

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 16, 2009

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:30 a.m. (EST) on November 16, 2009. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Janet L. Sendelweck, Highway Supervisor, Steven L. Berg; Highway Engineer Jason T. Heile, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck. Minutes of the November 2, 2009, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: EXCAVATOR BIDS

It being 9:30 am, the time being advertised for receipt of bids for County purchase of one new excavator, with trade-in, proof of publication was presented and read, and the following bids were opened and read aloud:

Wayne Supply Co

CAT M318D \$197,104.08 <9,000> 188,104.08

CAT M322D \$221,865.93 <9,000> 212,865.93

ERB Equipment Co

Bid rejected due to lack of bid bond. The Commissioners took the bids under advisement, and submitted the same to the Highway Department for review.

RE: 2010 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MATERIAL BIDS

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised and proof of publication being presented and read, the following bids were opened and read aloud for 2010 Highway material purchases:

List

The bids were taken under advisement and submitted to the Highway Department for review. Bids were made available for inspection to persons submitting bids.

RECESS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners then entered into recess until 3:00 pm, when the meeting will be continued at the Schnellville Fire Station in Schnellville, Indiana.

It being 3:00 pm, the Commissioners reconvened its meeting at the Schnellville Fire Department, with all previously described individuals being present except for Ken Brosmer, County Surveyor.

RE: SMITHVILLE DIGITAL

Andy Brelage, representing Smithville Telephone, appeared to advise the Board that Smithville has decided to run a digital line into the Town of Dubois during the first quarter of 2010. He requested permission to submit a proposal for service to County facilities.

RE: CR 600 E

Jim Verkamp appeared to discuss the County policy for improvement of County dirt roads, and particularly CR 600 E. He was informed that policy is to grade dirt roads twice per year. The problem is trucks using the road, not realizing the poor condition of the road.

RE: STRAY CATS

Betty Fendel appeared to discuss the problem of stray cats within the County, as previously discussed. The President advised that he had inquired of the Dogwood Animal Clinic as to their charge for service to stray cats, and had been advised that the charge would be \$80.00 per animal. She again recommended an animal control officer, and stated that the County Humane Society is out of funding for this year. The County has an annual budget for animal services of \$3000, which \$2600 has been used to date.

RE: LOVAL ZEHR – SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Loval Zehr of Birdseye appeared to request merger of four tracts owned by Zehr into one legal description, and then split off one of two residences thereon into a separate tract for sale. The public road (12th Street) serving this property and other property to the north are approximately 10 feet wide, but is within Town jurisdiction. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized that the land and two residences be divided, as an exception to the County Subdivision Ordinance due to sale of pre-existing residences.

RE: SECURITY CENTER

County Sheriff Tanner reported that the County Security Center's request for federal stimulus funds has been denied for the security upgrade. The Sheriff will look into other alternatives.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of Highway Department projects:

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| Excavator Bid | is currently under review |
| Single Axle Truck Bid | alternate proposal from Freightliner has been made and is not acceptable to County |
| Bus Tour | Highway Department proposes that a tour of County roads be made by bus. Last tour was three years ago. |
| CR 450 Vacation | Commissioner will discuss petition and statute. |

The Highway Engineer reported on progress being made on the two stimulus highway projects: CR 1100S and Jasper Dubois Road.

RE: DECEMBER CLAIM PAYMENTS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized payment of County claims on December 3 rather than December 7, 2009, with the Auditor to make subsequent report to the Commissioners.

RE: NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners reappointed Steve Dodd and Larry G. Hall as members of the Northeast Dubois County Fire Protection District Board.

RE: FERDINAND PLAN COMMISSION

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners reappointed Mark Dilger as member of the Ferdinand Plan Commission.

RE: COURTHOUSE TREES

Nancy Eckerle of Jasper Chamber of Commerce appeared to advise that Tim Day, a professional, has agreed to properly trim the two current trees on the west Courthouse lawn, free of cost. This will not, however, resolve the root problem. The Jasper Chamber would also propose that the large Christmas tree again be placed on the west lawn this year. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized crown restoration of the two trees.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER

The Highway Supervisor submitted a transfer of appropriation in the Local Road & Street Fund of \$1000 from CR 130 W & 225 S to Town of St. Henry Road. On motion duly made and seconded, the transfer was approved.

RE: HIGHWAY CHANGE ORDER

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a change order of \$2456.60 on project #09-11 (Town of St. Henry Road), with Gohmann Asphalt, due to varying field conditions.

RE: BRIDGE INSPECTION – CLAIM

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized payment of \$334 to DLZ as final payment on the Bridge Inspection project.

RE: PORTERSVILLE SCOUR HOLE

The Engineer reported that the Corps of Engineer has approved up to \$10,000 for riprap replacement on the Portersville Scour Hole, and on motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved payment of \$7807.21 to Lechner's Inc. for work done on this project.

RE: DUBOIS STORMWATER PROJECT

The Commissioners discussed a proposed contract for VS Engineering for services on the Dubois Stormwater project, calling for a \$30,000 payment. Action on the contract was delayed, as the necessary funds have not been appropriated. The Engineer will discuss with the County Council.

RE: VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER CONTRACT

The County Attorney submitted to the Commissioners for review a proposed Service Contract with the County Veterans Service Officer, as requested by the State Board of Accounts.

RE: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF JASPER FOR DISPATCHING FIRST RESPONDERS

On motion duly made and seconded the Commissioners approved and executed an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Jasper for County dispatching of Jasper first responders, as previously authorized by the Commissioners.

RE: COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAN

On motion duly made and seconded, and following interviews, the Commissioners engaged the services of Scott Hopf as County facilities Custodian, effective upon retirement of current custodian, Bill Loveall, on December 31, 2009, with Hopf to begin services as assistant Custodian as of November 30, 2009.

RE: DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING

As previously set, the Commissioners regular December meeting will be held on December 7, 2009 with a continued meeting to be held on December 21, 2009, both beginning at 9:00 am and both will be held at the Courthouse Annex.