

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 4, 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 January 4, 2016. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Lawrence M. Vollmer 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 Fleck. Minutes of the December, 2015 meetings 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 December, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$14,397.45; Health Department \$37,651.83; Auditor \$250.00; Clerk \$29,843.93. 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: REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Upon nominations duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the following were elected as officers of the Board of Commissioners for 2016:

President	Larry Vollmer
Vice President	Randall Fleck

RE: SECURITY SYSTEM

Sheriff Lampert, County EMA Director Humbert, and Astro Security, Inc. representative Doug Fischer, appeared to describe the proposed new security alarm system proposed for the Courthouse and Annex facilities. Discussion was held on extending the system to include Health Department and Highway Department. Cost of installation at Courthouse and Annex would be approximately \$42,000, of which \$15,000 would be covered by grant. The approximate cost for the Health Department would be \$8,000. Approximate annual expense would be \$780 for the Courthouse. An additional appropriation would be required for installation of the system and a more exact amount will be presented at the next Commissioner meeting and must be submitted to the County Council.

RE: SECURITY CENTER REPORT

The Sheriff introduced new Deputy Logan Clark. Sheriff Lampert submitted his monthly and annual report of the Department and Security Center. He reported that a 2010 Dodge vehicle is up for replacement this year, which would also require Council funding approval. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved replacement of one vehicle during 2016, subject to County Council approval of funding.

RE: BRENT WENING – DRAINAGE

Brent Wening appeared to complain to the County Drainage Board regarding changes made by a neighbor to a drainage plan established under a RCS-USDA program in Section 33-T1N-R5W, in Boone Township. The changes were made by the neighbor on his own property, but resulted in change in the flow of water on neighboring property. Attorney will check State Ditch Statute.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Division Road	No report
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Excavator Replacement Rudd Equipment will provide a piece of equipment as bid for demonstration. Comparable Volvo equipment appears to have no ownership by any area department.

Driver Vacancy Employee Charles Verkamp has retired from the Department as driver and a replacement is required. The position also serves as a summer mower.

RE: FREEZE – THAW ORDINANCE

The Highway Supervisor submitted a proposed Freeze . Thaw Ordinance which the same as annually adopted and applies to any load in excess of 10 ton gross load, and roads as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. To prevent damage caused by excess weight on County Roads during periods of freeze and thaw, the Commissioners hereby establish a 10 ton gross load (weight) limit on all motor vehicles operated on County Roads within Dubois County, Indiana during the period from January 15, 2016 through April 15, 2016. Jasper 3rd Avenue from Jasper city limits south to S.R. 162 is exempt from this Ordinance.
2. Operation of motor vehicle on any County Road in violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class C infraction, as defined by I.C. 34-6-2-85 and I.C. 34-28-5-4.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted: January 4, 2016

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted said Ordinance as presented.

RE: SCHNELLVILLE ROAD AT SANTINE ROAD

The Commissioners discussed the intersection of Schnellville Road and Santine Road, based upon a number of accidents at the intersection. Prior discussions concerning the intersection and the case of reduction of the elevation of the hill on Schnellville Road west of the intersections and other solutions were reviewed. The high cost of hill removal and gas line relocation were discussed. Signs and speed limits in place were discussed. Excess speeds appear to be a major problem.

RE: BRIDGE #147

Highway Engineer Wendholt reported that the plans for Bridge #147 should be received shortly. The consultant has submitted an advertisement for bids, but the Engineer is concerned on advertising plans which have not have been approved by the County. The Engineer will attempt to obtain a copy of the plans prior to the next Commissioner meeting.

RE: 2016 COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS

The Auditor submitted to the Commissioners a list of proposed appointments of offices for 2016, as follows:

911 ADVISORY BOARD

ELMER BRAMES	01/01/2016	12/31/2016
SCOTT D. UEBELHOR	01/01/2016	12/31/2016

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION

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INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

LAWRENCE M. VOLLMER 01/01/2016 12/31/2016

JASPER PLANNING COMMISSION

PATRICK J. LOTTES 01/01/2016 12/31/2019

NORTHEAST DUBOIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PATRICK A. SEGER, HALL TWP 01/01/2016 12/31/2019

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

GERALD TERWISKE 01/01/2016 12/31/2019

PROPERTY TAX BOARD OF APPEALS - PTABOA

FREDERICK "FRED" HOLLINDEN 01/01/2016 12/31/2016

DUANE PERSOHN 01/01/2016 12/31/2016

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

BEVERLY A. SCHULTHISE 01/01/2016 12/31/2016

TOURISM COMMITTEE

JEFF DUKES 01/01/2016 12/31/2017

JAMES R. KEMPER 01/01/2016 12/31/2017

TRI-CAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LAWRENCE VOLLMER 01/01/2016 12/31/2016

On motion made and seconded, the above appointments were approved.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners set the following future meetings:

January 19, 2016

February 1, 2016

February 16, 2016

All to be held beginning at 8:00 am at the Courthouse Annex.