

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**NOVEMBER 18, 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 9:00 a.m. (EST) on November 18, 2013. 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 November 4, 2013, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – FUNDING**

Judge Mark McConnell of the Superior Court, as chairman of the Community Corrections Board, appeared to present to the Commissioners an explanation as to why the Center has been operating at a deficit. He was accompanied by a majority of the Corrections Board members. He stated that State grants have remained constant; that many expenses have substantially increased (especially insurance and utilities); that fewer offenders are participating in the program, although the full staff must be maintained; and those participants are paying less total fees; that the center must remain competitive with other County employees, including jail, while revenue at the Center is going down. To attempt to make up the difference in revenue and expenses, which is \$132,000, the Corrections Board has taken a number of steps: requested additional \$175,000 grant; have eliminated on staff position; have eliminated cell phone and pager service; increased offender starter fee; will proceed with collection agency to collect past due fees; and consider increasing fees. Alternatives would be to place offenders in jail at a substantial increase to taxpayer, and would require larger jail facility. Request is to have County place Center employees under the County health insurance program, at an approximate current cost of \$210,447 for the 16 employees in 2014. The question was raised as to whether any additional grant funding could be applied against the premium cost, but Board member Mayor Seitz spoke against application of such use of grant funds for other (non-insurance) expenses. The Commissioners will review information submitted and make decision at next meeting.

**RE: SECURITY CENTER**

Sheriff Lampert submitted his report of current Security Center operations. He also advised that the Department has been awarded a drug related vehicle by the Court and the Sheriff requests the right to destroy the vehicle, as repair of the vehicle would exceed the value upon sale. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners declared the vehicle as surplus without value and directed that the vehicle be junked.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – 2014 MATERIAL BIDS**

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised for receipt of bids for the purchase of materials for 2014, the following bids were opened and read in public:

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the following transfer of funds within the Highway Budget:

From: Highway . Workman& Comp	\$15,000
To: Highway . Equipment Repair	\$15,000

**RE: FAMILY FARM EXEMPTION – ANDREA ECRET**

Jerry A. Wibbeler files petition for authority to convey a 4.143 acre tract in the SE NW and the NE SW 19T-3S-5W in Cass Township to daughter, Andrea Ecret , for construction of residence. It was stated that the proposed owner will work on the Wibbeler farm. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the petition and authorized the transfer under the family farm exemption to the County Subdivision Ordinance.

**RE: USE FLAG DEPOSITORY**

The Auditor reported that a Boy Scout working on Eagle Scout award requested permission to place a collection box for out-of-service American flags in the Courthouse. Based on the fact that the local service organizations currently are involved in collection and destruction of flags, the Commissioners recommended that the Scout contact one of those organizations for placement in the organization's facility.

**RE: COMMISSIONERS' SALE**

The Auditor submitted proposed Resolution authorizing Commissioners Sale of Real Estate tracts which failed to sell at tax sale. The Attorney submitted a request from the City of Huntingburg to obtain seven parcels located within the City under I.C. 6-1.1-24-6.2. The Commissioners discussed the values to be placed on the various tracts not requested by the City, and based on real estate, set the following values for minimum sale:

Parcels	Owner Name	Legal Description	Amount
19-00-52-000-224.701-004	The Gerrick Family Trust	W. Schmett RW . 1 Oil & Gas Lease	\$100.00
19-13-03-201-234.000-004	Charles A & Judy A Pangburn	Oak Forest Add Lot 39	\$50.00
19-13-03-201-301.000-004	Jack E & Mary Ruth Johns	Oak Forest Add Lot 51	\$50.00
19-13-03-201-327.000-004	Athel W & Janet E Garris	Oak Forest Add Lot 68	\$50.00
19-13-03-201-346.000-004	Aquarius International Inc.	Oak Forest Add Lot 54	\$50.00
19-13-03-203-101.000-004	Charles Smith Jr & Gina Smith	Lake Helmerich Sub Lot 7	\$50.00
19-13-03-300-501.000-004	Roseanne Hudson	Lake Helmerich Sub Lot 3	\$50.00
19-08-31-104-111.000-009	Jason R & Kelly G Egbert	PT E ½ NE 31-1-3 . 25A	\$500.00
19-08-31-104-111.001-009	Jason R & Kelly G Egbert	PT E ½ 31-1-3 .046A (Sold W/ Above Parcel)	
19-00-52-000-000.701-011	Acadian Energy LLC	Oil & Gas Leas . W / Rasche	\$100.00
19-09-25-204-301.000-015	Ronald C & Karen A Ellis	Bordens 1 <sup>st</sup> Add Pt Lot 44	\$500.00
19-00-52-000-000.701-017	Acadian Energy, LLC	Rasche 1 . B Lease . W	\$100.00

