

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 21, 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 August 21, 2017. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger 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 Blessinger. Minutes of the August 7, 2017, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: CLAIMS APPROVED

On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the County payroll and claims as submitted by the Auditor.

RE: 911 SURPLUS PRINTER

Janice Love, 911 Director, reported that a printer used in the 911 office no longer operates and she requested to dispose of the printer. On motion made and seconded, the printer was declared as surplus and the Department was authorized to dispose of the non-operating machine.

RE: 911 RADIO SIGNAL INTERFERENCE

Janice Love, 911 Director, reported that the new radio system at 911 is causing interference with the radio system in Trimble County, Kentucky and that the Federal Communications Commission has ordered Dubois County 911 to correct the issue. The Director believes a change to the County PL (private line) tone is the best solution. The cost of the change to the 911 system will be \$4469.00, including all users of the system within the County, except for Jasper and Huntingburg police. The Director advised that her maintenance fund is adequate to pay the cost of correction required by the system users, being police and fire departments, and requested the right to pay for those expenses. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the system changes for County and various County communities and payment from the 911 budget.

RE: TRUE SCRIPTS

The President reported that True Scripts has requested access to the County drug information in order to submit proposals for furnishing drugs under the County Medical program. It was discussed and decided that the County should select its insurance broker first. True Scripts will be so advised.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT REFRIGERATION UNITS

At the request of the County Health Department, the Commissioners declared as surplus two refrigeration units for drug storage which have been replaced with new units. On motion made and seconded, the two replaced units were declared surplus, and the Department was authorized to dispose of, preferably through selling, the surplus units.

RE: TRUE RX REBATE

The Auditor submitted a rebate received from TrueRx, the County drug provider, for \$6,335.77.

RE: CASA HOUSE RENTAL

On motion duly made and seconded, on recommendation of Judge Verkamp, the Commissioners approved a lease with the City of Jasper for a former residence next to the Fire Station for one year for \$3,000 per year plus utilities. The building will be used as the office area for the Court's CASA program. The City will provide all maintenance required by the building.

RE: CITY OF HUNTINGBURG REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mayor Spinner and Phil Schneider, representing City of Huntingburg, and Ted Seger, representing Farbest, appeared to inform the Commissioners of an improvement proposed for the Farbest Huntingburg plant. Spinner and

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Schneider said they didn't believe they needed the Dubois County Commissioners' approval nor were they seeking it for the project. The plant employs 725 employees. The Company has invested or caused the investment of \$270,000,000 over the past 10 years in the local area, according to Seger. Prior growth was financed by Farbest as a TIF project through the Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission, under authorization from the County. Farbest proposes to improve its plant at a cost of \$21,800,000. Approximately 30 acres of the Farbest plant is located within the County, outside the City, but in 2006 the County granted the Huntingburg TIF Commission authority to act outside the City boundary within County. The proposed project will not substantially add to existing plant but will improve the existing plant. The proposed project will have a 19 year payout. Commissioner Blessinger requested a copy of the 2006 agreement between Dubois County and Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission for review.

RE: MEDICAL INSURANCE

The Auditor inquired about whether the Out of Pocket maximums in the current Health Insurance Plan should be increased on 2018. Following discussion, it was the decision of the Commissioners that the Out of Pocket maximums would remain unchanged in 2018.

RE: CAIRSTONE MEDICAL INSURANCE

Mark Shrack and Angie Pfaff, representing Cairnstone, presented a program in support of their request to serve as broker for the County Employee Medical program. Shrack explained the model used by their Company in analyzing Medical claims filed by employees to determine methods and goals to reduce expenses and claims. Seven percent (7%) of the employees are responsible for 90% of the claims, and attempts are made to resolve the problems of those 7%. The annual fee base cost for the Cairnstone services would be \$45,000, while the commission based fee would be 10%. The review of claims made by employees would be performed using the John Hopkins model, and the Company would provide a customized wellness program for employees in the high risk areas. The programs will be directed by a local company representative, who is also serving other local industry. There is possibility of employees being served by a local clinic for insured employees. A \$45,000 annual fee would equal approximately \$20.00 per employee per month.

