

**CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 21, 2011**

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 March 21, 2011. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Doug M. Uebelhor, and Randall L. Fleck. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 Vollmer. Minutes of March 7, 2011, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

**RE: ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

County Assessor Gramelspacher submitted to the Commissioners a proposed Contract with Nexus Group for legal services by Nexus Group for appeals at the State level of assessments made by taxpayers. The office is a continuation of a prior contract, with change from individual to corporate group.

**RE: ERS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION**

Tony Burton of ERS appeared to recommend purchase and installation of an "Informer" automatic trip relay system which connects the County Tornado weather system sirens to the 911 dispatch console.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Department Supervisor Berg reported on current Department activities, as follows:

Tornado Damage	Garage sheds have been removed and reconstruction plans are being prepared and insurance coverage being discussed.
Unimen Road Usage Agreement	Coal company is to come up with acceptable language for renewed contract
CR 1200 S	Meeting has been set with Spencer County representatives. Projected cost would be approximately \$95,000, and area residents would fund a portion of costs.
Kyana & Schnell Roads	Nothing to report
Mud Road Ordinance	Nothing to report
CR 175 E Slide	Road remains closed. Area will be probed to determine subsoil structure. Looking at several methods to install retaining wall, and cost would be in excess of \$300,000, because of adjacent culvert could be financed using Cum Bridge fund (IC 8-16-3-1). A test will be conducted using Lechners Inc. to see what substructure exists. Department was directed to advertise for transfer of funds.

**RE: 4-H EXPANSION PROJECT**

Eric Schue representing 4-H Fair Board appeared to present plans for expansion of livestock barn at Fairgrounds for required new space. The extension may require installation of sprinkler system, but a variance has been requested. He also discussed relocation of County Extension Office to the area currently occupied by the Library for storage.

**RE: SHERIFF'S PENSION FUND**

Terry Tanner appeared regarding proposed change in the Sheriff's Pension Fund. A proposed Ordinance for amendment was submitted. The Attorney will review the proposed Ordinance. The proposal would be to apply process fees, tax warranty fees and foreclosure fees towards funding of the Pension Fund.

**RE: KENTUCKY STREET (HOLLAND) – CLAIM**

The Highway Engineer submitted the following claims from Beam, Longest & Neff for engineering services on The Holland Kentucky Street project:

Labor	\$139.13
Services, including survey	\$11,964.00

On motion duly made and seconded, the claims were approved and payment authorized.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

CR 450 S	Petition for easement prepared and being reviewed
Sign Grant	Application filed
Holland Kentucky Street	Environment document 80% complete
Dubois Stormwater Project	VS Engineering has submitted contract

**RE: WOOD PRODUCTS REAL ESTATE**

It being 10:00 am, being the time advertised for receipt of bids on the Jasper Wood Products real estate, no bids were received. The real estate was discussed by the Commissioners.

**RE: PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners unanimously adopted the following Proclamation for a Day of Prayer in Dubois County:

**Proclamation**

WHEREAS, National days of prayer have been part of our country's tradition since 1775 and, in 1988, Congress unanimously designated the first Thursday of every May as a National Day of Prayer; and,

WHEREAS, This time has been set aside as a time to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received and to recognize the need for a renewal of moral values and heavenly guidance for community leaders; and,

WHEREAS, it is also fitting that we focus on the need for a healing and a reconciliation within our nation;

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana, does hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2011 as a

**DAY OF PRAYER**

in Dubois County, and urge all citizens to join in the hope that peace and unity will soon be alive and dwell in the hearts of all mankind.

ADOPTED, this 21st day of March, 2011.

**RE: DAY OF PRAYER USE OF COURTHOUSE LAWN**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the use of the Courthouse east lawn and porch steps on May 5, 2011 for use for Day of Prayer program. This is an annual request and program.

**RE: ST. CHARLES ANNEX**

The Commissioners discussed the proposals received for replacement heating / air conditioning system at St. Charles Annex. Discussion included consideration of the several options presented in the proposals. The Auditor was instructed to advertise and present the funding for the system to the County Council for approval.

**RE: VETERANS DAY**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the County veteran's organizations to use the west lawn of the Courthouse for the annual Veterans Day activities on May 28, 2011.

**RE: EMERGENCY SIREN EQUIPMENT**

Janice Love, of County Communications, and Tammy Miller, Emergency Management, appeared to discuss procedures to be followed during adverse weather conditions, and the use of the siren system. Discussion of prior procedures and alternative methods was held. Systems in Jasper and Huntingburg are separate from County system. The advantages of "Informer" system used in Huntingburg were reviewed but its use would create problems with the County operations pager system. A backup generation system at the antenna sites was discussed, at a cost of \$1700 per site. The loss of power during the recent storm caused loss of use of the antenna covering the eastern portion of the County. A system which causes alerts from NOAA to appear on monitor screens was described. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the expenditure of approximately \$1000 for a monitor alert software and approximately \$1700 for monitor alert for loss of power at tower sites. The Commissioners approved use of a backup generator at antenna sites.

**RE: TORNADO ASSISTANCE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners expressed their appreciation to various agencies which assisted the County during the recent tornado, including: Pike County EMA, Homeland Security Departments, and Crawford County EMA. Tammy Miller, of County EMA, described to the Commissioners an emergency notification system on the market by Swift Reach Networks.

**RE: STRAND ASSOCIATES**

William Hawkins, PE, of Strand Associates, appeared to request consideration in the County's future engineering projects. The firm does work for Huntingburg.

**RE: ORDINANCE #2011-01: ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS**

County Auditor submitted the amended Ordinance for the Onsite Sewage Systems, on behalf of the Health Department. On motion duly made and seconded, the amendment was approved by the Commissioners.

Attachment

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Commissioners established the following future meeting dates: April 4, 2011, regular meeting; April 18, 2011, continued meeting; May 9, 2011, regular meeting, May 23, 2011, continued meeting; all starting at 9:00 am at the Courthouse Annex.