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners also approved and signed the Commissioners' Live Certificate Sale Service Addendum submitted by SRI at the November 4, 2013 Commissioners' meeting.

**RE: CORONER CLAIM**

After extended discussion regarding a claim filed by Deputy County Coroners, and continued review of Commissioners' decision made at the November 4 meeting, the Commissioners determined not to revise their original decision.

**RE: HUNTINGBURG INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT – RAILROAD OVERPASS**

The Attorney reviewed with the Commissioners past discussions regarding joint funding of the proposed street overpass of the railroad tracks in Huntingburg. The attorney submitted a proposed Inter-local Agreement for such construction at a cost to the County for 10% of the total cost, but not to exceed \$1,000,000 as the County share. On motion duly made and seconded, the Inter-local Agreement was approved and signed.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

County Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current projects, including:

Nov 17 Storm	Reported high water on Dubois County roads. Heavy storm damage occurred in Daviess County, with structural damage and schools currently closed. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Supervisor to offer assistance of men and equipment to the Daviess County Highway Department.
Solar Sources 700 W Sanitation Sites	No report With holiday eves falling on Tuesday, the Commissioners directed that sanitation sites be closed on December 24 and 31 at noon, being open from 8 am to 12 pm.
Elevator Repair	The Supervisor reported that District #3 excavator had a mechanical breakdown in the boom and hydraulic system, with repair to cost \$6,000 - \$8,000. The Supervisor reported that he intends to repair the 2005 excavator.
Pike County Request for County Road Sharing	The Supervisor reported that he had been advised by Pike County Highway Department that CR 900 W is on the County line and under Pike County jurisdiction. CR 900 W runs ¼ south from Dubois County CR 160 S to a Risley

Cemetery in Pike and Dubois Counties and has not been maintained. A request has been made for improvement of CR 900 W. The Commissioners were of the opinion that the Township Trustee(s) should be responsible of the maintenance.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Heile submitted the following report of current projects:

Bridge #250 (Patoka River)  
Cuzco Road South Box Culvert

Traffic Counters  
Kentucky Street

Will request funding from County Council.  
Floor and walls poured ceiling to be poured this week.

On order

Engineer submits two claims from Beam, Longest and Neff for services rendered on Kentucky Street project: the first for \$20,200 and the second for \$765.68 and stated that sums are properly due. On motion duly made and seconded, the claims were approved and payment authorized. The Engineer also submitted a supplemental agreement with INDOT adjusting the dates of payment and funding of project. On motion duly made and seconded, agreement was approved and signed.

**RE: VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER**

The Commissioners discussed a request by Bob Johnson, the County Veterans Service Officer, that his office be relocated to the rear of the first floor of the Annex Building. This request is based on the fact that veterans visiting his office often discuss personal information and anyone in the hallway can overhear the conversation. After confirming that the room in the SW corner of the Annex is secure, with interior door locks, the Commissioners granted the Service Officer the right to relocate to the former Weights & Measures office in the southeast corner of the Annex.

**RE: FUTURE MEETING**

The Commissioners determined that future meetings of the Commissioners will be held on December 2 and December 16, 2013, all meetings to begin at 9:00 am at the Dubois County Courthouse Annex.