

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 1, 2020

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 June 1, 2020. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Nick Hostetter and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. Incomes for the month of May were as follows: Recorder \$28,022.61; Health Department \$15,849.36; Auditor \$0.00; Clerk \$17,788.97. 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:

Large Item Dumpster – The box is being delivered and the program should begin today.

Ferdinand Dumpster Site Reorganization – The improved Ferdinand Sanitation site opened on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

Ferdinand Site Upgrade – Due to the large traffic and recycle/waste volumes and compactor operation at the Jasper, Huntingburg, and Ireland sites; they were considered "Large Sites" therefore the workers earned \$12.34 per hour as opposed to \$12.07 per hour for the smaller sites. Now that Ferdinand is classified as a large site, Berg requested changing the wage scale. The Commissioners approved the request pending County Council approval.

Part Time Help for Sanitation – Interviews are scheduled for a floater. Two regular attendants will be returning to work, but some are still out due to COVID-19.

Solar Sources Progress – A preliminary meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2020 at the Highway Garage to discuss the mine's business plan.

### **RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

Bridge #264 (Newton Street in Jasper City Limits) - the Contract is ready for the project, LAN has agreed and signed their portion with the proper bonds and signed affidavits. A motion was made to approve the contract, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

CCMG Paving Projects - The projects will be let at 10 a.m. Once the prices are received, the numbers will be verified and checked for all the signatures.

County Road 800 West – The project is progressing nicely. Working on reinforcing two sections each being 200' long. The northern section is complete and will be doing some grade work this week with rock to seal everything off, the southern section has the east side complete, but the west side needs some widening done to the shoulder prior to adding the concrete. As long as the weather cooperates and the river stays down, it will take about a week to get the shoulder built and the concrete placed.

### **RE: 911 NEW HIRE**

911 Director Jeana Mathies and 911 Board member Chad Blessinger recommended Caleb Lindeman for hire to fill the vacancy of Don Rottet due to retirement. A motion was made to approve the hire pending administrative processes, was seconded, and carried unanimously.

### **RE: TRASH COMPLAINT**

A Trash Complaint was received from the Sheriff's Department. The complaint will be forwarded to the Dubois County Solid Waste District for investigation.

### **RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**

Meetings regarding the regional sewer district have occurred and are ongoing. Commissioner Hostetter and County Attorney Schnarr are attending the meetings and will continue to update the Board of Commissioners.

**RE: SURPLUS ITEMS**

The Solid Waste District requested permission to declare a 1990 Ford Econoline Cutaway Box Van surplus to have the truck removed. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried.

The Sheriff’s Office requested permission to declare obsolete computer equipment surplus to be destroyed. The list included 9 HP Desktops and 6 HP Laptops. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: 911 TOWER LEASES**

A motion was made to give the President permission to sign 911 tower leases as they come up for renewal, was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: CAIRSTONE - LIVING CONNECTED DIABETIC PROGRAM and RENOLOGIC DIALYSIS**

Angie Pfaff, Cairnstone, appeared to follow up on the previous presentation of the Living Connected Diabetic program. Currently, there are seven employees on the current Active Care-Biotel program but the County has 37 eligible. There have been issues with the current program used by the County, so Pfaff has recommended changing to Living Connected. A motion was made to switch programs as of July 1, 2020, was seconded and carried unanimously.

Pfaff presented an addendum to the Renalogic contract for dialysis services with Patoka Valley Healthcare to help manage the costs of the dialysis claims. A motion was made to approve the addendum, was seconded and carried.

**RE: EMPLOYEE PAID TIME OFF**

Commissioner Elmer Brames and Human Resources Generalist Markie Rhodes discussed a revised Paid Time Off policy for employees. Discussion was held on the program merits. It was decided to continue working on the policy changes to be presented at future meetings.

**RE: 2021 COMMISSIONERS’ BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The 2021 Commissioners’ budget was discussed.

**RE: COMMUNITY CROSSINGS BID OPENING**

It being 10:00 a.m., the time advertised for receipt of bids on Community Crossings Matching Grant projects, the following bids were received and read aloud:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Calcar Paving</u>	<u>E&amp;B Paving</u>	<u>JH Rudolph &amp; Co</u>	<u>C&amp;R Construction</u>
20-01 Town of Schnellville & Schnellville Road	\$462,472.95	\$426,640.00	\$456,611.78	\$386,996.95
20-02 Cuzco Road South	\$226,654.50	\$207,650.00	\$226,026.50	\$189,987.00
20-03 Hickory Grove Road	\$339,827.25	\$321,480.00	\$356,037.30	\$309,070.40
20-04 100 West	\$247,849.00	\$214,700.00	\$208,301.70	\$189,172.60

The Commissioners took the bids under advisement and delivered the same to the Highway Engineer for review and recommendation at the next meeting.

**RE: COVID-19 CARES ACT FUNDING**

Commissioner Brames provided information on the CARES Act funding. EMA Director Tammy Humbert was also present during discussions. Rick Hall of Barnes and Thornburg are offering their services to help us with the recovery of COVID expenses under the CARES Act at a cost of \$7,500. No action was taken on the offer at this time.

**RE: LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION**

A Declaration to extend the current Commissioners’ Emergency Declarations dated March 17, 2020, March 23, 2020, April 6, 2020, and May 4, 2020 was presented to remain in effect at this time and will expire on June 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET, but its effectiveness may be shortened or extended by act of the Commissioners. A motion was made to approve the Extension, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

*\*\*See Exhibit A - Local Disaster Emergency Declaration Extension\*\**

**RE: JUSTICE PROJECT UPDATES**

The Commissioners discussed the Justice Project and the funding paused by the County Council.

**RE: COVID-19 UPDATES**

Wearing personal protective equipment (masks) while in the County facilities was discussed because the State will be entering Phase 3 on June 14 making masks optional. A decision will be made at the next meeting on the current policy in place.

**RE: PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE TRAIL GRANT**

Commissioner Brames updated the members on the Pedestrian Bicycle Trail Grant.

**RE: HUMAN RESOURCES PRINTER/SCANNER/COPIER/FAX**

Human Resources Generalist Markie Rhodes presented a quote for a new printer/scanner/copier/fax machine. The Commissioners approved the request not to exceed \$3,000 pending approval of funding by the County Council.

**RE: FUTURE MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.