

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 18, 2017

The continued 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 December 18, 2017. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames and Nick Hostetter. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the December 4, 2017, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved for payment the payroll docket and claims against the County were approved for payment.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners unanimously appointed Debra M. Johnson for a one year term, beginning January 1, 2018 to the Solid Waste Management District due to the retirement of Beverly A. Schultheis at the end of the year.

RE: COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ON DIVISION ROAD

Ken Brosmer, County Surveyor presented a survey of property on Division Road in Madison Township previously discussed as surplus property. This item will be tabled pending review by the County Attorney.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Appropriation Transfers – From Workman's Comp to Equipment in the amount of \$5,000.

New Hire – Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to the hiring of Jason DeKemper to the Bridge Crew.

Sanitation Study – Nothing new to report.

RE: FREEZE AND THAW ORDINANCE 2017-04

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the following Freeze and Thaw Ordinance 2017-04 for 2018, regarding 10 ton weight limits on designated roads, as follows:

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RE: PHONE SYSTEM

Ron Betz, Matrix Integration, presented information on the County's phone system. Currently the system is no longer supported by the manufacturer and parts are no longer available. Upon motion to obtain a discovery of the County needs for updating the phone system by Matrix Integration, duly seconded, the motion was approved.

RE: SECURITY UPDATE

President Blessinger informed the members of issues from the Security Committee meeting. Blessinger reported that a ramp for the front Courthouse steps was estimated at \$80,000.

Also discussed:

- Locking the Courthouse basement door,
- Metal detector use at the front entry,
- Prosecuting Attorney's office security and additional office space needed.

Possible solutions would be combining the Commissioners' Room and Council Chambers and securing the second floor. Judge Verkamp and Prosecuting Attorney Quinn also discussed concerns for safety.

RE: ANNEX WIRELESS ACCESS

Prosecutor Quinn requested access points for Wireless Internet service in the prosecutor's office as well as in the three courtrooms.

The Auditor's office was directed to contact Matrix Integration for a discovery of the costs and needs.

RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor Hopf presented an issue on the Working Spouse Rule. Currently if a spouse is working full time and no insurance is provided, a letter will be required from the spouse's employer. Failure to return a letter will result in loss of coverage. Required information must be returned by January 15, 2018. Upon motion duly made seconded, the letter was approved.

The Auditor requested final claims to be paid on December 27, 2017, with President Blessinger reviewing beforehand. Upon motion, duly seconded, motion carried.

Auditor Hopf also requested continuing the practice of wearing jeans on Fridays by County employees donating \$20.00 for the year. Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the motion was approved by 2-1 vote. President Blessinger dissented.

RE: PURDUE EXTENSION WATER COOLER CLAIM

A claim for the rental of a water cooler at the Purdue Extension office was discussed and can be processed as submitted.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current engineering projects as follows:

Countywide Bridge Inspection – Received invoice from Butler Fairman & Seufert for the initial inspections in the amount of \$2,647.41. Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the motion was approved.

Bridge #162 – BF & S will be inspecting today.

Bridge Crew Schedule for 2018

1. Pour concrete pads for the new oil containment containers
2. Bridge #153 – First Street East of Huntingburg - Superstructure Replacement
3. Culvert – 350 South – Metal Arch Replacement
4. Culvert – Ell Creek Road – Cast-in-Place Concrete Box
5. Bridge #34 – Celestine Road North – Superstructure Replacement

Huntingburg Conservation Club – No comments or update received.

RE: CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

President Blessinger opened discussion about Certificate of Occupancy letters. He has had businesses inquiring if this is something the County should be implementing. Further information is needed.

RE: SECURITY CENTER REVIEWS

Commissioner Brames updated the members on the Security Center reviews. The jail is operational but has needs and issues. A committee can be formed to work with the Sheriffs' PONI workshop.

A letter was received from Sheriff Lampert in support of the Planning of New Institutions (PONI), from the NIC program. On motion duly made and seconded, the letter was signed in support.

RE: MOTOCROSS TRACK

Discussion was held on updates to the MotoCross issues at the County 4-H Fairgrounds.

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RE: VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

President Blessinger informed the members that the Veterans Service Officer is requesting a fax or scanner to assist the Veterans with ID cards. Deputy Morton was directed to assist as well and contact Matrix Integration.

RE: MIDWEST CORRIDOR

President Blessinger gave an update to the Midwest Corridor. A memorandum of understanding is still being prepared by the State as well as the RDA Board formation and makeup.

RE: COUNTY APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018

9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

Chad A. Blessinger	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Scott D. Uebelhor	1/1/2018	12/31/2018

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Robert F. Johnson	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
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ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION

David Ring	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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AMBULANCE COORDINATOR

Suzan Henke	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ~ DUBOIS STRONG

Elmer Brames	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Kenneth James Eck	7/1/2009	Until Terminated
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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Michelle Schenetzki - Filling Unexpired Term	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Andrew Long, Juvenile Probation – New Position	1/1/2018	12/31/2018

CUSTODIAN

Scott Hopf	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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COUNTY ATTORNEY

Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr.	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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DUBOIS COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Chad A. Blessinger or 2018 Commissioner President	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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FERDINAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Dilger	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
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HEALTH BOARD

Ryan Flamion, MD	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
Nick Matheis	1/1/2018	12/31/2021

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Theodore A. Walfart, MD	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
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HIGHWAY CLERK

Ann T. Messmer	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Brent Wendholt	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

Steven L. Berg	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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HUNTINGBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Lauren Tanner	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
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INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Nick Hostetter	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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JASPER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Pamela Catt	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
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NORTHEAST DUBOIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Steve Dodd, At Large	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
Larry G. Hall, Columbia Twp	1/1/2018	12/31/2021

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PROPERTY TAX BOARD OF APPEALS - PTABOA

Frederick "Fred" Hollinden	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Duane Persohn	1/1/2018	12/31/2018

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Debra M. Johnson	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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TRI-CAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Lindsey Taylor	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Robert Johnson	1/1/2012	Until Terminated
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WEED CONTROL BOARD

Chad A. Blessinger	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
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Upon motion to approve and duly seconded, all appointments were approved. The Weed Board and Tourism Commission appointments will be made at the January 8, 2018, meeting. The motion carried. Appointments were then signed.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners will meet on Monday, January 8, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. and Monday, January 22, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., both meetings to be held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Chad A. Blessinger

Elmer Brames

Nick Hostetter

Attest: _____
Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor