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The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held at the Celestine Fire Station in Celestine, Indiana, beginning at 3:00 p.m. (EST) on March 19, 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, 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 March 9, 2009, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

**RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Terry Tanner appeared to discuss corrective work required at the County Security Center. He stated that the DLZ engineering firm had inspected the Center and has submitted a proposal to prepare specs for replacement of the Center control system, fire system and video system. The contract cost would be \$47,000 plus \$3,000 cost reimbursement. The Commissioners advised the Sheriff to discuss the video topic with the Judges, who desire to inspect the Evansville system, and report back to the Commissioners.

**RE: 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - 800MHZ SYSTEM**

Janice Love, Communications Director, appeared to discuss the assignment of the 800 MHz systems key, which would be distributed by Indiana Homeland Security. There is only one key assigned per County, and all users of the 800 MHz system within the County must be "keyed" by the party having been assigned control of the key. Representatives of the Jasper Police Department appeared to request that the Jasper Police Department be named as the entity to be assigned control of the key. All of the County Mayors and Town Presidents had recommended the assignment. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the assignment of the key to the Jasper Police Department.

**RE: RADIO EQUIPMENT GRANT**

Chief Tarvin of the Jasper Police Department appeared to discuss information, which he acquired at a recent District 10, Homeland Security meeting on grants, including the fact that it was his belief that County entities are missing out on a number of grant funds. He also questioned the failure of the County to pay for a number of radio systems distributed under a \$311,000 grant from Homeland Security. To date, the State has not issued the funds to the County. The State Department has advised Commissioner Vollmer that distribution is in process.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISOR REPORT**

County Highway Supervisor Berg reported on current projects at the Highway Department, including:

Dubois Storm Water	Based upon application, three consultants have been selected for final consideration, being Midwestern, Vs Engineers and Moreley & Associates.
Highway Engineer	Interviews have been held for the vacant Highway Engineer position.
Bridges	Materials are needed for bridge replacements
ARRA Stimulus Funding	The Supervisor advised the Commissioners of recent information regarding Stimulus Funding. He stated that road projects must be prioritized.
Jasper Site Attendant	The Supervisor reported that Kenny Weisheit is retiring from his position as attendant at the Jasper Solid Waste Collection site. He advised of the current individuals on the sub list.

**RE: QUOTES FOR BRIDGE STEEL**

The Highway Supervisor presented quotes for purchase of steel required for two bridges, as follows:

Westfield	\$8427.60
Patriot	\$8631.36

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized purchase of steel from Westfield Steel.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT POLICY #0309-09**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted Highway Department Policy #0309-09 as submitted by the Highway Supervisor.

**RE: HUNTINGBURG SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SITE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and signed a lease with Ruth Ann Lichlyter, the new owner of the real estate on which is located the Huntingburg Solid Waste Collection Site, being a 5 year lease at \$500 per year.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners named Jason T. Heile as new County Highway Engineer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Norman Wendholt.

**RE: HUNTINGBURG GAS LINE IN IRELAND**

Mayor Marvin Belcher of Huntingburg appeared to advise that due to INDOT rebuilding of the SR 56-CR 500W intersection at Ireland, the City will be required to relocate a gas main at that location. He stated that the City currently does not have funding for the required relocation. The estimated cost to the City is \$115,000. The Commissioners agreed, subject to approval of the County Council, that the County would lend Huntingburg funding required to complete the relocation of gas line at the Ireland intersection, up to \$150,000, with repayment to be made in full within 2 years, plus interest at the rate of two (2) percent. Should State funding be obtained for any portion of the Huntingburg project, the State funding would be immediately applied towards the loan.

**RE: CR 50 E – LEONARD BORMAN**

Leonard Borman of the Bretzville area appeared to object to the trash being accumulated at a mobile home on CR 50 E. The Commissioners have submitted the problem to the County Health Department and the Solid Waste District.

**RE: COUNTY CELL PHONES**

The Auditor submitted a letter from the Court directing the providing of a cell telephone to the juvenile probation officer. The Commissioners questioned the high cost of the phone and the number of County cell phones, and requested the Auditor to conduct a survey of cell phones.

**RE: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the use of the east Courthouse porch and lawn on May 7, 2009, in the evening, for use for the National Day of Prayer event.

**RE: APRIL CLAIM PAYMENTS**

Due to the fact that the April meeting will not be held until April 13, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Auditor to pay claims filed as of April 6 prior to the April 13 Commissioners' meeting and to submit a report of such paid claim at the next Commissioners' meeting.

**RE: DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM**

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On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Cheryl Sermersheim to the Dubois County Museum Board of Directors.

**RE: PSC TOWER LEASE**

The Attorney reported that he had reviewed the proposed Lease Agreement with Perry-Spencer Communications for renewal of County tower rental for a two year period. PSC had agreed to amend the lease to require PSC to pay all utility costs at each location. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved and signed.

**RE: WAGE DETERMINATION COMMITTEE – FORMER JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Gerald Apple as Committee member and Al Schuler as alternate, to the Indiana Wage Determination Committee for demolition of the former Jasper Middle School.

**RE: APRIL MEETING**

The Commissioners agree that the April regular meeting of the Commissioners will be held on April 13, 2009, and that the continued meeting will be held on April 27, 2009, both meetings to be held at the Courthouse Annex beginning at 9:00 am.