

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 9, 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 March 9, 2009. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were Deputy County Auditor Sheryl Sendelweck, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, 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 February 2009, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of February, 2009, were as follows: Recorder \$18,446.60; Health Department \$17,981.58; Auditor \$330.00; Clerk \$48,901.90. 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: 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - HUNTINGBURG COMMUNICATIONS

Janice Love, County Communications Director, appeared to discuss difficulties in communicating with the various Huntingburg emergency radio systems. The solution would be the installation of a new antenna system on the Huntingburg south water tower. The cost of the addition would be \$3532, of which the City would contribute a portion of the cost. After review and because of public safety in the Patoka Township and Cass Township areas, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the additional tower, with the cost to come from the County Communications budget, and with \$450 to be contributed by Huntingburg.

RE: DUBOIS LIBRARY PROJECT

Nathan Held, representing Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, appeared to discuss the Dubois Library Project, including the Indiana 15 and Engineer's contract. Held was informed that the Engineer's contract provides for a cost of \$40,000 plus expenses plus further approved service fees based upon subsequent approval, whereas only \$40,000 is available for such contract. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the contract for services with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and took the Engineer's contract under advisement.

RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – EMA RADIO

Mary Miller, EMA Director, and Gary Fritz, Deputy, appeared to report to the Commissioners that Indiana Homeland Security has recommended installation of IDHS Dispatch, involving talk group on 800 MH2 radios. Dubois County EMA therefore requests compliance with this procedure. Janice Love objects to this procedure due to the fact that certain talk groups should be outside the access of any group, which is not part of the group. Fritz states that the EMA has heretofore not included restricted talk groups upon the EMA access frequency. The new system would allow State Homeland Security to log all group usage within any 800 MHZ frequency. Doug Tarvin, Jasper Police Chief, stated that the City has applied for the "key" to install the IDHS Dispatch program.

RE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

Deb Capps, Director of the County Substance Abuse Council, appeared to submit to the Commissioners a copy of the Comprehensive Community Plan for the Council, as submitted to the State in February 2009. She also discussed with the Commissioners the procedure to be used in the payment of Council claims. The Commissioners advised that the Commissioners desire to follow the prior contract between the County and the Council, as required by The State Board of Accounts, which requires payments to be made by the County Auditor. It was agreed that with the County being in control of funds, a Treasurer's bond by the Council should not be required.

Capps, in her position as District representative of the State Board of Health, Division on Health Preparedness & Emergency Response, also reported on services extended by her Division with the County Health Department.

Donna Oeding, Director of the County Health Department, appeared to request that her Department be permitted to take jurisdiction over the County Waste Management space in the Health Department building.

RE: PSC TOWER CONTRACT

Paul Dauby and Kristy Evans, representing PSC, appeared to discuss renewal of the rental agreement with the County for tower space for PSC antennas. The attorney was requested to review the proposed new agreement.

RE: COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Custodian Loveall appeared to discuss several problems at various offices:

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| Health Department | Requested authority to install a railing to serve elderly individuals coming to the Department for services. He has obtained a quote from Jasper Lumber for \$970 for the materials and installation. On motion duly made and seconded, the installation was authorized. |
| Health Department | Advised that he has obtained prices for cabinets to replace cabinets damaged by sewage, which entered the Department building as a result of damage to the outside sewer line. The cost of cabinets and installation would be \$1503.01. The Commissioners authorized the purchase, with Loveall to negotiate with the Company causing the sewer problem as to the allocation of replacement costs. |
| Bird Problem | Loveall discussed his findings regarding installation of an anti-bird system in the method suggests by Gerald Apple at a prior meeting. The cost from Helming Bros for the project would be \$12,357. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement. |

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISOR REPORT

County Highway Supervisor Berg advised the Commissioners of the current status of Highway Department projects, including:

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| Portersville Bridge | Discussion with BLA, engineer, as to cost over runs will continue |
| Dubois Storm Water | Review of engineer applications is in process by Committee. Recommendations should be made at the next Commissioners' meeting. |
| County Engineer | The position of County Engineer has been advertised. |
| Bridge On CR 500 W | Replacement of old cast bridge on CR 500 W 1730' south of CR 675 N is being recommended, with a 17'6" bridge replacement. |
| Bridge On CR 500 W | Replacement of bridge on CR 500 W north of Arrowhead Ridge Subdivision is scheduled as soon as school is out for summer. Beams must be purchased. |
| CR 1175 S | As part of US 231 relocation in Spencer County, INDOT has constructed a short new road running east off of CR 400 W. It is suggested that the new road would be named CR 1175 S and will be included in the County road system. |

RE: HIGHWAY SAFETY VEST

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Highway Department to accept the lowest bid for the purchase of safety vests, being from R & R Industries at a unit price of \$12.85 plus shipping.

RE: PORTERSVILLE BRIDGE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized filing of a claim with the State of Indiana for INDOT funding of its portion of the remainder of the Portersville Bridge, being in the sum of \$1810.16.

RE: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – I-69 PROJECT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized filing of the claim with the State of Indiana for State funding of payment for an invoice from Bernardin Lochmueller for services rendered on the County Comprehensive Plan, as part of the I-69 Project, in the amount of \$547.37.

RE: INSURANCE APPRAISAL

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved an agreement with American Appraisal for update of tangible personal property of the County, to be used for insurance purposes, to be at a cost of \$1,000 plus expenses.

RE: OLD ROAD #162

The Highway Supervisor discussed with the Commissioners the status of a small stretch of Old SR 162 located in the Town of Bretzville between the current SR 162, and a vacated portion of Old SR 162. The area in question is located on current State Highway right-of-way. After discussion, it was determined that the stretch on State right-of-way serves no public function and should no longer be maintained on the County road inventory and should not be kept in repair at public expense.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners set the following future meetings: Continued March meeting for March 19, 2009 at the Celestine Fire Station, 6964 E State Road 164, Celestine, Indiana at 3:00 PM. A public hearing on petition for temporary closing of CR 580 N in Boone Township for March 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse Annex. April meetings for April 13, 2009, at 9:00 AM at the Courthouse Annex; and April continued meeting for April 27, 2009, at 9:00 AM at the Courthouse Annex.