

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:30 a.m. (EST) on January 9, 2012. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Doug M. Uebelhor. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 Vollmer. Minutes of the December 2011, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of December 2011, were as follows: Recorder \$19,452.48; Health Department \$31,527.16; Auditor \$0.00; 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: REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

This being the first meeting of the year, the first order of business was the election of officers. On nomination made and seconded, Larry Vollmer was nominated as President. On motion made, seconded and adopted, nominations for President were closed and Vollmer was elected. On nomination made and seconded, Randy Fleck was nominated as Vice-President. On nomination made but without second, Doug Uebelhor was nominated as Vice-President. On motion made, seconded and adopted, nominations for Vice President closed and on voice vote, Fleck received two votes and Uebelhor received one vote. Fleck was declared elected as Vice President.

RE: PATOKA LAKE POOL

Highway Supervisor Berg reported on the fact that the pool level of Patoka Lake is 10 feet above normal pool stage for this time of the year and that adequate storage may not exist for Spring rain. The discharge over the past weekend was increased from approximately 80 CFS to 400 CFS. To prevent a repeat of 2011 flooding in Dubois County, including Jasper, the Commissioners are of the opinion that a greater discharge should occur. The Attorney is to so advise the Corp of Engineers of the County concerns and to request a meeting to discuss future releases from the Lake.

RE: EMA VEHICLE

Tammy Miller, EMA Director, appeared to advise the Commissioners that the best proposal received for the purchase of a 4-WD vehicle is a Ford from Ruxer Ford. The cost of the vehicle, plus cost of lettering and radio installation will be less than the \$25,000 budgeted for the purchase. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the vehicle purchase.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

Janet Schnell, Coordinator for the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council, appeared to submit a report of activities of the Council during the past year. Doug Tarvin, a Council member and member of the Jasper Police Department, reported on the status of substance abuse in the area, and the effect on the residents of this County. The types and amounts of various grants administered by the Council were discussed. The State has recently terminated representation of Regional Councils to the State Council, and this loss will affect local operations.

RE: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND

Doug Tarvin, representing local law enforcement agencies, appeared to request Commissioners consideration of an interlocal agreement between the County's various law enforcement agencies regarding use of \$100,000 of funds held in the Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund for use in purchase of a County-wide information sharing system. The Commissioners approved the agreement.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile reported on the following projects:

Dubois Stormwater	Project is 86% complete and is currently in process. Progress meeting is set for January 17, and inspections are being conducted by County and inspection team. On motion duly made and seconded, Commissioners approved claim of \$377,380.75 for O'Mara Contractor for construction and of \$12,572 for Brosmer Surveying for inspection services.
Bridge #244	Bridge open as of December 24. Approach work and guardrails still to be done.
Bridge #114	Permission granted to request appropriation of \$500,000 for Bridge #114.
Mill Street Wetland	IDEM and Corps have requested monitoring report and question excessive cattails present.
Kentucky Street (Holland)	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved claim by Beam Longest and Neff for \$4450.58 for project services.
Jail Parking Lot	Repair work has been advertised for bids for parking area, including sewer problems, repair of main curb ramp, and for area repairs required to comply with ADA transition plan.
Bridge Conference	Permission granted for the Highway Supervisor and Engineer to attend the annual County Bridge Conference, including travel and overnight expenses.

RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Mike Shaw, Courthouse Security Officer, requested authority to purchase a new hand held radio, at a cost of approximately \$800. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved, subject to County Council appropriation.

RE: SECURITY CENTER

Sheriff Lampert submitted his report of Security Center operations. He also submitted a plan for reallocation of wage classifications and wage increases. On motion duly made and seconded, the plan was approved, subject to County Council approval and appropriation. He also requested change of a part-time cook position to a full-time position. The cost per meal was \$1.11 for 11 months of 2011. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the change subject to County Council approval and appropriation. The Sheriff also requested authority to place a bid on a vehicle being sold by Gibson County. All County agencies would be involved in use of the vehicle. The Commissioners authorized the Sheriff to inspect the vehicle and report back prior to placing a bid.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg presented the following report of Department projects, including:

Weed Ordinance Violation	He has been in discussion with property owner regarding clean-up.
Annual Report	Submitted report of Department's projects during 2011.
Ellsworth Road Drainage	Waiting for response
Kellerville Road Flood Gate	City of Jasper has approved Gate agreement; gate will be installed.
Freeze – Thaw ordinance	Will become effective January 15, 2012.
Equipment Purchase	¾ ton truck delivered, Brine truck at Meyer's for bed installation, remainder of items are on order.
Wood Debris From Museum	Commissioners authorized Department to pick up wood debris from County Museum.
Pipeline Safety Meeting	Commissioners authorized foremen, operators, and Larry Betz, the Engineer and Supervisor to attend Indiana Pipe line Safety Meeting in Huntingburg on February 7 at 7:30 am, to last several hours.

RE: STONE & STEMLE DEALER LICENSE

After review, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agree that the County has no objection to the granting of a dealer business license by Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to Stone and Stemle for sale of new and used recreation vehicles.

RE: COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners ratified the list of appointments made by the County Commissioners, as approved at the last Commissioners meeting, with the addition of the appointment of Andrew King to the Huntingburg Planning Commission.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the annual agreement for area economic development services with the Dubois County Area Development Corporation.

RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the annual agreement for compensation for administrative services with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission.

RE: JANUARY 23, 2012 COMMISSIONER MEETING

The Commissioners unanimously changed the January continued Commissioner meeting to be held on January 23, 2012 to begin at 9:45 am, rather than at 9:30, as previously established.

It being 11:45 am, the Commissioners continued the meeting, and at 12:00 Noon entered into Executive Session. The Commissioners certify that no subject matter was discussed during such Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the prior public notice thereof.