RE: HUNTINGBURG CONSERVATION CLUB

Bernie Main, a Board member of Huntingburg Conservation Club, appeared to discuss proposals made since the last Commissioners' meeting. He reported that DNR must approve any improvement to the Dam at the lake. The past flood caused a washout to the rear of the spillway. The proposal is to expand the size of the spillway, relocate a current culvert to the north side of the Dam, and channel the overflow to the current ditch. The lake size would not be changed or Dam level reduced or road location changed. Contact is being made with DNR regarding the changes. DNR will not allow the Dam to be returned to its original condition. The County cannot improve or reopen the County Road on the Dam (CR 100W) without DNR approval. To lower the Dam by 7 feet would result in substantial costs to the County for road reconstruction and to the Club for lake and Dam changes. Main believes the Dam did not breach because of the flooding but because of spillway problem. After discussion, it was determined to allow the Club to present their proposed plan for correction to DNR.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTION ADVISORY BOARD

President Blessinger proposed that Paula Rasche be appointed as Commissioners' representative to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Due to one Commissioner being absent, it was determined that consideration would be delayed until the next Commissioners' meeting.

RE: CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rick Ballard, of Calvary Baptist Church, appeared to propose the establishment of a Halfway House, dealing with minor criminal violations and battered women. At this point, funding for the project is undetermined. The individuals assigned to the House would be by the Court and acceptance determined by the Halfway House. The House would probably be located in Huntingburg due to available real estate. Six (6) to ten (10) individuals would probably be served at any one time.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

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

County Road 400 West Reconstruction – project is near completion, with stripping and shoulder work to be completed.

Mowing Tractor – Defective tractors to be replaced with a warranty extension until replaced equipment arrives, with a net difference of \$15,379 per unit. The value of a new tractor would be approximately \$100,000 per unit. The old tractors would have accumulated usage depreciation of 6600 hours at \$4.00 per hour for prior use of the old equipment. Being a special circumstance the Commissioners authorized the exchange without bid process and approved the exchange to equipment, subject to funding approval.

Transfer of Funds – In order to provide funding for the equipment exchange, the Commissioners on motion made and seconded, approved the transfer of funds, subject to Council approval.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
Fuel	Equipment	\$75,000

Transfer of Funds – The Supervisor requested the following transfer of funds:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Geotextiles	\$6,000	Paint	\$3,000
		Tools and Equipment	\$3,000

On motion made and seconded, the transfers were approved, subject to Council approval.

Change Orders – The Supervisor also requested the following change orders on completed projects:

<u>Project</u>		
#17-01	CalCar on County Road 500 N	- 7481.87
#17-05	J H Rudolph on County Road 700 S	- 5325.72

On motion made and seconded, the change orders were approved.

Celestine Fire Department Parade – To be held on October 8, 2017, between 1 and 3 pm, on Celestine Road S going north across 164 to Ellsworth Road, hence south (across State Road 164) on De La Harlandire Road to Main Street. On motion made and seconded, request approved, subject to receipt of hold harmless agreement.

Chip Seal Paving – All projects have been completed.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER’S REPORT

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

Huntingburg Railroad Overpass Claim – Invoices received for \$2333.43 and \$173.00 from DLZ for services. On motion made and seconded, claims approved for payment. Storm drains for the project are completed.

State Road 162 Blue Bridge – Hearing will be held regarding repair or replacement of historic bridge south of County Highway Garage. This is an INDOT project.

Bridge #162 – Iron Bridge removed and new bridge has begun with piles being driven.

Paving – All projects bid on May 15 are in process and six should be completed by September 30, 2017.

Community Crossing – All paving projects completed and INDOT has approved. Costs of \$73,343.32 are to be released to INDOT from project budget. On motion duly made and seconded, release of \$73,343.32 approved.

RE: GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE

Tony Cochren, representing German American Insurance, appeared to submit a presentation regarding a proposal for German American Insurance to furnish Employee Benefits services for the County. Cochren presented the plan by use of Powerpoint presentation. He stated that German American Insurance is partnered with Memorial Hospital, which has a Wellness Program. The German American staff would be available to furnish HR type services to the Auditor

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and will provide training meetings and assist with preparation of employee handbooks. German American will offer total transparency at a reasonable stated fee. Compensation is on a negotiated fee basis, and often is based on savings which German American can show they have gained. There would probably be no change in TPA currently used. Brad Ketzner and Brett Sternberg also participated on behalf of German American Insurance.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, and Monday, September 18, 2017, both meetings to be begin at 8:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex.