

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 1, 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 February 1, 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 January 2010 meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of January were as follows: Recorder \$; Health Department \$, Auditor \$98.00; 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: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

Solid Waste District Director Toni Lubbers appeared to advise that the District Board had recommended elimination of one part-time employee and change of one part-time employee to a full-time position. She discussed funding of the changes. On motion duly made and seconded the Commissioners approved the changes, subject to approval of the new position by the County Council.

### **RE: SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE EXCEPTION – JOE SEGER**

Ken Brosmer appeared representing Ken Seger, requesting an exception to the Subdivision Ordinance based on family residence. The request is for 1.93-acre tract for son, Joe Seger, in Section 24-T1S-R4W in Marion Township. On motion duly made and seconded, the exception was approved.

### **RE: SOLAR SOURCES ROAD USAGE AGREEMENT**

The Highway Supervisor submitted a proposed agreement between the County and Solar Sources relating to temporary closing of CR 580 N and 700 W, and the Commissioners reviewed the same. The Supervisor was instructed to submit the agreement for representatives of Solar Sources for review.

### **RE: EDA GRANTS**

Bob Grewe and Lisa Gehlhausen appeared to discuss trade adjustment assistance programs and strategic planning/construction resources available to the County based upon reductions in employment within the County. The programs are available under the Economic Development Administration and must be applied for on or before April 20, 2010. Establishment of an advanced training center would also come under the program. Two Counties within the area are eligible for participation, based on impact on trade due of the loss of jobs. The projects require cost sharing with the local entity. Cities, Towns and County are eligible for participation.

### **RE: RISK MANAGEMENT**

Garry Fritz, representing County Emergency Management, appeared to advise that a Risk Management Committee has been established for the County, to provide for the health and safety of County employees. The Auditor commented that instruction sessions would be held regarding employee safety and all employees would be required to attend the sessions. Fritz presented a charter of primary objectives for the Committee, and on motion duly made and seconded, the Charter and mandatory attendance at training sessions were approved.

### **RE: BRIDGE INSPECTION**

The Highway Engineer submitted a revised proposed contract for 2010 Bridge Inspection and informed the Commissioners of all of the new requirements now under federal regulations. He stated that the 50% increase in cost is the result of the many new requirements. The County is responsible for 20% of the cost, with the State funding the remaining 80%. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the contract with Butler, Fairman &

Seufert, at a cost of \$147,680, although expressing dissatisfaction with new regulations which results in the cost of increase.

**RE: ROAD TOUR**

The Commissioners set February 28 as the preliminary date for a tour of the County road system.

**RE: IRELAND SANITATION SITE**

The Highway Supervisor submitted a proposed base agreement for the Ireland Sanitation site, owned by St. Mary Church. The base calls for a \$25 monthly rental increase for a three-year term. A new shed is being installed at the Huntingburg collection site and the Supervisor intends to approach the owner, Dave Lichlyter concerning renewal of the current base before permanent improvements are made on the site.

**RE: WTH USER CONFERENCE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Highway Supervisor to attend the WTH User Conference in Indianapolis on March 4 & 5.

**RE: 2010 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

The Highway Supervisor discussed with the Commissioners the reduced State funding for road improvement projects and roads, which are in need of repairs.

**RE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL**

Deb Capps and Nancy Eckerle appeared to discuss the Substance Abuse Council activities in the County. Funds for the programs come from fines levied on Court Cases. Data was submitted on the services provided by grants made by the Council to various agencies within the County, including probation, schools, and Community Correction. The Council presents a list of grants annually to the Commissioners.

**RE: PETITION FOR TAX DEED**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized filing and executed a Petition to the Court for Order authorizing issuance of Tax Deed to the County for the Jasper Wood Products property.

**RE: HOLLAND KENTUCKY STREET**

The Highway Engineer reported that the County Council had approved \$400,000 funding by a no-interest loan for the Holland Kentucky Street improvement project. The contracted engineering firm (Beam, Longest, and Neff) is preparing an agreement for this project.

**RE: DOGWOOD ANIMAL CLINIC**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of a claim from Dogwood Animal Clinic for \$136.90 for services provide to two dogs delivered to the Clinic by the County Sheriff's Department.

**RE: SERVICE OFFICER**

The Commissioners authorized the County Auditor to withhold sums from future paychecks until the sum of overpayment due from the County Service Officer is fully repaid.

**RE: EMPLOYEE MANUAL**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved:

Appendix	A	Highway & Sanitation
Appendix	B	Health Department
Appendix	C	Communications Center
Appendix	D	Sheriff's Department
Appendix	E	Community Corrections

as appendix to the County Employee Manual.

**RE: GIS WEBSITE**

The County Auditor and County Assessor advised the Commissioners regarding the dissatisfaction with the WTH GIS Website. They reported that a new system from Schneider Corporation is far more advanced than the WTH system. It is reported that WTH has been unable to date to correct its current deficiencies.

**RE: COURT SPACE REQUIREMENT**

Judges Weikert & McConnell appeared to advise the Commissioners that in view of the employment of additional personnel in the Probation Department, adequate space is not available in the Courthouse. It is stated that a building currently available on the Square would resolve the problem. Various alternatives were discussed or suggested.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Commissioners set the following future meeting dates for their sessions:

February 16, 2010 (Continued Meeting)

March 1, 2010 (Regular Meeting)

March 15, 2010 (Continued Meeting)

April 5, 2010 (Regular Meeting)

April 19, 2010 (Continued Meeting)

All sessions to be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse Annex.