

**CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 24, 2010**

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on May 24, 2010. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Janet L. Sendelweck, County Surveyor Kenneth L. Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, and Highway Engineer Jason T. Heile, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck. Minutes of the May 3, 2010, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

**RE: DITCH BOARD**

Surveyor Ken Brosmer appeared to discuss progress on the Gramelspacher ditch cleaning. All owners have agreed to pay towards the project. Brosmer also discussed a bridge blockage problem on Blessinger property on Hundley Creek in Patoka Township.

**RE: COURTHOUSE VETERANS FOUNTAIN**

Custodian Scott Hopf appeared to discuss the leak problem which exists with the Veteran Fountain on the west Courthouse lawn. Hopf stated that quotes are not possible because the contractors do not know the extent of the problem. Up to \$1,000 is available for fountain repair from a fund established at the Dubois County Community Foundation. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized Hopf to engage a contractor to investigate and, based on cost, to make repairs, using the Foundation funds, with any additional cost to be paid by the County.

**RE: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

On request from the Solid Waste District Board and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized relocation of the District Offices from the St. Charles Annex to the County Processing site (former Jasper Landfill).

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg appeared to report on current Department projects, including:

2010 Paving Projects	Supervisor discussed road paving using EDIT funding for County Roads, having an expected cost not to exceed \$400,000.
Ruxer Bridge	Debris is accumulating under bridges on CR 620 at Division and Ruxer Bridge. Conservancy District will remove debris from both bridges, but as previously agreed, the County will reimburse the District for Ruxer expenses. Approved by Commissioners.
Dirt Road Signage	County has 43 dirt roads, of which most have been used for mudding. If signed, 86 signs would be required at a cost of \$35.00 each, and at an erected cost of \$72.92 each. The Commissioners expressed concern regarding the cost and requested a priority of the roads. The County Attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance prohibiting mudding on County Roads, with proper fine.
Risk Management Meeting	Reported on employee meetings presented by SIHO regarding safety awareness. A question as to the site of future meetings was discussed.
Cuzco Road West Bridge	New relocation of bridge has been discussed and appears to be acceptable to local property owners, but would still result in curved roadway.

**RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the resignation of Mary Miller as Director of the County Emergency Management Department.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - PART TIME SUMMER HELP**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the recommendation of the Highway Supervisor that Harrison Prusz be employed as a summer employee ("temporary extra") at the Highway Department, for the period May 25 thru September 3, 2010.

**RE: IRELAND – ST. PATRICK DAY COMMITTEE – IRISH ROAD BOWLING**

Jeff Schitter and members of the St. Patrick Day Committee appeared to submit plans for a proposed Irish Road Bowling project to be held on September 18, 2010, using CR 700 W south of CR 580 N, and running south and east on CR 500 N to CR 550 W. They would request that roads be closed from approximately 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. If acceptable to the County, the roads would be closed to the public, but open to local residents. Several tests will be run in the near future and the Committee will be returning to the Commissioners with more information.

**RE: SECURITY CENTER UPGRADE**

Sheriff Tanner, with Eric Ratts and Scott Carnegie of DLZ, appeared to submit a proposed Architect's Agreement for services in planning the upgrade of certain current conditions at the County Security Center. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved and signed, subject to appropriation of funds by the County Council.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Ann Messmer, Highway Clerk, submitted a proposed Additional Appropriation, as follows:

Highway	Stone	100,000
	Bituminous	460,000
Local Road & Street	Stone	30,000
	Bituminous	55,000
Solid Waste	Highway Reimbursement	20,000

On motion duly made and seconded, the Appropriation was approved, subject to County Council approval.

**RE: TOWN OF HOLLAND – EQUIPMENT USAGE**

The Highway Supervisor advised the Commissioner that Kentucky Street in the Town of Holland, which is being considered for joint improvement as a Federal Aid Project, is in need of repair and Holland has requested use of the durapatcher owned by the County for this purpose. Jasper has previously shared equipment with other municipalities under certain circumstances. After discussion, the Commissioners on motion duly made and seconded, authorized use of said equipment subject to reimbursement of material costs and operator costs, if any. A proposed Agreement was submitted for review by the County Attorney.

**RE: HEALTH INSURANCE – BROWN & BROWN**

Mary Gogel, representing Brown & Brown, a group health insurance provider, appeared to discuss the advantages which would be enjoyed by the County if Brown & Brown would be used to provide insurance coverage for the County employees. Questions have been submitted to Gogel by County employees concerning current County coverage. The stated position of the County must be to obtain the best program for the employees with the lowest possible cost to the County taxpayers. They requested consideration of their Company's services.

**RE: SIHO HEALTH INSURANCE**

Pete Franzman and Carolyn Beck, representing SIHO, appeared to give the Commissioners an update on implementation of "The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act", as recently adopted by Congress. They submitted summaries of the Act, opinions as to various provisions, and a summary of claims. Carolyn discussed several of the amendments which are required to be made to the current County plan to comply with the new law, including age of dependent coverage, coverage of emergency services at one rate, whether in or out of network, and 100% coverage for specific preventive coverage. Currently, the County Plan is operating at a 69% loss ratio, which is well below the 80% normal.

**RE: PAYROLL REQUIREMENTS**

The Auditor discussed with the Commissioners recent comments from the State Board of Accounts regarding current payroll record keeping. A discussion followed regarding requirements to satisfy the State regulations. The Auditor will contact software provider to determine the cost of revision of current computer programs to comply with the State's requirements.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Heile submitted his report of the following projects:

Bridge Inspection	Onsite inspection completed.
Schnell Road Bridge	North footer installed, other footer & walls should be completed this week.
US 231 Meeting	Report on current status received May 17, 2010.
Paving Wage Rate	Set for June 3, 2010 meeting.
Huntingburg 400 W Project	Project awarded to low bid (Craftsman Construction) for \$830,988.39.
Holland Kentucky Street	Notice to proceed with engineering sent and application for grant filed.
Driveway, Sight Distance	In response to a question from the Engineer, the Commissioners stated that they had established a policy as to Driveway sight distance requirements and that waivers should be allowed in limited cases based upon facts without further Commissioners consideration.

**RE: IACHES SUMMER CONFERENCE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Highway Supervisor and Engineer were authorized to attend IACHES Summer Conference on June 2 and 3.

**RE: VERIZON FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

The Highway Supervisor advised that Verizon has requested a permit for buried fiber optic lines on CR 225 S, CR130 W and 250 S on County right-of-way. The Commissioners determined that until existing problems with Verizon lines in road ditches are resolved, the Commissioners would not be in favor of granting additional permits to Verizon. The Commissioners discussed prior claims filed by Verizon for damage done to lines not properly installed. The Supervisor was instructed to discuss the situation with Verizon.

**RE: DOGWOOD ANIMAL CLINIC – CLAIMS**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of two claims from Dogwood Animal Clinic for \$68.45 each for services rendered to two dogs delivered to the Clinic by the Sheriff's Department.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The June regular monthly meeting of the Commissioners will be held on June 7, 2010, with a continued meeting to be held on June 21, 2010, both beginning at 9:00 am and both will be held at the Courthouse Annex in the Commissioners' Room.