

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**OCTOBER 21, 2013**

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissionersq Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:50 a.m. (EST) on October 21, 2013. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer 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 October 7, 2013, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented but with the addition of the fact that a Health Wellness Plan was submitted by Commissioner Uebelhor.

**RE: COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS – SECURITY DOOR**

Janice Love appeared to discuss security at the Communications Center. The first step was to change access door hardware, which has been completed. She further requested the installation of safety glass at a cost of \$390. The Commissioners authorized the installation of the glass but questioned whether the Communications Department has funds in its budget to pay the cost. Janice is to check that she has funds prior to purchase. Janice also stated that a donation has been received of exercise equipment, and questioned whether use of the equipment was acceptable. The Auditor stated that she had discussed the equipment use with the County's insurance carrier and was informed that such equipment could be used only during non-work hours, and that a waiver must be signed by employees using the equipment.

**RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Donna Oeding, Administrator of the County Health Department, appeared to submit a proposed Medical Counter . Measures Dispensing Plan for Commissioners consideration. On motion duly made and seconded, the plan was approved.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – PICKUP BIDS**

It being after 10:00 am, the time set for receipt of bids on purchase of two new pickup trucks, the following bids were opened and read aloud:

Luegers	2 ½ ton GMC Pickups	\$37,363
	Trade . in	(1,000)
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	Net Price	\$36,363
Uebelhor & Son	2 ½ ton Cheverolet Pickups	\$38,464
	Trade . in	(1,000)
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	Net Price	\$37,464

The Commissioners took the bids under advisement for review.

**RE: JIM HECK – GROW SOUTHWEST INDIANA**

Jim Heck, representing Grow SW Indiana, appeared to advise that a new office has been opened in Jasper and that the Grow SW Board has been increased to 32 area residents to better represent the various communities.

**RE: LITTLE SANDY COAL COMPANY**

Ray Judy of Little Sandy Coal Company appeared to request a 1 year extension to its current road usage Agreement, to December 19, 2014, in order to secure necessary coal sale contracts for its proposed mine in Cass Township, near the Pike County line. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted the one year extension.

**RE: COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS**

Dan Ringer appeared to advise the Commissioners that he is the new area representative for Commonwealth Engineers and requested consideration of his Company in future engineering projects.

**RE: COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM REPORT**

Jack Hart, representing TUSA Consulting, appeared to submit his report of Dubois County Public Safety Radio System Review and Recommendations. He advised the approach he used in preparation of the Report. He reported on the various interviews conducted by him and his inspection of city and county sites. He also described his observation of the Dispatch Center's operations and independent monitoring of radio messages. After completing his review, he determined that three primary issues exist:

- 1) Tornado siren system,
- 2) Fire paging system, and
- 3) Coverage of radio systems

He went into detailed explanations of each of these issues and possible solutions. He described discussions with Charlie McIntyre to resolve the functioning of equipment at the 911 Center relating to lack of storm warnings. He submitted maps of current transmission sites and the coverage from each, and described equipment and transmission methods for simulcasting, which might be used to resolve dead areas with the current system. He stated that current County VHF equipment is as good as is available, but pointed out there are limitations with VHF technology that will not satisfy the County's long term communications needs. As a long term solution, he recommended use of P25 800 MHZ radio system for all County radios (police, fire and Public Works), with four analog transmission sites, using microwave between sites, the 911 and Jasper sites. Estimated cost of 800 MHZ system could be as high as:

4 sites	\$5,800,000
Mobiles (500 units)	\$2,500,000
	\$8,300,000

If State equipment (master switch) is used, the cost would be reduced by 30-40%. Approximately 30% of current units could be used. The State P25 system should be operational in 2-3 years. Motorola units currently run \$2,600 each, but off-brands are 50% less. If the County implements the 800 MHZ system, Hart pointed out the VHF paging system will still be needed since the 800 MHZ system does not support paging.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg reported the following:

Ireland Road Maintenance Pickup Bids	Delayed due to weather Uebelhor bid is for red vehicles and Luegers is for silver. Other County vehicles are red. Check Luegers to see if red is available. Accept Luegers bid if red is available.
NIMS Testing	New employees have been tested and Department is in full compliance.
Annual Material Bids	Bids to be received 11-18-13 and to be awarded 12-2-13.
Ell Creek Dump	Damage has been fully paid.
Solar Sources CR 700 W	Agreement has been prepared
Part Time Sanitation Driver	Currently is paid at \$2.00 below that of full-time employee because of CDL requirement. Question as to whether same differential will apply in 2014. Question is for County Council, which gave part-time employees \$.20 raise vs \$.35 full-time.
CR 800 W	Petition with dedication filed in Patoka Township.

**RE: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Sandy Morton of the Auditor's Office submitted a list of 25 PCs, 3 servers and 1 laptop which are no longer used, some of which are missing parts, and none of which are used. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners declared the items as surplus and authorized disposal.

**RE: REAL ESTATE TAX SALE**

Brooke Greenwell of the Auditor's Office appeared to submit a list of 19 sites which did not sell at tax sale, and requested that the County assume ownership of the unsold property and authorize its resale by the Commissioners under the 120 redemption procedure. The County Engineer was instructed to inspect each tract to determine the existence of any hazardous waste or environment hazard. The Auditor will request the firm engaged by the County to appear at the next Commissioners meeting to discuss the sale.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Engineer Heile reported on the following projects:

Kentucky Street . Holland	Presents claim from Bean, Longest & Neff for \$2,409.20 for services. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized payment.
Bridge #114	Seed work damaged by rain corrected. Change order on project for \$7,835.27 reduction presented and approved, on motion made and seconded. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized payment of 1/2 of retainage, in amount of \$20,518.98.

Change Order

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a change order on Project DR 13-04 with Gohmann Asphalt for reduction of \$1,161.60.

Cuzco Road South Culvert

Replacement began on 9-30-12 and will be completed by Wednesday.

4-H Handicap Parking

4-H Fair Board is requesting Highway Department to furnish labor to pave handicap parking and construct walls by horse barn. Funding must be first approved by County Council.

Cuzco Road South . Culvert Replacement

Will begin Cast in Place Box Culvert on October 28 at site of Emergency Spillway overflow ditch.

**RE: FILE CABINETS – SURPLUS**

The Courthouse Custodian has three cabinets which are beyond use and junk and desires to dispose of same. On motion duly made and seconded, the cabinets were declared surplus and Custodian was authorized to dispose of the same.

**RE: TRUE RX REBATE**

The Auditor submitted to the Commissioners a rebate check under the County Drug Program in the amount of \$2,815.61 from True RX.

**RE: NOVEMBER MEETINGS**

The November meetings of the Commissioners will be held at 9:00 am on November 4 and November 18, 2013, at the Dubois County Courthouse Annex.