

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on July 6, 2009. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Janet L. Sendelweck, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, 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 June 2009, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of June 2009, were as follows: Recorder \$18,510.61; Health Department \$25,069.20; Auditor \$152.00; Clerk \$38,389.80. 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: SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE EXCEPTION – STEVE FUHS

Steve Fuhs appeared to request an exception for a residential lot, being 5.13 acres, located in the S ½ of the SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 11 and part of the S ½ of the SW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 12-T3S-R3W. The property has previously been the location of a mobile home, has a driveway, electric service and sewer system. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined the tract to be a residential tract and the subject of a proper exemption to the County Subdivision Ordinance.

RE: BRAUN'S FIRST ADDITION – BAINBRIDGE TWP

Ken Brosmer appeared to submit a plat of Braun's First Addition in the NW quarter of the NW quarter of Section 30-T1S-R4W in Bainbridge Township, consisting of two lots located on 3.25 acres, more or less. The plat is within Jasper jurisdiction and the Jasper Plan Commission had approved the plat. Braun Timber Industries LLC owns the property. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Plat, but expressed concern about the widened public road only at the location of the subdivision and required a white line along the road edge where the road has been widened beyond the width of adjacent County road.

RE: SECURITY CENTER – 2010 BUDGET

Sheriff Tanner appeared to submit his proposed budget for 2010 for the Security Center and Sheriff's Department. He requested a \$1000 increase in wages for full time employees and \$.40 for part time employees. No new vehicles are expected for 2010.

RE: OLDER AMERICANS' CENTER – 2010 BUDGET

Mary Ann Smith appeared to submit the proposed 2010 Budget for the Older Americans' Center, which is funded by City of Jasper and County. As per City requirement, there are no wage increases for 2010. The County provides 25% of revenue. The budget is the same as 2009.

RE: RSVP – 2010 BUDGET

Becky Beckman appeared to submit the proposed Budget for RSVP for 2010. The County has previously provided \$5,000 per year, which is part of the 30% of revenue, which must be contributed locally. RSVP will receive no additional federal funding for 2010, and therefore the 2010 Budget will be the same as 2009.

RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE – 2010 BUDGET

Suzan Henke, EMS Director, appeared to submit the EMS proposed Budget for 2010. The Budget shows an increase from \$270,235 to \$746,079. The cause of the increase was discussed, which is partly based on an accounting error in 2008. There is no wage increase included in the Budget. The Commissioners discussed the advisability of the County participation in non-emergency transfers or in other activities, which could save taxpayer funds.

RE: 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER– 2010 BUDGET

Janice Love submitted proposed Budgets for Communications, which included an increase of \$1000 per employee in wages and \$100 for equipment rental increase. The balance of Department Budget is the same. The landline budget has a decrease and cell phone Budget is the same as last year.

RE: DISTRICT 10 – HOMELAND SECURITY

Maddison Seib, Director of District 10 Planning Oversight Committee, appeared to request that a Commissioner appear at a District meeting in Jasper on July 22. She stated that funding might depend on the number of area representatives who attend this meeting.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISOR REPORT

The Highway Supervisor reported:

- 1) The Department has hired Ron Schwenk and Harrison Prusz as full time summer employees.
- 2) A proposed weed ordinance has been prepared and is under review.
- 3) Kyana Cemetery – inspected by Supervisor, no road to site. County does not have a policy for establishing or maintaining County roads to Cemeteries. Cemetery is well maintained by Township Trustee.
- 4) Risk Management Committee has been meeting and discussing training, claim trends, claim standardization, and wellness program.

RE: EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM – MEMORANDUM

The County Attorney submitted a Memorandum of Understanding between Memorial Hospital and the County and Cities / Towns regarding provision of medical support providers for the police response team. The Memorandum has been reviewed and discussed by the attorneys of all of the entities. On motion duly made and seconded, the Memorandum was approved and signed.

RE: SOUTHERN HILLS – 2010 BUDGET

Joe Kimmel of Southern Hills appeared to submit a Budget for Southern Hills operations. He stated that while State revenue has decreased by 3%, federal stimulus funding has replaced the State decrease. The 2010 request from the County is set by State statute, and is based on a calendar year figure of \$272,260. He described the Southern Hills operations.

