

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 9, 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 August 9, 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 July 2010, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of July 2010, were as follows: Recorder \$17,941.61; Health Department \$28,647.59; Auditor \$151.00; Clerk \$42,510.43. 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: JASPER WOOD PRODUCTS PROPERTY**

Tim Bell, representing the County's insurance carrier, appeared to discuss current insurance coverage on the Jasper Wood Products facility, which is currently owned by the County. After discussion regarding the cost which would be involved should the building be involved in a casualty, the Commissioners authorized purchase of casualty coverage in the amount of \$400,000 coverage at a cost of \$4248.63.

The County Attorney reported on a call from the Jasper Police Department regarding trespassing on the Wood Products Company property, and requested that the facility be placed as closed to the public and signs posted as to that fact. Based upon the Police request, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners ordered that no unauthorized entry occur on the Wood Products property, that "no trespass" signs be installed, and that law enforcement agencies, including City of Jasper Police be authorized to enforce the above prohibition.

### **RE: REPLACEMENT EMPLOYEE**

Janice Love, Director of County Communications, appeared to recommend the employment of Wayne Porter, a retired dispatcher with the Indiana State Police, to fill the vacancy within the Department and, due to his prior experience, that he be employed with a pay reductions of \$1000 for a three month period. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved employment of Porter as a dispatcher and recommended to the County Council allowing a 3 month probation period.

### **RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Tanner discussed with the Commissioners the use of a Department car in a film production. The Commissioners discussed the benefits and determined that use of the vehicle should be at no cost or liability to the County. The Sheriff is to obtain further information.

### **RE: ASSESSOR TAX MAILINGS**

County Assessor Gramelspacher appeared to advise the Commissioners that the County will be required to send Form 11's to owners of real estate in the near future. She submitted a proposed agreement with Vision Direct for this mailing, the cost of which will be paid from the County Reassessment Account. The cost of mailings will be \$5223.25 for services and an estimated \$10,619.50 for mailing postage. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved.

### **RE: DUBOIS STORMWATER – PUBLIC HEARING**

Nathan Held, of Indiana Region 15, appeared on behalf of the Dubois Community and it being 9:30 am, the time advertised for Hearing on an application for grant funds for the Community Focus Fund in the amount of \$600,000, the public hearing was called to order. The initial construction cost was estimated to be \$907,000, but such cost would be

reduced to satisfy funds available. The Commissioners confirmed to those present that small streets in the area will be repaved following the construction. No member of the public spoke in opposition to the project, and those local residents present were in favor of the project. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of Department projects:

Weed Ordinance	No responses have been received on notices sent for violation at 60 S Celestine Rd, and therefore the Department will correct the violation and bill the property owner. Commissioners approved.
Holland Equipment	Usage – Agreement has been signed.
Verizon Cable	Company is correcting defects, and currently has completed 7 of 13 items.
Wheatland Drive	Research still in process.
CR 175 E Slide	Boring completed and being reviewed.
Stop Sign Ordinance	In process.
Coal Haul Road	Funding approved by Council, funds will be provided by mine company but run thru County records.

**RE: CHANGE ORDER – CR 500 W – 150 N**

Ann Messmer reported to the Commissioners the following change order required on Highway Department projects due to variation in work conditions on Project #10-01:

HMA Surface	2136.68
Bituminous Materials	(517.75)

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the change orders for project 10-01 with Tri County Paving.

**RE: CR 800 W / RAILROAD CROSS**

The Highway Supervisor recommended cutting down a hill south of RR track and building up road north of track. Supervisor requests use of funds in Machine Hire account for high lift dozer to complete this project. Approved by Commissioners.

**RE: KYANA ROAD AT CR 625 S**

The Highway Supervisor recommended widening of the road and bridge replacement at Schnell Road. The Commissioners authorized the Department to obtain required easements.

**RE: TRI COUNTY BID DECREASE**

The Highway Supervisor reported that he has been advised by Tri County Paving of a decrease in material charges for certain materials under the annual material bids.

**RE: NORTHEAST DUBOIS SCHOOL APPOINTMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners reappointed Bernard W. Knies as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Northeast Dubois County School Corporation.

**RE: STOP SIGN ORDINANCE – CR 175 E / 300 N**

The County Highway Engineer submitted to the Commissioners a proposed Ordinance to establish a stop sign on CR 175 E at CR 300 N. He stated that an investigation had been made of this intersection and that public safety requires the establishment of a preferential roadway. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners unanimously adopted Ordinance #2010-02, as follows: Ordinance No. 2010-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL ORDINANCES  
AMENDATORY THEREOF, BEING AN ORDINANCE  
IMPOSING RESTRICTION UPON VEHICLES OPERATED

ON COUNTY ROADS – 175 EAST AND 300 NORTH – IN MARION  
TOWNSHIP IN DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana, after having received a report on and considered an engineering and traffic investigation conducted by the County Highway Engineer regarding the affected intersection, and having the jurisdiction and responsibility to establish rules and regulations for the operation of vehicles and traffic on the following highways in said County, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now find that it is in the best interests of the citizens of said County and required for public safety to establish rules and regulations for the operation of vehicles in the use of the streets and highways hereinafter designated.

