

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on October 7, 2019. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames, and Nick Hostetter. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, County Surveyor Kenneth Brosmer and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. Incomes for the month of September were as follows: Recorder \$20,521.70 ; Health Department \$28,910.10; Auditor \$50.00; Clerk \$29,647.47. 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: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg presented the following report of Highway projects:

Truck 218 2007 International Triaxle – The truck is in need of repair. Discussion was held on the purchase of a remanufactured engine at a cost of \$25,000-\$30,000 or purchasing a used engine at \$6,000.

Transfer of Appropriations – An additional appropriation is needed in the Solid Waste fund for Refuse Disposal in the amount of \$18,000. A transfer is needed in MVH funds: \$5,000 from Gas, Oil and Lube to Equipment Repair; pending Council approval. Transfers are needed in Cum Bridge from Contractual Services to Repair & Maintenance in the amount of \$2,000; in MVH from Geotextile to Bituminous in the amount of \$15,000, and an LRS transfer from Stone to Bituminous in the amount of \$15,000. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation request and transfers, was duly seconded and carried.

Change Orders – Three change orders on completed paving projects are as follows: Project #19-06 CR 325 East is a decrease of \$359.04; Project #19-13 CR 1000 South an increase of \$560.07; and Project #19-12 CR 585 West is a decrease of \$1,118.73. A motion was made to approve the change order requests, was duly seconded and carried.

Final Road Marker Replacement Project – This project started in September 2012 and is finally coming to an end. The final intersections in Boone, Jefferson and Marion Townships will be completed at an estimated cost of \$3,100.

Retirement/New Hire – District #1 Foreman Dave Sermersheim is retiring on October 31, 2019. Donnie Lueken has been promoted to fill the position. The vacancy for District #2 truck driver will be advertised.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt presented the following report of Highway projects:

Bridge #264 (Newton Street – Patoka River Bridge) – Received two proposals from Engineering Firms to rehabilitate the piers: SJCA - \$20,900 and BF&S - \$10,100. Wendholt recommended BF&S. A motion was made to approve pending review, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Following review, a motion was made to approve the contract, was duly seconded and carried.

Ferdinand Road East – Lowering Speed Limit – Nothing to report.

Bridge #255 – The bridge is complete and open to traffic. The approaches are gravel and will be paved in November.

City of Huntingburg Railroad Overpass Project – At the September 16, 2019 meeting, it was approved to pay the City of Huntingburg \$3,768.50 which was due to an error. A request to alter the payment was requested. A motion to amend the previous amount was made to approve \$5,037.57, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Huntingburg Conservation Club Lake Dam/100 West – The box culvert installation is complete. The Highway Department will be lowering the road today. The work should be completed in three weeks.

2019 MVH Paving Projects – All asphalt paving for this year has been completed.

19-01	Town of Cuzco & Cuzco Rd South	Calcar Paving	Completed September 21
19-02	450 West, 100 South & 350 West	Calcar Paving	Completed September 27
19-04	150 North	Calcar Paving	Completed July 11
19-06	325 East	Calcar Paving	Completed August 17
19-07	350 West	Calcar Paving	Completed July 13
19-10	W/L Cuzco Rd South & 330 North	Calcar Paving	Completed September 21
19-12	585 West	J.H. Rudolph	Completed September 27
19-13	1000 South	J.H. Rudolph	Completed September 25

RE: ORDINANCE CODIFICATION

As previously presented, two companies provided information on codifying the County Ordinances: AM Legal and Indiana 15 Regional Planning. Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the services of AM Legal at a cost of \$7,850 and an annual fee of \$250 per year. The motion was seconded and carried. A contract will be brought to the next meeting for signatures.

RE: KOERNER BLOCK/ELLIS BUILDING – BIRDSEYE

Arch McCutcheon and Mary Ann Cummings of Koerner Block Inc. appeared to request relief from the property taxes due on the Koerner Block/Ellis Building in Birdseye. Koerner Block Inc. is a non-profit seeking to improve the community and has been maintaining the property. The property was not sold at the previous tax sale and could be sold at a Commissioner Sale. Discussion was held on the options.

RE: AFLAC – BENEXTEND INSURANCE

Laurel Seger, AFLAC, presented a new product available. BenExtend combines Accident, Hospital Indemnity and Critical Illness plans with a guaranteed issue for employees at the first time offering. A motion was made to approve offering the BenExtend policy to County Employees beginning January 1, 2020. Employees can enroll during the Open Enrollment period.

RE: CAIRSTONE UPDATE

Mark Shrack, Angie Pfaff and Nancy Wilson appeared to provide an update on their services. A Benefit Guide for 2020 was presented and will be distributed electronically.

