

**CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 18, 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 July 18, 2011. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Doug M. Uebelhor, and Randall L. Fleck. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton, 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 July 5, 2011, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

**RE: FAMILY FARM EXEMPTION – LEROY SEITZ**

Ken Brosmer appeared on behalf of Luke Seitz to request a family farm exemption in order to own and build on a 1.43 acre tract on the farm of his father Leroy Seitz, in Section 9-T1S-R4W in Harbison Township. Luke does assist his father in the operation of the family farm. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted the request and authorized the exemption.

**RE: JASPER WAGE COMMITTEE**

On request of the City of Jasper, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Gerald Apple as the County Representative to the City of Jasper Wage Determination Committee, for the Solid Waste building, the Beaver Lake projects, and for any other project requiring County Committee appointment during the next three months.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of activities at the Highway Department, including:

Celestine Valley View Estates	Paving quotes furnished.
Co-op Chip / Seal Project – CR 1200	Right of way easements received on all but three tracts. Spencer County Commissioners to be contacted.
Weather Aid	All information provided to State.
FEMA Declaration	Information is being accumulated on storms 4/19 to 4/22 and flooding beginning 4/19.
Road Cut Permit – Arnold Mehringer	Request made to replace failed water line across CR 400 N. Water line is used for livestock. On motion duly made and seconded, approval of permit was granted.
Little Sandy Coal	Request made to reactivate a permit granted in April 2009 for Road Usage Permit. Company desires to begin tests and question exists whether old bond agreement still applies.
Schnellville Road Closing	Road is to be repaired with chip / seal. Road carries more than 1500 vehicles per day. Due to work, road will be subject to closures over the next week by sections. Where applicable, closures will be from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.
Material Escalation Decrease Tri County Paving	Notice has been received from Tri County of a decrease in bid price for 2011, liquid asphalt products, and resulting changes in Bid Items #9 and 10, Hot Asphaltic Concrete and Bituminous Materials Cold Mix.

**RE: CHANGE ORDERS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Ann Messmer submitted the following Change Orders on Highway Department Projects:

#11-07, having a net decrease of \$1,700.67 and

#11-02, having a net increase of \$3,078.87

On motion duly made and seconded, the change orders were approved.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Heile submitted the following Report of Engineer activities:

Department Building Repair	Report of work to be completed
Dubois Stormwater	Report made of progress. Claim submitted by V.S. Engineering for work on project for \$8,940.00. On motion duly made and seconded, claim approved and payment ordered.
Bridge 146	Project is complete except for guardrail work. Frontier fiber line must be relocated.
Bridge 244	Replacement postponed due to utility problems.
Bridge North of Lake Helmerich	Due to delay in #244, project delayed
CR 175 E	Work will be delayed due to material availability. Claim submitted by Brosmer Surveying for \$3,600 for work performed. On motion duly made and seconded, claim approved and payment ordered.
Kentucky Street Project	Claim submitted by Beam, Longest & Neff for engineering services in amount of \$6,504.84. On motion duly made and seconded, claim was approved and payment ordered. Field check has been scheduled for July 25 at 10:00 am. Plans are 1/3 done.
US 231 Planning	Meeting scheduled for July 20. Engineer Heile authorized to attend.

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised for receipt of bids for the Dubois Stormwater Project, the following sealed bids were opened and read aloud:

	Base	ALT #1
Deig Brothers	\$2,255,902	\$46,200
Gohmann Asphalt	\$1,594,800	\$7,700
Knies Construction	\$1,386,410	\$20,867
Lutring Bros	\$1,538,000	\$11,550
Dave O'Mara Construction	\$1,284,055	\$30,800
Engineer Estimate	\$1,304,214.95	\$19,250

The Commissioners took the bids under advisement and submitted the same to the Highway Engineer for review.

**RE: AT&T REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF T-MOBILE PURCHASE**

Pepper Mulherin, representing AT&T, appeared to request a Resolution from the Commissioners in support of the AT&T acquisition of T-Mobile. She gave an explanation of the proposed purchase and the benefit for Dubois County users. She discussed the need for additional towers and fiber lines within the area.

**RE: PRINTER CARTRIDGES – TREASURER**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that the printer cartridges held in the Treasurer's office are no longer needed due to equipment changes and that the cartridges are County surplus, are no

longer sold by suppliers, and that the Treasurer is authorized to sell the same for the best bid price received on E-bay, since there is no local market.

**RE: 2012 COURTHOUSE CLOSINGS**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the dates of Courthouse closings during 2012. The closings are the same as prior year except that the Courthouse will be closed on dates of elections.

**RE: 2012 PAY SCHEDULES**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the schedule of payroll dates for 2012.

**RE: NOTICE OF PRECINCT BOUNDARIES ERROR**

County Clerk Bridgette Jarboe appeared to explain that several of the annexations in Jasper have not been reflected on precinct Boundaries and that this fact must be certified to the State so that changes may be made. She submitted a notice to the State of these changes. On motion duly made and seconded, the Notice to the State was approved. Bridgette also discussed the changes which will be needed in the future as Jasper continues to extend the City limits. All precincts must also be reviewed in light of population changes and changes in State and Federal office boundaries. Commissioner districts must also be reviewed and changed if required by population changes.

**RE: JOHN KING – FLAG PROTOCOL**

John King appeared to object to the procedure which the County follows in lowering the American flag. He stated that there should be consistency in lowering of the flag following a public official's death. He cited the federal code for authority that only the President and Governor could authorized flying the flag at half-staff (T4,CH1, Section 7 (m)).

**RE: COUNTY POLICIES**

Deputy Auditor Morton submitted written changes to the County Employee Handbook previously discussed with and approved by the Commissioners as follows:

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| <u>Section I</u>  | Employment Policies & Procedures |
| (K)               | Compensatory Time / Overtime     |
| (P)               | Travel Expense Reimbursement     |
| <u>Section II</u> | Employee Benefits                |
| (D)               | Sick Days                        |