Occupancy, as required by lenders for certain construction. The primary concern is with the City and Town areas. The County will be given a copy of the proposed paperwork to determine if the County should participate in the project.

Cole also discussed the labor supply in the multi-County area. The goal is to let industry know that there is labor available in our area and to collect data on persons available due to plant closing, etc.

Cole also advised the Commissioners that the truck driver training classes are still necessary, but that VU has been unable to find an instructor. A retired driver could provide the needed requirements.

RE: CR 800 W

Daryl Lee and a number of property owners appeared to inquire as to the status of CR 800 W project. The Highway Supervisor advised that CR 450 is first on the list and should be completed within 2 years. The first work on 800 W should occur in 2017, when hills will be cut and leveled out. The owners requested that rock be added and that the level of the roadway be raised. The Commissioners explained that the Corps of Engineers would object to increasing the elevation of the road. The owners also complained about lack of snow removal when required. The owners questioned why other roads are being paved and repaved while 800 W is receiving no attention. It was explained that for an unknown reason, the petition and road dedication was not recorded six years ago when initially filed and therefore the road was not eligible for improvement.

RE: ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE IRISH TROT – MARCH 12

Alice Brescher and Bob Boyles of the Ireland St. Patrick's Celebration Committee appeared to request closing of CR 500 W and Clay Street in Ireland on March 12, 2016, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am for the Irish Trot (5K). The race runs from Ireland School south to CR 150 W, thence east on 150 W to Wheatland Dr, thence south on Wheatland Dr to Ladino Ln, thence west on Ladino Ln to CR 450 W; thence north on 450 W, 150 N and 500 W to place of beginning. The Committee will pick up from the Highway Department the necessary signs. On motion made and seconded, the partial closing of subject roads was approved.

RE: DUBOIS LIBRARY REPORT

Nathan Held of Indiana Region 15 submitted the annual report of operation at the Dubois Library.

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RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Department projects:

Division Road Land Donation	It has been determined that the land donation would depend on whether a River monitoring station would be constructed at that location. Berg reported on discussions with the Corps of Engineers regarding the location for a monitoring station, and Lake elevations for flood purposed, as relates to discharge at the dam.
Roadside Mowers	Department needs to replace 3 roadside mowers. Money is available in the Highway budget. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Supervisor to obtain quotes for the 3 replacement.
Highway Driver Replacement	The Commissioners set an executive session on February 11, at 3:30 pm to interview applicants for replacement for truck driver position now vacant.
Sanitation Stickers	On recommendation by the Supervisor, the Commissioners authorized the purchase of 300,000 trash stickers.
Garage Door Replacement	The Supervisor discussed the garage door replacement and advised that he has been advised that other doors and windows also need replacement. The Department budget will cover this cost. The Supervisor was authorized to obtain expected costs.

RE: AVIAN FLU

Tammy Humbert, Director of Emergency Management, presented to the Commissioners a report of the current status of the Avian Flu in the Dubois area. She reported that State and Local government cost to date is \$478,000. Ten farms are involved. The project is currently in a 21 day compost status. The USDA is still on the scene, but State personnel have left the County. Tests will continue to be run during the 21 day period to determine if disease is present.

RE: GROW SW IN WORKFORCE BOARD, INC.

Jim Heck and Angie Sheppard of Grow SW IN Workforce Board, Inc appeared to discuss the Work One SW status. An area will be held on April 29 at Ft. Branch. He discussed programs to keep teenagers in schools until graduation in order to obtain subsequent job attainment. He also discussed the number of jobs available within the County, the number of individuals on unemployment, and the top five job positions requiring applicants.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted the following report of projects:

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Bridge #147

Invoice received from CHA for \$5,345 for services on project design. On recommendation of the Engineer, on motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved payment of the invoice.

Schnellville / Santine Rd Intersection

Suggests installing warning signs which light up when auto approaches intersection to warn of intersection. Light would flash on the road and give caution. Santine Road is a ~~stop~~ road. Lights are solar lights with battery backup. This intersection is different than most intersections because of the steep hill on the thru-road, which prevents normal sight warning. This situation being a safety matter, the cost could come from EDIT funds.

CR 550 S Safety Mirror

The Commissioners discussed location of a safety mirror to enable a driver on CR 550 S to observe traffic at the Club Road intersection. The mirror would be on County right-of-way but away from the road. The cost would be paid for by the Company requesting the mirror. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the project as a safety factor.

RE: THRESHOLD FOR MATERIAL LOSS POLICY

The Auditor submitted a proposed policy establishing a ~~threshold~~ threshold for Material Loss, Shortage or Theft of County Funds or Property, as currently required by the State Board of Accounts. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the policy and established values to be used therein.

RE: INTERNET SERVICE

The Commissioners discussed the renewal of the PSC Internet connection at County facilities as compared to the new Smithville connection. The PSC contract would be for an addition 3 year extension to the current agreement. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved extension of the PSC contract.

RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY DESK

The Auditor reported that the Courthouse Safety (Security) Committee has requested that a security desk be installed on the main floor of the Courthouse. The cost of an elevated desk and chair is estimated to be approximate \$2,000. The electronic equipment (computers) required could come from County inventory. Question was raised as to how security officers would be assigned to occupy the desk location. The Auditor will speak to the Sheriff.

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RE: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Two proofers used by County Weights and Measures are no longer used and are no value. On motion made and seconded, the items were declared surplus and authorized to be disposed of as junk.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

Future meetings of the Commissioners are set forth:

February 16 (Tuesday) at 8:00 am

March 7 at 8:00 am

March 21 at 8:30 am (Solid Waste at 7:30 am)