Dubois County officially earned the Wellness Council's Healthy Community designation in January 2019.

Clinic information has been received from Memorial Hospital. The information will be reviewed on a side by side comparison between the Hospital and Activate and be presented at the next meeting.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMISSARY ORDINANCE 2019-06

Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf requested changes to the Community Corrections Commissary Fund; Ordinance 2019-06 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2006-04. An Ordinance Establishing a Community Corrections Commissary Fund was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve, was seconded and carried unanimously.

See Exhibit A – Ordinance 2019-06

RE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM STUDY

Community Corrections Director, Megan Durlauf, presented a letter to the Commissioners requesting their support of a Criminal Justice System analysis. She pointed out some of the pros and cons of the RQAW study and explained how additional information would be beneficial to all entities within the criminal justice system, as well as the Council and Commissioners as they go forward in the planning stages for new building within the system. The letter was signed by Judge McConnell, Judge Verkamp, Judge Weikert, Chief Probation Officer Jennifer Lampert, Prosecutor Anthony Quinn, Sheriff Tom Kleinhalter, Director of Court Substance Abuse Services Mike Denu, and Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf. Clayton Boyles, Director of Dubois County Community Foundation, accompanied Director Durlauf. He thanked the Commissioners for their work toward solutions for the criminal justice system and explained the Community Foundation's interest in the project proposed. He explained the Foundation's mission to address unmet needs in Dubois County and identified the criminal justice system as an area they would like to explore for short-term and potentially large-scale funding, pending results of the analysis. Durlauf shared that criminal justice system stakeholders were exploring options for institutes to complete the study, but she had been impressed with Vera Institute of Justice, who provided some initial preliminary data last month. The Commissioners unanimously expressed their

agreement for such an analysis and the benefit of having the results as an additional resource as they continue moving forward in the planning of criminal justice buildings. Director Durlauf was lauded for her push to bring this to fruition.

RE: CASA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

CASA Director Deena Hubler appeared to request the use of program funds for Volunteer Appreciation on an individual basis. Consensus was to have a formal written policy. Hubler will work with the County Attorney and County Auditor to create a policy and return at a future meeting for approval.

RE: PTABOA MEMBERSHIP

Assessor Angela C. Giesler reported Fred Hollinden will be retiring from the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals in January 2020. He was a commissioner appointment and will need to be replaced. At least one of the commissioners' appointments must be a Level II or III; however, they may waive this requirement. Not more than two of the members may be of the same political party and at least two of the members must be residents of the county.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

Casey Reckelhoff, 4-H Council, presented a proposal to build a storage building to house equipment vital for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The desired location will be on the south west portion of the midway. The Dubois County 4-H Council and the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council request \$17,907.20 to aid in building the 30'x40'x14' pole framed building at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds. A motion was made to support the shooting sports barn and recommend contributing \$17,900. Reckelhoff was directed to the County Council for funding approval. The motion was seconded and carried 2-1. Blessinger was the dissenting vote.

RE: WINCHELL WEED COMPLAINT

Resident Doug Winchell appeared to follow-up on the complaint he filed in June 2019. He feels there has been a lack of communication. He was advised of the annual rotation to mow the County Right-of-Ways.

RE: SOUTHEAST DUBOIS SCHOOL CORP SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter presented a contract with the Southeast School Corporation to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) for 2020. A motion was made to approve the contract, seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: PUBLIC WAY SAFETY RESOLUTION 2019-03

Discussion was held on the public way safety ordinance. A petition was received signed by 104 residents in favor of passing an ordinance. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-03 Public Way Safety Resolution, was seconded and carried.

See Exhibit B – Resolution 2019-03

RE: FIREARMS SAFETY ORDINANCE 2019-07

Discussion was held on the firearms safety ordinance. A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2019-07, was seconded and carried 2-1. Brames was the dissenting vote. A second reading and consideration of Ordinance 2019-07 shall occur at the October 21, 2019 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

RE: CLASS ACTION NOTICE – OPIODS NEGOTIATION CLASS

Notice was received to opt out of a class action suit on the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. Discussion was held and consensus was not to take action.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PARK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A Lease Termination Memorandum of Understanding between the Dubois County Park Board and Dubois County was presented. A motion was made to approve the MOU, was duly seconded and carried.

RE: CHILD SUPPORT IV-D OFFICE

Title IV-D Prosecutor William Shaneyfelt submitted a termination of lease for his office located at 716 Clay Street, in Jasper. County Attorney Schnarr was directed to continue working with Shaneyfelt on the IV-D office lease for 2020.

RE: EMPLOYEE PAID TIME OFF

Discussion was held on the proposed change to the Employee Paid Leave policy presented at the Oct 3, 2019 special meeting.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.