RE: SIRS - 2010 BUDGET

Kelly Mitchell submitted the 2010 Budget for SIRS. She discussed the activities within the County. She stated 115 individuals with disabilities received services within the County, along with 13 children with developmental therapy. SIRS payroll to County residents totaled \$553,740. There is no increase in requested County funding, being \$37,000.

RE: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Judi Brown submits a proposed Budget for Soil & Water Conservation District. The request includes county funding of a position heretofore receiving federal funding on grant. The current Budget includes wage increases and the addition of one new employee.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ENGINEER REPORT

County Highway Engineer Heile discussed current Highway projects, including:

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| Bridge 600 W | Closed to traffic, south abutment installed, work will proceed this week. |
| Deaf Child Signs | Request made by Merkel family at 266 S Santine Rd. Authorized. |
| Pavement Ends Signs | Signs required on 600 E and 400 W Policy Submitted. |
| Dubois Address – Library | Request for addresses from County database requested. Not permitted By County policy. |

RE: PAVEMENT ENDS SIGNS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the County Highway Department Policy #0706-09 establishing a guideline for the placement of "Pavement Ends" signs.

RE: DOGWOOD ANIMAL CLINIC - CLAIM

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved payment of two claims for \$68.45 each from Dogwood Animal Clinic for dogs taken to the Clinic by the Sheriff's Department for service.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT – NICK MATHEIS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Nick Matheis to the County Board of Health, to replace Lovie Werne.

RE: PATOKA VALLEY HEALTH CARE – ST MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER OF EVANSVILLE

The President submitted notice from Patoka Valley Health Care that the discount for County employees at St. Mary's Medical Center has been increased from 40.69% to 42%.

RE: JURY PARKING TICKETS

The Auditor reported that the County Treasurer has been advised that the State Board of Accounts have a position that will not allow the payment of parking tickets or traffic tickets. Based on State recommendation, the Treasurer is questioning the issuance of checks in payment of parking tickets. The Commissioners stated with the availability of parking lot rented from ONB, the County should not be paying parking tickets and that jurors should be advised of the lot.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – 2010 BUDGET

The Highway Supervisor submitted proposed Budgets for his department. The Budgets were reviewed in detail and, with requested wage increases, reflect an increase of \$200,462. Included in the above amount is a new bridge inspection program as required by State law.

RE: COURTHOUSE

Courthouse Custodian Loveall appeared to submit his proposed Budget for 2010. Loveall will retire at the end of 2009, and has included funding for him to assist his replacement as needed on a decreasing basis. He discussed future repairs and maintenance for the various County office buildings.

RE: VERIZON WIRELESS

Jennifer Speicher, representing Verizon Wireless, appeared to discuss the plan offered by Verizon. She stated that discounts would be 19% or 22%. She stated that accounts could be pooled into one account with shared hours, or could be left in separate accounts without shared hours. Text messaging may be used on a selected basis.

RE: EMA RADIO

Mary Miller and Gary Fritz of County EMA appeared to discuss prior purchase of a Johnson 5/SL 700/800 MHz radio with accessories, warranties, and programs. Fritz explained the need for the additional (3rd) radio for use as a spare or for temporary use by County officials. Similar radios were purchased for local police departments using grant funds, but lack of grant funds did not allow adequate funds to purchase a portable radio for County EMS. It was determined that the radio would be tested to determine its capacities and then discussed as to its return or retention.

RE: WELLNESS TESTING

After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that it would be in the best interest of the employees and taxpayers that employees are requested to participate in Health Screening as part of a Wellness Program, and that the County would pay the fee for basic screen.

RE: SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

The Commissioners discussed with the County Surveyor the status of two tracts separated by a County Road and whether such tracts should be considered as being adjacent to each other for transfer purposes. It was the decision and interpretation of the Commissioners that the two tracts would be considered as being adjacent.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners set the following future meeting dates:

July Continued meeting	July 20, 2009
August Regular meeting	August 3, 2009
August Continued meeting	August 17, 2009
September Regular Meeting	September 1, 2009
September Continued Meeting	September 21, 2009

All meetings are at 9:00 a.m. to be held in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse Annex.