

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 6, 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 June 6, 2011. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Doug M. Uebelhor, and Randall L. Fleck. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 April 2011, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of May 2011, were as follows: Recorder \$11,617.29; Health Department \$26,087.89; Auditor \$; 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: DEREK HOCHGESANG**

Derek Hochgesang appeared to request a variance to Subdivision Ordinance to allow Hochgesang to purchase a 5.8 acre tract in the NE quarter of the NE quarter of Section 22-T3S-R5W in Cass Township. A larger wooded tract had been surveyed and laid out by Gerald Meyer prior to the Ordinance but the plat had not been recorded. The Plat was for four lots, all located on a County Road. The Highway Engineer requested dedication of a 30 foot easement for road purposes. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted the variance from the Subdivision Ordinance, subject to filing of an easement for 30 feet with dedication with the deed.

The Commissioners determined that any future variances for pre-Ordinance plats will terminate on January 1, 2012, unless the plat or survey is recorded prior to that date.

**RE: JASON RECKELHOFF – FAMILY FARM EXCEPTION**

Ken Brosmer appeared to request a family farm exception from Subdivision Ordinance to allow transfer of 1.82 acre tract by William Reckelhoff Jr. to his son, Jason Reckelhoff, in Section 16-T2S-R4W in Jackson Township. The son assists the family on this farm. On motion duly made and seconded, the exception was granted.

**RE: STRASSENFEST**

Meredith Voegerl, representing Jasper Strassenfest Committee, appeared to request use of the Courthouse lawn, restrooms and porches for the normal Strassenfest activities, plus an electric pole on the for SW lawn. Permission was granted, subject to working out details with the Courthouse Custodian.

**RE: HIGHWAY REPORT**

Highway Engineer Heile submitted the Highway Supervisor's & Engineer's report, as follows:

Unimen Road Agreement	Negotiations with mining company completed and on motion duly made and seconded, the agreement was approved.
Temporary Summer Help	Gerald Burger & Abbie Kemper will work on spraying crew and Elliot Prusz will be assigned to bridge crew, all as Summer employees. Approved.
Bridge# 146	Abutments poured and backfilled. Still needs painting and bridge deck.
Highway Buildings Repair	Bids were received at last meeting. Bid of Daviess County Metal was lowest and best at \$105,670. On motion duly made and seconded, the D.C. Metal bid was accepted.
CR 175 E	Bids to be received on July 5
VS Engineering Claim	The Engineer presented and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of a claim from VS Engineering for \$82,620 for services on the Dubois Stormwater project.
Portersville Bridge	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to reimburse Daviess County the sum of \$300 as ½ of the cost of

removal of debris collected on the piers of the Portersville Bridge.

**RE: LADY BUG ADVERTISING**

Raymond Lady of Lady Bug Advertising appeared to request right to reconstruct a sign billboard on Parker property on 2925 S US 231. The area is not zoned and proposes a sign of same size as prior sign. On motion duly made and seconded, permission was granted, and letter of approval to INDOT was approved.

**RE: 2010 EMERGENCY PERFORMANCE GRANT**

On motion duly made, the Commissioners approved the 2010 Emergency Performance Grant Agreement with Indiana Department of Homeland Security for \$37,131.08, being one-half of the County Emergency Agency operating expenses.

**RE: AUTOMATED CALLING SYSTEMS**

Jasper Police Chief Tarvin appeared, with local emergency representatives, to present salesmen from rapid alert notification systems: ONE CALL. The first company was ONE CALL NOW System, represented by WON-WAY Communications, Larry L Cave of Elizabethtown, Ky. Mr. Cave explained the One Call automated calling system for delivery of emergency voice messages 5,000 calls per minute could be made. The proposal is for 16,140 households at a cost of \$17,878.60 first year, and \$16,578.60 for each of the next three years, with three additional option services, on giving advance alert notice to priority numbers, and 5% discount if paid by July 31, 2011.

CODE RED, Emergency Communication Network of Ormond Beach FL, represented by Lori Iler, presented a high speed notification system. The three year agreement has an annual cost of \$17,500. The system is in two parts: a message system, and a weather notification system, which has an additional \$8750 cost. The company also offers a text message communication.

EVERBRIDGE CALLING System, represented by Lesley Turner, of Glendale, CA, also, has a two level system, originating from two sites (CA & CO), using both calls email, fax or pagers. Messages sent must be confirmed or will be repeated. Also allows specific messages to limited groups. Cost would be \$14,500 per year for five year for Citizen Alert system. There are ten fields which may be offered by County. Any type of message can be sent to any different combination of public, including a weather alert. Weather messages are at 20 cents per household additional charge.

**RE: CHAD BLESSINGER – FACEBOOK**

Chad Blessinger requests permission to use Facebook in his office for sending information to the public.

**RE: CHAD BLESSINGER – JASPER WOOD PRODUCTS**

Request use of office building at Jasper Wood Products for Brosmer House use. He presented research as to authority for County to transfer free of charge to tax-exempt organization and proposed resolution.

**RE: JUNK IT, INC. SALVAGE YARD**

Attorney Nathan Seger appeared on behalf of Junk It Inc. to seek permission for establishment of a salvage yard on CR 600 W north of SR 56, north of Stone & Stemle. The Commissioners expressed concern regarding the size of the property, the number of vehicles, and the fact that there is large number of residences in the area. The Commissioners desire to view the neighborhood, and see if a fence would be proper.

**RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Lampert submitted a list of a number of items of surplus kitchen equipment which have been replaced, and a number of outdated radios which are of no or small value. Several soup pots have been requested for use by the Red Cross. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners declared the items as surplus, authorized the soup pots to the Red Cross for their use, and for the other items to be sold at any price which the Sheriff can obtain or delivered to Solid Waste District for disposal.

**RE: COBRA INSURANCE RATES**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the recommendation of the County's insurance consultant; the commissioners approved the COBRA schedule for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

**RE: HUNTINGBURG WAGE SCALE – MOENKHAUS DRIVE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed James Hunsicker as the County representative on the Huntingburg Wage Scale Committee for the Moenkhaus Drive project.

**RE: JASPER DOWNTOWN CAR SHOW**

The County Auditor submitted a request from the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association for use of Courthouse restrooms on Saturday, June 18, from 9am to 4 pm, during the Jasper New Car Show. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the use, subject to making arrangements with Courthouse Custodian.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

Future meetings of the Commissioners will be held on June 20, July 5 and July 18, 2011, all beginning at 9:00 am.