

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 6, 2010

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 December 6, 2010. 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 November 2010, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of November 2010, were as follows: Recorder \$16,712.41; Health Department \$31,805.37; Auditor \$150.00; Clerk \$43,771.20. 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: CLERKS OFFICE – PART TIME EMPLOYEE

County Clerk Kathy Hopf appeared to request permission to employ a temporary part – time employee to observe and learn the functions of an employee who will retire on December 31. There are funds in the Clerk's budget for this position and the County Council has agreed to the new part – time position. On motion duly made and seconded, the Clerk was authorized to hire a part – time employee as described.

RE: SCHNELLVILLE CONSERVATION LAKE

Jerry Verkamp, representing the Schnellville Conservation Club, appeared to advise that the Club is eligible for grant funds for replacement of the Club's lake spillway. The project would cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000. A government unit would be required to oversee the funding of the project. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to participate in the project.

RE: HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Tammy Miller appeared to submit an application for \$3750.00 grant for communication equipment. On motion duly made and seconded, the application was approved.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg reported on the following Highway Department projects:

Unimen Road Agreement	Revisions are being made
CR 1200 S Chip & Seal	Continue to work on funding of the project

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a transfer of funds as follows:

From: MVH Account	\$20,000
To: Gas, Oil & Diesel Account	\$20,000

subject to approval of County Council.

RE: SANITATION SITES HOLIDAY HOURS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the following change in operating hours for County Sanitation sites:

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve	8:00 am thru 12:00 pm Noon
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RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile submitted the following report:

Bridge 146	Piling complete, abutments next in process
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CR 450 S

Meeting is set for easements for turnaround if road is partially closed, at east end.

Tax Sale Tracts

Report on status of four (4) tracts. Letters to be sent to adjacent owners on 36th Street and Lake Helmerich tracts.

RE: CLAIM – DAVIESS COUNTY – PORTERSVILLE BRIDGE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of a claim from Daviess County Highway Department for \$2822.73 for expenses related to mitigation and debris removal at the Portersville Bridge scour hole. The Commissioners discussed future problems and expenses related to maintenance of the Bridge site.

RE: AMERICAN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT

The Auditor submitted proposed renewal agreement with American Appraisal Associates, Inc for appraisals of County properties, at fees of \$1000. On motion duly made and seconded, the agreement was approved.

RE: OLD SR 900 AT PIKE COUNTY LINE

The Auditor submitted a letter from the Pike County Prosecutor requesting modification of the intersection and approach due to public safety.

RE: ANNUAL MATERIAL BIDS

The Highway Supervisor submitted his report of review of material bids for 2011 as received at the November 22, 2010 meeting and recommended the following bids:

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Accepted Bid(s)</u>
#1	Metal Culverts over \$3500 Culvers Plus based on availability
#2	Southern Indiana Supply
#3	Southern Indiana Supply or Culverts Plus, based on availability
#4	IMI or Central Concrete, based on availability
#5	Ackerman Oil or Superior Ag or Petroleum Traders, based on price at time of need
#5A	Same as #5
#5 Alternate	Rejected, based on price and quantity
#6	Same as #5
#6A	Same as #5
#6 Alternate	Rejected, based on price and quantity
#7	Same as #5
#7 Alternate	Rejected, based on price and quantity
#8	Asphalt Materials
#9	J.H. Rudolph & Co or Tri County Paving, based on area of need
#10	J.H. Rudolph & Co or Cave Quarries or Tri County Paving, based on area of need
#11	Cave Quarries or Mulzer Crushed Stone, based on price and area of need
#12	Cave Quarries or Robertson Crushed Stone or Mulzer Crushed Stone, based on price and area of need
#13	Sealmaster, Inc.

The Supervisor also reported that on Item #12, a typing or mathematical error was immediately evident and that the bid of Cave Quarries on that item of \$3.40 should be \$13.40, and that he recommended the Commissioners to allow correction of the error. On motion duly made and seconded, the correction of the error was approved.

After review, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the recommendation of the Supervisor and accepted the bids as reported.

RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

On recommendation of a trustee and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a revised Plan Document for the Dubois County Employee Benefit Trust, effective November 1, 2010.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRUCK BIDS

It being 10:30 am, notice for bids was read and the following bids were opened:

Ton Truck Chassis:

Uebelhor & Son Sternberg	no bid bond \$38,395 <u><11,517> trade - in</u> \$26,878
Luegers	\$29,972 <u><1000> trade - in</u> \$28,972
Utility Service Body: Meyer Truck W.A. Jones	\$8,536 \$9,978

RE: TODD TOBY – SOLID WASTE VIOLATION

The Auditor reported that Todd Toby, who was previously found in violation of County Solid Waste Ordinance, has failed to pay the penalty determined and ordered or perform the community services ordered. Based on this failure, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners directed the Auditor to report the failure to the Court and request the Court to issue an order for the arrest of Todd Toby.

RE: ANIMAL CONTROL

The Auditor reported on meetings which have taken place between the County, Cities of Jasper and Huntingburg and Town of Ferdinand and A.C.T. of Dubois County (Animal Control Team) for providing animal control referred to A.C.T. by law enforcement officials, at a cost of \$50 per animal. The A.C.T. representative will approach the other parties to the agreement and if acceptable, a contract will be prepared.

RE: CLAIM – A.C.T. OF DUBOIS COUNTY

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of claim from A.C.T. of Dubois County for \$550 for animals delivered to the A.C.T. for service by the County Sheriff's Department.

RE: JUDI BROWN

Judi Brown, representing D.C. Soil & Water Conservation Service appeared to request:

- 1.) Right to place County plates on a Soil and Water Conservation Service truck
- 2.) Insurance on said truck
- 3.) Gas for use in said truck

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioner authorized use of Highway Department gas by the Service, but advised that plates could not be issued to the County if vehicle is not owned by the County and that insurance would go with the plates.

RE: COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT BIDS

Ryan Yoder of Harmonic Electronics appeared to submit a statement regarding bids received by the County Communications Department and calling the Commissioners attention to certain defects involving the bid.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners determined that future meetings of the Commissioners will be held at 9:00 am on the following dates:

- December 20, 2010, continued meeting;
- January 4, 2011, regular meeting;
- January 24, 2011, continued meeting;
- February 7, 2011, regular meeting
- February 22, 2011, continued meeting

RE: VINCENNES UNIVERSITY – WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

John Burger described to the Commissioners a proposal being made by Vincennes University for work force development programs for local industry. The project would be funded with State, federal and local monies, with additional contributions from industry. The program is necessary if the area is to continue to provide the local job market. Local industry has reported a high turnover in new employees. It is requested that the County furnish, over an extended period, \$125,000 of funding, using Economic Development funds. Burger stated that \$4,000,000 of funding would be provided by Vincennes University over the same period. He requested that a recommendation be made by the Commissioners to the County Council for such funding. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined to recommend to the County Council support for the project and use of \$125,000 of County Economic Development funds.

RE: STOP SIGN AT CR 300 N AND 175 E

Robin Breitweiser, a resident of Marion Township, appeared and presented a petition objecting to the 3-Way stop signs erected at the intersection of CR 300 N and 175 E. She explained the safety problems caused by the signs, especially during the summer when crops are present and views are blocked.

RE: HIGHWAY TRUCK BIDS

On recommendation of the Highway Supervisor, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the bid of Meyer Truck for \$8536 and of Sternberg of \$26,878 for new Department truck.