

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 21, 2009

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on September 21, 2009. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Janet L. Sendelweck, Highway Engineer Jason T. Heile, Highway Clerk Ann Messmer, 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 September 4, 2009, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: SCHUETTER'S SUBDIVISION – JACKSON TOWNSHIP

David Mills, surveyor, appeared on behalf of James R. Schuetter and Stacey Stafford, to submit a proposed plat of Schuetter's Subdivision in the NW q of the NE q of Section 4-3S-4W and in the SW q of the SE q of Section 33-2S-4W, consisting of 2.229 acres, in Jackson Township, and containing 1 lot. On motion duly made and seconded, the plat was approved.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OVERTIME

Donna Oeding, Health Department Administrator, appeared to advise the Commissioners that, while the Commissioners had previously approved payment of overtime to Department employees from grant funds to be received by the Department from federal sources, she has learned that the County Employee Policy does not allow payment of overtime to Health Department employees. She acknowledged that, but requested an exception for her employees only in this specific event. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to grant a specific exemption to the Employee Policy to permit payment of overtime to Health Department employees solely to the extent funded by grant funds applicable to the current H1N1 and influenza vaccinations or other vaccine distribution.

RE: COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS

Theresa Criss – Hartwig, representing Commonwealth Engineers, appeared to advise the Commissioners of current grants through the Indiana Office of Commerce and Rural Affairs relating to Stormwater projects and federal funding for energy audits and improvements.

RE: RQAW

Melvin Beeker, representing RQAW Engineering, appeared to request consideration of his firm for the County Bridge Inspection project.

RE: DUBOIS LIBRARY PROJECT

Nathan Held, representing Indiana 15 Regional Plan Commission, advised the Commissioners that the County Library Board has agreed to provide \$451,000 from the Library LIRF funds and that \$20,000 is being held by County Community Foundation, all for application towards the proposed branch library at Dubois, and to submit an application for \$500,000 from Office of Community and Rural Affairs. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized submission of application and committing local matching funds based on Library Board and Foundation written commitments.

RE: DUBOIS STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT

Nathan Held submitted a proposed Contract for Services with Indiana 15 Regional Plan Commission related to the Community Focus Fund Planning Grant for the Dubois Stormwater project. On motion duly made and seconded, the Contract was approved, at a cost of \$5000.

RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile, in the absence of Highway Supervisor Berg, submitted the Department's report of current projects, including:

Glass Bin	Footers and walls are poured for Solid Waste District's glass storage bin at former Jasper Landfill.
Whooderville	Work on public road in Maple Ridge Estates is complete except for tall road edge on shoulders.
Tri-County Paving	Notice has been received from Tri-County Paving of reduced costs for materials furnished under annual bid
CR 250 N	Manhole in Ireland has been raised at request of local sewer district and district will be billed for work done.

RE: "TEMPORARY EXTRA EMPLOYEES"

On motion duly made and seconded, and at the request of the Highway Supervisor, the Commissioners amended the County employee Policy to add a new job classification, to wit: "Temporary Extra" employee, which classification would not be entitled to the same benefits received by permanent full-time employees.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile discussed with the Commissioners the following Department projects:

Stimulus Projects	INDOT is using Beam – Longest & Neff to inspect the two County Stimulus projects.
Holland Ky Street Project	Information has been submitted to INDOT for funding.
White River Scour Hole	Project will begin this week
Portersville Bridge	Additional trees are being required at old Bridge site.
Mill Street Mitigation	Meeting held with Corps of Engineers and with Earth Source regarding future monitoring required for Mill Street wetland mitigation site.
Jasper Meridian Rd Culvert	Project to be started on September 28.

RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY – ASTRO SECURITY

Doug Fischer, representing ASTRO Security appeared to answer questions regarding the security equipment proposal previously submitted by his Company. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the proposal of Astro for security equipment for \$38,500, and rejected the proposed option #1, subject to approval of funding by the County Council.

RE: DOGWOOD ANIMAL CLINIC – CLAIM

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of a claim from Dogwood Animal Clinic for \$68.45 for services rendered to a dog delivered to the Clinic by the County Sheriff's Department.

RE: INDIANA RAILWAY MUSEUM

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a letter of support for Tiger Grant funding for Indiana Railway Museum / Dubois County Railroad.

RE: CONTRACTUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners reappointed Anita Murphy as a member of the Board of the Dubois County Contractual Public Library.

RE: STEEL PURCHASE – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the purchase of #8 and #9 rebar steel for Meridian Road from O'Neil Steel for \$4618.10. The O'Neil proposal was the lowest of three proposals, the others being from Patriot Steel and Modern Welding.

RE: CHANGE ORDERS – HIGHWAY

On motion duly made and seconded, and on recommendation of the Highway Clerk, the Commissioners approved the following Change Orders on Highway Department improvement projects:

#09-05 (Hickory Grove)	<\$767.21>
#09-03 (Dubois Rd NE)	<\$3576.71>
#09-06 (Cherry St / 200 W)	<\$1310.50>

The changes were based on varied road conditions.

RE: AMBULANCE SERVICE

Susan Henke, Dubois County Medical Services Director, appeared to discuss the County ambulance service and current costs of such service. She introduced Jerry Key of Evansville, who has been long involved in ambulance services, from a public, private and non-profit stand point. He stated that the Dubois County system does not have a volume problem, but one of service area covered. He stated that after review of the County's financial data, the County has lower than normal operating cost, and that to change to a private contract method of service would probably increase the cost of operation. He discussed the various alternatives available to the County and comparable expenses.

RE: OCTOBER MEETINGS

By agreement of the Commissioners, the next regular meeting of the Commissioners will be held on October 5, 2009, with the continued meeting to be held October 19, 2009, both meetings to begin at 9:00 am and to be held at the Courthouse Annex.