

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 8, 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 June 8, 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 May 2009, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of May 2009, were as follows: Recorder \$16,179.16; Health Department \$18,028.62; Auditor \$113.00; Clerk \$34,956.12. 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: PRETRIAL DIVERSION**

Prosecutor Mike Fritch appeared to discuss the current status of Pretrial Diversion and the Diversion Fund. He discussed prior usage of the Fund for law enforcement expenses. He states that Fund income has been decreasing over the past several years, with a \$100,000 decrease in the last 2 years in the Fund balance. He stated that it is his intent to request the Council for authority to switch payment of one prosecutor's office deputy from the Fund to the County Budget.

### **RE: VEOLIA CONTRACT**

The Highway Supervisor submitted a revised contract with Veolia Environmental Services for lease of compactors at three collection sites. The 5-year contract has been negotiated with the Company. On motion duly made and seconded, the Contract, as amended, was approved.

### **RE: SUMMER HELP – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted the Highway Supervisor authority to employ 2 temporary summer employees, who are full time but without benefits.

### **RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted a report of current Highway Department projects, including:

Solar Sources	Signed agreement has been received on CR 700 W and phone lines are being relocated. When bond is received project may begin.
CR 800 W At SR 56	Discussions with INDOT for improvement with some funding by Solar Sources. Large hole at intersection has been repaired.
Ireland Sewers	Ireland Sewers have manholes on CR 250 N and CR 180 N, which appear to be sinking, resulting in road damage. The sewer District is looking into the problem.

### **RE: GIS ON INTERNET**

A group of realtors, title representatives, and appraisers appeared to request that the County GIS, deeds and transfer documents be placed on the Internet at County expense. The Realty companies had originally paid the costs for the Assessor's website start-up. The Auditor stated that WTH had previously advised the County that the cost would be an initial fee of \$4500 and an annual fee \$3600. The request is made that the installation be made by December 31.

### **RE: HAYSVILLE FEST ROAD CLOSING**

The Highway Supervisor reported that Bob Buchta has requested closing of Haysville Park Road due to the Haysville Fest from Noon on Friday, July 10, until Midnight on Saturday, July 11. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioner approved closing of the Road as requested, subject to the erection of proper signage supplied by the County.

### **RE: DUBOIS SEWER GRANT APPLICATION**

Nathan Held, representing Indiana 15 Region Planning Commission, appeared to submit a proposed Resolution authorizing application for Community and Rural Affairs grant funds for the funding of storm water study for the Town of Dubois. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Resolution, subject to approval of the required \$5000 matching funding by the County Council.

**RE: NORTHVIEW ESTATES**

The Highway Supervisor reported that he has inspected the roads in Northview Estates Addition near Ireland and found that the rocked road is in need of repair. The developer, Ralph Hopf, has requested the road improvement, which was paid for by the developer. The original agreement was that the road would be improved after construction of 5 homes. There are currently 3 homes. The Commissioners discussed the need for change in County policy to require the developers of additions to totally black top roads prior to acceptance of any new road into the County road system.

**RE: ADOPT A HIGHWAY – LITTER PROGRAM**

The Commissioners discussed with the Highway Supervisor a policy for group collection of litter as community projects. Discussion involving the policies followed by City of Jasper and State for similar projects. The Supervisor will obtain additional information and prepare proposed policies.

**RE: IDHS GRANT FOR GIS FUNDING**

Mary Miller, County Emergency Management Director, appeared to discuss the distribution of \$9894 remaining funds from the \$14,894 IDHS GIS Data Sharing grant. The initial \$5000 was paid to WTH for service contract. Miller submitted a list of proposed laptops and service fees proposed for use of said funds. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the use of grant funds.

**RE: COUNTY 4-H FAIR**

David Betz representing the 4-H Council, appeared to request the use of County equipment for park road maintenance during the County 4-H Fair and for construction of hog pits. On motion duly made and seconded, the County Highway Supervisor was directed and authorized to furnish equipment and manpower to do road maintenance and pit construction during the annual 4-H Fair.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

The County Highway Engineer reported on the following projects:

CR 600 W Bridge	Work has started on construction of beams required for bridge
Portersville Bridge	Amendment has been made to original permit application; trees are being received from DNR for planting in bridge vicinity. Funding has been extended for Scour Hole project.
Mill Street Wetland	5-year monitoring has been completed on Meridian Street mitigation site and report will be prepared by Earth Source Inc. Request will be made for Army Corps release.

**RE: DOGWOOD ANIMAL CLINIC – CLAIM**

The County Auditor submitted a claim from Dogwood Animal Clinic for \$68.45 for services provided by the clinic to one dog delivered to the Clinic by the County Sheriff's Department. Payment of claim was approved.

**RE: PROPOSED 231 BYPASS – CR 500 N INTERSECTION**

The Auditor submitted a petition from 22 owners of tracts at Deerwood Lake for construction of an overpass at the CR 500 N – proposed 231 Bypass Intersection. The same was referred to the Highway Department for discussion with INDOT during the initial planning stages.

**RE: JASPER STRASSENFEST**

Bridget Jarboe, representing the Jasper Strassenfest Committee, appeared to again request use of the Courthouse restrooms, east porch, east lawn and west lawn for use during the annual Jasper Strassenfest. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized such use under the same conditions as existed in 2008.

**RE: STATE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM**

Lisa Gehlhausen, Indiana 15 Region Planning Commission, and Mary Miller, County Emergency Management Director, appeared to submit a proposed State – Local Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Commissioners called attention to the requirement in the Agreement that the County participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The County, because of costs involved, has previously not participated in the program. Miller said that she had previously been advised that the Insurance Program participation would not be required for the grant. The Commissioners directed Gehlhausen to obtain additional information on the subject.

**RE: JUNE MEETINGS**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners set the June 22, 2009 Commissioners' meeting to begin at 3:00 pm at the Birdseye Town Hall, 103 W State Road 64, Birdseye, IN 47513.