

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 4, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Ferdinand Town Hall at 2065 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (EST) on October 4, 2010. 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, 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 September 2010, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of September 2010, were as follows: Recorder \$; Health Department \$; Auditor \$250.00; Clerk \$. 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: CR 1160 S

Pat Hassfurther appeared to request that CR 1160 S in Ferdinand Township be repaired, that road ditches and culverts be cleaned and replaced if necessary, and that the road be paved. Also, because previously telephone lines had been installed, the road banks are not holding. He requested that the road be inspected. The road is a dead end road of approximately 1 ½ miles but has numerous homes and heavy traffic.

RE: CHANGE ORDERS

Ann Messmer, County Highway Clerk, appeared to submit the following change orders on completed highway projects:

Project # 10-04	CR 100 W	<\$458.96>
Project # 10-09	450 N	<\$12,188.93>
	700 W	
	500 N	
	580 N	
Project # 10-06	150 N & 900 W	<\$2,543.63>
Project # 10-08	230 S	<\$179.84>

Changes were based on varying field conditions. On motion duly made and seconded, the changes were approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

The Highway Clerk submitted a proposed additional appropriation for the following funds:

CUM Fund:	Materials	\$25,000
	Tools/Equipment	\$50,000
Solid Waste:	Refuse	\$30,000
	Land Leases	\$300
	Dumpster Sites	\$5,000

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the additional appropriation, subject to approval of the County Council.

RE: SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SITE LEASES

The Highway Clerk also submitted a proposed Lease Amendment for the Solid Waste Collection Site on the Dilger farm near Ferdinand. The proposed lease has a rental increase of \$100 to \$400 per year. On motion duly made and seconded, the lease was approved as presented.

RE: OLD ROAD #64

Phil Ahrens, a resident of Lake Helmerich Village, appeared to discuss the condition of the Old State Road 64 intersection with CR 900 W, and to request that an intersection sign be installed and that the hill condition east of the intersection be improved for vision purposes so as to prevent future accidents.

RE: ATV ORDINANCE

Sheriff Tanner appeared to discuss the proposal that an Ordinance be adopted to permit use of ATV on County roads. He submitted a summary of research which he had conducted regarding permitted ATV usage. The County Attorney submitted a proposed initial draft of an ordinance to provide for road usage. The Commissioners will review the Ordinance and make suggestions for consideration at the next Commissioners' meeting.

RE: TRUE RX PRESCRIPTION SERVICE – EMPLOYEE PLAN

Mark Williams of True RX Prescription Management Services appeared to present to the Commissioners data regarding the County's use of True RX services during the prior year. He stated that 75% generic usage has been the past year's history. He stated that while employee use has increased, cost of the program has decreased by 15%. The management service will advise employees when alternate generic drugs are available. A schedule showing a number of possible alternate drug uses was presented. Williams stated that substantial reduction of cost is possible with employee education. He requested the Commissioners to consider several cost saving programs before the end of year.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg presented the following report of Department projects:

Wheatland Drive, Road Sinking	Digging underway and many stumps are being located, holes are now filled and road is open with rock surface for the Winter. Repaving will be considered next Summer.
Bank Slide – CR 175 E	Project on hold
CR 800 W Project	Delayed for equipment repair, have been workings with railroad on crossing. Improved road will be 20 foot road with 18 inch shoulder.
Two Way Radio Bid	Both bids at prior meeting are acceptable. Lowest bid was from Advanced Radio Communications at \$4766. On motion duly made and seconded, the lowest bid was accepted.
Brushcutter Bid	The Supervisor reviewed the four bids received at last meeting and lowest was determined to be from Stone & Stemle for a JD7230 tractor with mower for \$95,446.25. On motion duly made and seconded, the bid of Stone & Stemle was accepted for \$95,446.25.
Weed Ordinance Claim	Invoice has been mailed to Bank of America for property cleanup at 60 S Celestine Rd S, for \$386.96. Owner was allowed 30 days to pay. If not paid, Supervisor was directed to file lien against the property.
St. Anthony Road Closure	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved closing of the following roads in St. Anthony on October 10, 2010 for Parish 5K between 8:00 am and 10:00 am: Begin at Cross Street at Community Center, thence north to CR 450 N, thence north to CR 450 N, thence west 2.5K, thence return.

CR 1000 E (Mentor) Coop Chip/Seal

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to pay one – half of the cost of chip and seal on CR 1000 E from SR 64 south to CR 450 S.

Holland Collection Site

Site attendant Wally Wibbeler plans to retire and position will be offered to current site floaters, and if not taken will be open to interview.

RE: COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY FILES

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized HNTB to release to WTH any file which HNTB is willing to release involving the Comprehensive County survey conducted for the County.

RE: SIHO SERVICES – EMPLOYEE MEDICAL PLAN

Pete Franzman and Carolyn Beck appeared to discuss the annual renewal of the Administrative Services agreement with SIHO. The effect of recent federal legislation on the County Plan was discussed. It was suggested that for this year, the County continue to operate under the grandfather authority granted under the new legislation. The Commissioners also reviewed the administrative costs and expected annual exposure under the Employee Health Plan. After review of the data and review of pending medical claims, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to renew the HCC coverage for the year beginning November 2010.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile submitted the following reports of projects:

Dubois Stormwater

Public Hearing set for October 13 at 6:30 pm. Letters of support have been requested by OCRA.

