

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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 November 7, 2011. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Doug M. Uebelhor, and Randall L. Fleck. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, 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 Vollmer. Minutes of the October 2011, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of October 2011, were as follows: Recorder \$18,294.38; Health Department \$29,003.62; Auditor \$4.00; 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: PLAT OF FRIEDMAN'S FIRST ADDITION – HARBISON TOWNSHIP**

Surveyor Brosmer submitted a proposed plat of Friedman's First Addition, a Subdivision in Harbison Township, as prepared for owner, Rocky Friedman, in SW SE 13-T1N-R4W, consisting of a 1.82 acre lot. On motion duly made and seconded, the plat was approved.

### **RE: PLAT OF ROLLING PLAINS ESTATES II – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

Surveyor Brosmer also submitted a proposed plat of Rolling Plains Estates II, a subdivision in Bainbridge Township, consisting of part of the NW NW Section 15-T1S-R5W and part of the NE NE Section 16-T1S-R5W, and Lot 6 in Rolling Plains Estates. The plat had been previously approved by the Jasper Plan Commission. On motion duly made and seconded, the plat was approved.

### **RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Donna Oeding, Administrative Director, requested to combine two part time open positions into one full time RN position. The two part time positions were each funded from two separate grants. This position would continue to be funded by the grants at a pay rate of \$18.80 per hour plus benefits. On motion duly made and seconded, subject to approval by the County Council and the State, the Commissioners approved the request.

### **RE: HEALTH INSURANCE**

Pete Franzman and Carolyn Beck informed the Commissioners concerning a problem with the Encore network and Patoka Valley network due to contracts between Sagamore and Patoka Valley. After discussion of the problem, it was recommended that the Encore participation in the County plan should be terminated, and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners did terminate future service of Encore to the County's Plan.

Discussion was also held regarding Emergency Room usage by Plan participants. The **amendment** made at the prior meeting would require the Plan to lose its grandfather status, which could increase County expense regarding the plan. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners rescinded their prior action relating to Emergency Room coverage with a \$100 co-payment for nonemergency visits to the Emergency Room.

Carolyn Beck then discussed with the Commissioners the administrative fee paid by the County on the Plan. She stated to the Commissioners the fact that a 75 cent administrative fee had been erroneously omitted from the current contract and that such fee would be returned to the renewal contract. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the fee agreement for the next three year period.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

J.P. Weisheit, Director of Community Corrections, appeared to request reclassification of part-time employee Megan Lampert to a full time position. The cost of the increase would be fully paid from project income, and no tax revenue would be involved. The Director was advised that should tax funds become involved, the County would need to

reconsider the reclassification. Subject to County Council approval, on motion duly made and seconded, the reclassification was approved.

Director Weisheit also advised the Commissioners that a condenser Coil in the Centers air conditioning unit has a leak that needs repair or replacement. On motion duly made and seconded, the Director was directed to repair the coil, but subject to approval of funding by the County Council. The Commissioners were of the opinion that the cost of replacement is too expensive.

It was discussed and reviewed as to whether a Commissioners' representative should be a member of the Community Corrections Board and the Auditor was instructed to add the position on the annual appointment list.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRANSFER**

Ann Messmer, Department Clerk, appeared to submit a proposed transfer of funds within appropriated accounts, as follows:

Highway				
	From	Telephone	\$600	
		Workman's Comp	\$5,000	
	To	Travel Expense	\$600	
		Equipment Repair	\$5,000	
Solid Waste				
	From	Workman's Comp	\$600	
	To	PERF	\$600	

**RE: AMERESCO – ENERGY AUDIT**

Mark Heirbrandt, representing Ameresco, appeared to discuss the energy audit conducted of County facilities. There is no cost for the audit and the Company would bid on implementation of the audit recommendations in a RFP process. The audit results were submitted at October 3, 2011 meeting. After discussion, and with no commitment to Ameresco, the Commissioners authorized the issuance of RFP's.

**RE: CLERK'S OFFICE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted the request of the County Clerk and declared as surplus the HP printer in the Clerk's Office, which is not operating and cannot be repaired.

The Commissioners will meet with the Clerk on November 21, 2011 at 1:30 to discuss results of research on population distribution.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

County Highway Supervisor Berg reported on the following projects:

State Storm Assistance	No response from State to date
Weed Violation #1	Property has been mowed
#2	Complaint filed on property at Dubois
Beaver Lake Dam	Materials are being removed by County and used on County Roads
Guardrail On Schnell Road	Installation started last week
Flood Gate Installation on Kellerville Rd	Discussions are ongoing with City of Jasper officials for gate at Cathy home.
Ellsworth Road Drainage	Three driveway pipes on Ellsworth Road are undersized and / or broken and are resulting in flooding of Road. Commissioners directed that property owners be given written notice that culverts must be replaced and if not replaced will be replaced by County at owner's expense.
Truck Purchases	Supervisor requested consideration of additional pickup and up to three salt / brine trucks and one grader truck for use during periods of ice and snow. He also stated that all trucks should have added safety lighting. The cost would exceed \$210,000. The Commissioners recommended that the County Council be so advised.

**RE: DUBOIS STORMWATER PROJECT**

The County Engineer reported on meetings between Contractor and County Engineer and Commissioners' President regarding progress on project construction. To date 1321 feet of the 7659 total required has been installed. Maps of the work areas were reviewed. Construction problems were discussed and resolutions recommended. Pay applications from contractor and inspection firm were submitted, along with invoice from Region 15 for project administration. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of the following claims:

David O'Mara Construction	\$112,196.42
Brosmer Land Surveying	\$ 10,608.00
Indiana Region 15 Plan Commission	\$ 21,500.00

**RE: BRIDGE #224 – SCHNELL ROAD**

Road closed on October 31 and old bridge is being removed. New abutment walls should begin this week.

**RE: SOLAR SOURCES MINE**

The Highway Engineer reported on current status on mine operations, including closure of CR 580 N. The mining continues to progress north. A box sewer installed to replace a remover bridge has been inspected and approved.

**RE: RUTH SERMERSHEIM RESIDENCE LOT**

Ken Brosmer, Surveyor, reported that Ruth Sermersheim had acquired a 2.11 acre tract in the NW NE Section 26-1S-6W which originally contained a mobile home, which was grandfathered (pre) County Ordinance. The Commissioners agreed that the tract was exempt from the County Subdivision Ordinance.

**RE: SANTA'S HOUSE**

Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association requested permission to place Santa's House on west Courthouse parking area, from November 23 to January 10. On motion duly made and seconded, permission granted.

**RE: JASPER O'TANNENBAUM DAYS**

Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association requested permission to use Courthouse restrooms during December 2, 3 & 4: on Friday from 5pm until 8pm, on Saturday from 8am until 5pm, on Sunday from noon until 4:00pm. On motion duly made and seconded, permission granted.