

SECOND REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 15, 2020

The second regular meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on June 15, 2020. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Nick Hostetter and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. Highway Supervisor Steve Berg was absent. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. 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: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Director Carla Striegel-Winner presented the 2021 budget request of \$231,000. A motion was made, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Director Striegel-Winner presented a request to purchase a box truck from Sternberg's at a cost of \$71,661.77 upon recommendation from the Dubois County Solid Waste Management District Board. A motion was made to approve the recommendation, was seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt presented the following report of Highway projects in the absence of Supervisor Berg:

Large Item Dumpster – The operation of the large item box is going well. It filled in just one week. After reviewing the costs and expenses, the program came out ahead.

Ireland Site Attendant – Bill Powell announced his retirement from the Sanitation Department. He was hired December 19, 2015 and has been a full time attendant at the Ireland location. Powell has been a true asset and will be missed.

Part Time Help for Sanitation – Steve Pieper has been hired for the floater position.

Request to Pursue Delinquent Charges – Two road signs were damaged by Jesse D. Harrell of Loogootee in an accident on July 29, 2019. Repairs were made and an invoice for \$165.50 was sent on two separate occasions with no response. The issue was given to the County Attorney for follow-up.

Solar Sources / 750W – Berg is working on an Agreement with Solar Sources regarding the condition of County Road 750W. Discussion was held.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Bridge #264 (Newton Street in Jasper City Limits) – A Pre-Construction Meeting was held on site and is ready to get it implemented. There is no exact date to start but they were given their Notice to Proceed.

CCMG Paving Projects - the bids have been reviewed and recommend awarding as follows.

20-01 Schnellville Road & Town of Schnellville - C&R Construction in the amount of \$386,996.95

20-02 Cuzco Road South - C&R Construction in the amount of \$189,987.00

20-03 Hickory Grove Road - C&R Construction in the amount of \$309,070.40

20-04 100 West - C&R Construction in the amount of \$189,172.60

A motion was made to approve the projects as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Countywide Bridge Inspection - Received an invoice from American Structurepoint in the amount of \$15,103.20. The invoice has been reviewed and recommend for approval. A motion was made to approve the payment, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Unofficial Detour S.R. 64 (West of Pine Ridge Road, in Jefferson Twp.) – The Highway Department has been in discussions with INDOT concerning a small structure replacement on S.R. 64. INDOT will be closing St. Rd. 64 during the construction and will have an official detour route to handle traffic. Local traffic will utilize the County Roads to get around the closure. INDOT understands that and has created an agreement so that if a road is destroyed due to the additional traffic, they will assist with repairing it. A motion was made to approve the unofficial detour as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION

A Declaration to extend the current Commissioner's Emergency Declarations dated March 17, 2020; March 23, 2020; April, 6, 2020; May 4, 2020 and June 1, 2020 was presented to remain in effect at this time and will expire on July 4, 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: COVID-19

A discussion was held on the need to wear masks at County Facilities. Per the Health Officer Dr. Ted Wafart, businesses are encouraged to wear masks to help stop the spread of the virus. Shawn Werner also presented information. Currently no changes are being made to the policy currently in place.

RE: EMPLOYEE PTO

Commissioner Brames presented a summary of the past Employee PTO discussions. Changes to the policy were discussed. Commissioner Brames will continue to tweak the policy and will return at a future meeting with suggested changes.

RE: SURPLUS ITEMS

Commissioner Blessinger requested permission to destroy a yard barn located at the Schnellville tower. The yard barn is no longer in use by the 911 Department. A motion was made to declare the barn surplus and can be destroyed, was seconded and carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton presented a list of computer equipment, servers, scanners and peripherals to be declared surplus. Following a discussion, a motion was made approve the request, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: RIDE SOLUTIONS – 2021 BUDGET

Becky Guthrie, Director of Ride Solutions, appeared to discuss the Ride Solutions program and budget in Dubois County and its history. The request for 2021 is \$13,000. On motion made and seconded, the request for \$13,000 was approved.

RE: 4-H COUNCIL – 2021 BUDGET

Jake Memmer, Dubois County 4-H President, appeared to request continuation of County participation in the 4-H Council budget for 2021. The fiscal year budget for 2019-20 was \$270,500. The annual request for 2021 is \$125,000 from Dubois County. On motion made and seconded, the request for the 4-H Council was approved.

RE: OLDER AMERICAN CENTER – 2021 BUDGET

Carrie Dick, Director of the Dubois County Older Americans Center, appeared to present the Center's proposed Budget for 2021. She summarized the programs provided at the Center and stated that the Center is currently closed due to COVID-19. Plans are to have a soft open in July and programming will hopefully begin in August. The Center has a total budget of \$231,000 of which \$25,000 has been provided by the County. The request for 2021 is \$20,000. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the \$20,000 request. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: TRI-CAP RSVP – 2021 BUDGET

Rachel Trabant, representing Tri-Cap RSVP, appeared via teleconference to request the proposed County contribution to the RSVP program. She summarized the various services provided by the Program, the number of volunteers who work in the program, and the benefits received by the residents of Dubois County. The RSVP Program is requesting \$5,000 from the County. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the requested \$5,000 County contribution. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SOUTHERN INDIANA RESOURCE SOLUTIONS (SIRS) – 2021 BUDGET

Kelly Mitchell, CEO of SIRS, appeared to discuss her request for \$37,000 from Dubois County, which is the same as last year. SIRS provide services for 129 residents, providing 50,000 service hours, placement of 14 individuals with disabilities and providing service to 124 children up to three years of age. The programs are involved in \$864,734 of payroll during 2019. SIRS have 63 employees in Dubois County. COVID-19 has increased costs to the program. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the request for \$37,000. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LIFESPRING HEALTH SYSTEMS – 2021 BUDGET

Stacy Moore-Nolan, Vice President of LifeSpring Western Division and Becky Michael, Dubois County Clinical Manager, appeared to request the annual funding for LifeSpring Health Systems. Ms. Michael reported on the current operations provided in Dubois County. The Center operates four group homes within the County, provides service for substance abuse, and provides service for County schools. LifeSpring Health Systems also offers Employee Assistance Programs. Jail services were developed in 2019. The facility is becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to provide primary care in the community mental health center. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved \$378,235 appropriation which represents funds established under State formula. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hostetter reported on the Wellness Committee programs that will begin Fall 2020.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.