CR 400 W North of 900 S

Review of letter to Alvin Elshoff regarding culvert and recent right-of-way ditch work.

Holland Kentucky Street

Drainage easements have been obtained and work is ready to proceed.

US 231 Relocation

State has new website for project updates.

SR 161 Relocation

Planned work on SR 161 has caused relocation of traffic to County roads and INDOT has agreed to reimburse County \$5000 for use. On motion duly made and seconded, the above amount was approved.

RE: DRIVEWAY PERMIT – CR 630 S

Highway Supervisor and Engineer presented a sight problem on CR 630 S previously developed real estate owned by Jeff Eckert in the SE Q of the NE Q of Section 5, T3S – R5W in Patoka Township. After reviewing the current plat, the Commissioners required an agreement that the 17 acres more or less tract cannot be subdivided, and an agreement releasing and save harmless the County from liability.

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 services rendered to two dogs delivered to the Clinic by the Sheriff's Department.

RE: MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved renewal of the Professional Consulting Services Agreement with Maximus Consulting Services for cost allocation services for Dubois County, said agreement to be for a one year term.

RE: SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE

The Highway Engineer submitted a proposed Ordinance establishing speed limits on certain County Roads, based upon study conducted of the specific roads and conditions, so as to satisfy public safety, as follows: Old US 231

from CR 1200 S; Old US 231 in Harbison Township; CR 1175 S from CR 400 W; CR 400 W from CR 1200 S to CR 1150 S; Portersville Bridge Road; Schnell Road from Schnellville Road to CR 400 W; CR 450 N from 600 W to 750 W; CR 500 N from 550 W to 700 W. On motion duly made and seconded, Ordinance 2010 - 03 was unanimously adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, any person operating a motor vehicle on a public highway within Dubois County, Indiana shall operate the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to traffic, surface and width of roadway, and to other conditions then existing; but,

WHEREAS, It is the determination of the Board of County Commissioners that limits shall be placed upon the maximum speed which shall be allowed when traveling such public highways; and,

WHEREAS, As a result of study conducted and review made of road conditions at the following location, it has been determined that a more restrictive speed limit is required for the safety of the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. Motor vehicles operated on Old US 231 from Co. Rd. 1200 South to Dead End in being a distance of approximately 0.31 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.
 - 2a. Motor vehicles operated on Old US 231 from US 231 to Old US 231 in Harbison Township being a distance of approximately 0.05 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.
 - 2b. Motor vehicles operated on Old US 231 from Dead End to Dead End in Harbison Township being a distance of approximately .25 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.
 3. Motor vehicles operated on Co Rd 1175 South from Co Rd 400 West to Dead End being a distance of approximately 0.13 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.
 4. Motor vehicles operated on Co Rd 400 West from Co Rd 1200 South to Co Rd 1150 South being a distance of approximately 0.5 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour.
 5. Motor vehicles operated on Portersville Bridge Road from Portersville Road East to Daviess County Line being a distance of approximately 0.15 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour.
 6. Motor vehicles operated on Schnell Road from Schnellville Road to 0.13 mile North of Co Rd 400 West being a distance of approximately 1.03 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour.
 7. Motor vehicles operated on Co Rd 450 North from Co Rd 600 West to Co Rd 750 West being a distance of approximately 1.05 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour.
 8. Motor vehicles operated on Co Rd 500 North from Co Rd 550 West to Co Rd 700 West being a distance of approximately 1.36 miles, shall be restricted to a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour.
 9. Each such public highway shall be posted for such maximum speed limit.
 10. Violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable in that manner prescribed by Indiana Statute and by prior Ordinance pertaining to speed limits heretofore adopted by this Board of County Commissioners.
 11. This Ordinance shall be effective from and following its passage and proper posting of the described speed limit.
- Adopted October 4, 2010.

RE: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The County Auditor again discussed with the Commissioners, proposed revisions of the Employee Handbook relating to employee absences from work for various leaves, as set out in Section II of the Handbook relating to Employment benefits. She related the different procedures followed by different Departments and suggested the desire that a common policy should apply. Sections C – Vacation days to be revised granting vacation days based on anniversary date rather than calendar year. Also, Appendix A for Highway and Sanitation Department Employees,

Section I, was changed from personal days to sick days. On motion duly made and seconded, the revisions to the handbook were adopted.

RE: STRAY DOGS

The County Auditor requested permission to allow the Sheriff to deliver stray dogs to the Animal Control Team of Dubois County. The dogs will be taken to a shelter to be adopted rather than euthanized. The cost cannot exceed \$68.45 which is the cost currently spent to handle each dog. On motion duly made and seconded, permission was granted for the Auditor to coordinate this process.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

Future meetings will be held on October 18, November 1, November 22, and December 6, all meetings to begin at 9:00 am and be held at the Courthouse Annex. Additionally, the Commissioners will meet on October 18, 2010 at 4:00 pm to hear complaints filed for unlawful trash disposal.