

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 23, 2012

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:45 a.m. (EST) on January 23, 2012. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, Doug M. Uebelhor. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Kenneth L. Brosmer, 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 January 9 & 13, 2012, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: WEST HORIZON – MADISON TWP

Ken Brosmer, surveyor, appeared on behalf of Terry Hoffman, of Hoffman Farms LLC to request approval of plat of West Horizon, an Addition in the NW Q of the NW Q of Section 18-T1S-R5W in Madison Township, consisting of 5.249 acres more or less. After review, on motion duly made and seconded, the Plat was approved. Proof of Publication filed.

RE: C & L HILLTOP – BOONE TOWNSHIP

Ken Brosmer, surveyor, appeared on behalf of Ronald F. Hoffman to request approval of plat of C & L Hilltop, an addition in NW Q of the SE Q of Section 12-T1S-R6W in Boone Township, consisting of 2.0 acres, more or less. Proof of Publication presented. On motion duly made and seconded, the Plat was approved.

RE: EUGENE KLEM'S 1ST ADDITION – JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Ken Brosmer, surveyor, appeared on behalf of Eugene Lee Klem to request approval of plat of Eugene Klem's 1st Addition in the NW Q of Section 33-T2S-R4W in Jackson Township, consisting of a real estate tract with incomplete description. Upon review of the plat it was determined that the plat would require revision so as to contain a complete description. The plat was withdrawn and will be resubmitted when revised.

RE: FAMILY FARM EXCEPTION – KEN SEGER

Ken Seger appeared to request an exemption of 1.92 acre tract in the SWQ of the SWQ of Section 24-T1S-R4W in Marion Township, or more fully set out on survey by Brosmer Surveying. Ken's son, Gary L. Seger, who performs work on the farm, desires to build a residence on the farm. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted an exemption to the Subdivision Ordinance for the 1.92 acre tract.

RE: BOARD OF FINANCE

Chad Blessinger, County Treasurer, appeared and the Commissioners entered into a County Board of Finance meeting. Proof of Publication for the meeting was submitted. The President stated that the first order of business would be the election of officers. On motion duly made and seconded, the following individuals were elected:

President	Randall Fleck
Secretary	Chad Blessinger

The Treasurer also made a presentation regarding the procedure for investment of County funds, and of interest and investments during 2011 and as of December 31, 2011. There being no further business for the Board, the same adjourned.

RE: COUNTY PARK – DISC GOLF COURSE

The President of the Dubois County Parks, Jason Schmitt, appeared to advise the Commissioners of the current status of the proposed Disc Golf Course. He stated that the Park Board voted unanimously to proceed with the project. Bids will not be requested until Commissioners and Council agree with the project. It's estimated that maximum expense for a 9 hole course would be \$25,000 and a 18 hole course would be \$50,000. Operating expenses would be at a minimum. Funds for the project are currently held by Park Board.

The President also reported that long term Park employee Bill Reckelhoff will be retiring shortly and that the Board will seek a replacement.

RE: AMERESCO ENERGY PROPOSAL

Mark E. Heirbrandt, of Ameresco of Indianapolis, appeared to inquire as to whether the Commissioners had questions on the energy saving program which he had proposed. The Commissioners stated that further reading of submitted information is required and the Commissioners will review the matter at the next meeting.

RE: SOLID WASTE

Toni Lubbers, Director of County Solid Waste District, appeared to advise the Commissioners that adequate space does not exist for recycle collections by the Districts, especially electronics. Highway Supervisor Berg also reported that due to requirements of the user of recycled glass, the County might be required to find a new market. Toni also stated that due to reduced prices being paid by the market, District receipts are down. She stated that the District has a definite space problem, and requested that the Commissioners reconsider using Jasper Wood Products for recycling. Toni stated that used equipment is available which would assist the District to properly store and process recycled materials and dispose of the same at higher price due to quantity and quality of the product. The Commissioners desire to tour the Wood Products building.

RE: GROW SOUTHWEST INDIANA WORK FORCE

Jim Heck of Grow Southwest Indiana Work Force appeared to submit a financial report for the organization. He also advised that due to change in the two Dubois County mayors, it would be necessary for the two Cities and the Commissioners to select a new County representative to the Work Force. The Region will also be required to select a new district representative due to the retirement of the Evansville Mayor. Heck still must discuss the representative selection with the new Huntingburg mayor.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of Highway projects:

Weed Ordinance Violation	Weeds have been cut, tree still needs to be cut.
Ellsworth Rd	Will proceed with drainage culvert. Owner has agreed to pay his share in installments.
Kellerville RD Flood Gate	Will be installed within next 10 days.
Road Equipment	¾ ton pickup delivered, brine truck and plow to be delivered within week. Lights are ready to be installed.
Trailer Complaint	Complaints have been received on trailer which was damaged by fire in Haysville area. Attempting to seek status of trailer.
Patoka Reservoir	Letter has been mailed to Corps of Engineers. Lake elevation continues around 543 foot level.
Solid Waste	Problems with glass being mixed due to storage problems. Additional bin is required, and new compactor truck will be required in near future.
Beaver Lake Road	Bond has not been received and will look into weight of concrete trucks making deliveries to site.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile submitted the following report of projects:

Dubois Stormwater	Project is 99% complete and has been closed for the winter. Several weeks worth of work remains in March.
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Bridge #114

Proposals are due today.

County Jail Parking Lot

Project has been advertised.

RE: BEAM LONGEST & NEFF – CLAIM

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and directed payment of claim from Beam Longest and Neff in the amount of \$12,033.32 for services on the Kentucky Street (Holland) project.

RE: SURPLUS COURTHOUSE CHAIRS

On recommendation of the Custodian, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners declared as surplus and non-repairable five old chairs and directed the Courthouse Custodian to dispose of the chairs as trash.

RE: COUNTY FLAG

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of selection of a design for a County flag. It was suggested that County school students be requested to design such a flag. The Commissioners will further discuss this matter.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings for the Commissioners will be held on February 6, February 21, March 5, and March 19, all beginning at 9:00 am at Commissioners' Room in Annex.