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

The provisions of this ordinance relate to preferential highways and stop signs on certain highways in Dubois County, Indiana.

1. At the intersection of County Road 175 east and County Road 300 North (MR 17), there shall be placed on the north and south approaches of County Road 175 East, and on the east approach of County Road 300 North.

Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable in that manner prescribed by Indiana statute and by prior Ordinance pertaining to preferential roads heretofore adopted by this Board of County Commissioners.

This Ordinance shall be effective from and following its passage and publication and upon completion of any other requirement required by law.

Adopted: August 9, 2010

**RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Pete Franzman, Carolyn Beck, and John Schnarr appeared to discuss various aspects of the County's Employee Health Insurance coverage, including: the St. Mary Hospital discount approved at the Commissioners July 19, 2010 meeting; amendment of plan to reflect increase in age (to 26) for coverage for dependent children; and Summary Plan Description will be revised or rewritten this year. Benefit enrollment period will be November 29, 2010, through December 17, 2010. Dental and vision, age extension will be looked into.

**RE: HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT BIDS**

It being the time advertised for receipt of bids for road improvements, the following bids were received and opened in public:

Project	Calcar Paving	O'mara Contractor	Gohman Asphalt	J.H. Rudolph	Tri County	Estimate
10-05			48,000.00	49,491.70	51,604.00	53,981.00
Borden Hill Road						
10-06	126,273.00	118,496.00	122,000.00	115,965.30	108,388.50	122,160.00
CR 150 N & CR 900 W						
10-07	158,931.00		164,000.00	132,350.90	147,221.00	160,276.00
Schnell Road						
10-08	25,113.50		26,900.00	25,173.10	23,982.50	24,245.00
CR 230 S						
10-09	453,783.00	448,921.00	477,500.00	421,537.66	416,590.45	476,851.00
CR 450 N, CR 700 W, CR 500 N & CR 580 N						

**RE: LAKE HELMERICH ACCESS**

JoAnn Stillwell, representing Lake Helmerich, appeared to report a pothole on CR 850 W and about safety due to a hill at the CR 900 W – Old SR 64 intersection. The Highway Department was instructed to investigate the situation.

**RE: COURTHOUSE COMPUTER SYSTEMS**

Sandy Morton from the Auditor's Office reported that she had received proposals for replacement of 15 computers, one printer and one monitor, as requested by the Assessor and Clerk's offices. Proposals were received from three of five dealers from whom proposals were requested. She advised that the low proposal was received from Matrix for the 15 computers, which proposal was accepted by the Commissioners. The Matrix proposal was \$25 high on the Monitor, but was accepted by the Commissioners due to advantage of having one dealer responsible for installation and maintenance on all of the equipment. Due to a great price difference as to the printer and the difference in the types of printers submitted, the Auditor was requested to obtain additional information regarding the items proposed.

**RE: JASPER WOOD PRODUCTS**

The County Attorney distributed the various statutory requirements for the sale of real estate acquired by tax sale. After review, the Commissioners directed the Attorney to obtain two appraisals of the real estate which comply with State statute.

**RE: DOGWOOD ANIMAL CLINIC – CLAIM**

The Auditor submitted claims for three dogs delivered by the Sheriff's Department to Dogwood Animal Clinic for service. On motion duly made and seconded, the claims were approved in the amount of \$205.35 and payment authorized.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Highway Engineer reported on the following subjects related to his job responsibilities:

Holland Kentucky Street	Funding through the State's Group IV projects was not approved. Application will be filed again next round.
Dubois Stormwater Project	Council has approved spending up to \$400,000 if combined with OCRA CFF grant funds.
Box Culverts In Jasper	Commissioners authorized use of Graber Crane Service for use in placement of culverts, the Graber proposal being the lowest received.

**RE: HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT BIDS**

The Highway Engineer reported that he had reviewed the highway improvement bids received earlier in the meeting and that it is his determination that the following are the lowest & best bids:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Company</u>
10-05	Gohman Asphalt
10-06	Tri-County Paving
10-07	J.H. Rudolph & Co.
10-08	Tri County Paving

While Tri County Paving was the low bid on Project 10-09, the County's current appropriation is not adequate to award that bid, and acceptance must be delayed pending approval of fund appropriation. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and accepted the above low bids on projects 10-05, 10-06, 10-07 and 10-08, and took under advisement all bids for project 10-09.

**RE: SEPTEMBER MEETINGS**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners set the regular September meeting for September 3, 2010, and the continued meeting for September 20, 2010, both meetings to begin at 9:00 am at the Courthouse Annex.