

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 16, 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 December 16, 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 December 2, 2013, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: COURTHOUSE CLOSINGS

Jason Terwiske, an employee of County Communications, appeared to object to the County policy of paying Courthouse employees on days when the Courthouse was closed due to weather or other conditions. Past practice has been that employees would be paid. The Commissioners were of the opinion that the policy should not call for payment if the Courthouse is closed prior to normal beginning workday, but if Courthouse is closed after beginning of the workday, those employees who appeared for work that day would receive pay for that full day. Employee who did not appear for work would be entitled to use personal, vacation or comp time.

The Commissioners considered adoption of the following amendment to Section II (P), Courthouse Closings:

In the event that the County Commissioners close County offices* by announcement made to the media prior to 7:00 a.m. on any scheduled work day due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, County employees must use vacation, personal or compensatory time in order to receive compensation for that day. Employees with no available vacation, personal or compensatory time will be unpaid for the closed day.

In the event that County offices are closed after the beginning of work hours, those employees who have reported for work will be paid for the full work day. Should the County Commissioners no close the Courthouse until after beginning of the work day and an employee has not reported to work prior to such closing due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, a personal day, vacation day, or compensatory time must be used to receive compensation for the absence.

*Excludes Highway Department, Sheriff's Department, Community Corrections and Communications Center

RE: SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Lampert submitted his report of current activities at the Security Center and with Security Center and Deputy employees.

RE: HIGHWAYSUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg presented his report of current Department projects, including:

Solar Sources

Revised agreement for closing of CR 700 W has been submitted and reviewed by Supervisor, who found agreement to be acceptable as revised. CR 700 W in Boone Township would be returned to current condition after mining, but if County provides 60 foot easement, Solar Sources will rebuild to current County specs. Required bonds will be submitted within several days. Conditioned upon receipt of bond, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the agreement as submitted and closed CR 700 W as of the date bond is presented.

GAS Computer System

Due to major issues with the current computer system for gas accounting, which system is no longer subject to repair due to age, the system requires replacement. Due to the immediate need for replacement, and the fact that the new system must be compatible with current gas dispensing equipment, the Supervisor was directed to request 3 proposals for replacement system. The approximate cost will be \$10,000 to \$13,000. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the purchase of the system which works with the current system.

Freeze Thaw Ordinance #2013-02

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted Ordinance # 2013-02 . establishing a 10 ton gross limit on loads operated on County Roads from 1-15-14 thru 4-15-14, exempting Jasper 3rd Avenue from City limits to SR 162, and establishing violation penalty, as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. To prevent damage cause by excess weight on County Roads during periods of freeze and thaw, the Commissioners hereby establish a 10 ton gross load (weight) limit on all motor vehicles operated on County Roads within Dubois County, Indiana during the period from January 15, 2014 through April 15, 2014. Jasper 3rd Avenue from Jasper city limits south to S.R. 162 is exempt from this Ordinance.
2. Operation of a motor vehicle on any County road in violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class C infraction, as defined by I.C. 34-6-2-85 and I.C. 34-28-5-4.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted: December 16, 2013.

Solid Waste Vehicle

Discussion of need for pickup for Solid Waste. Highway Department may have some trade-ins in 2014 which could be used for this purpose.

Sanitation Stickers

An order for additional stickers will be required next year and is in preparation.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Jason Heile submitted the following report regarding Highway engineering projects:

Bridge #250 (Ruxer Bridge)

Notice to proceed with work has been issued to Butler, Fairman and Seufert.

Kentucky Street, Holland

Invoices have been received from Beam, Longest & Neff for work furnished as engineer on project:

#46737	\$67.26
#46806	\$909.09
#46945	\$760.80

On recommendation of the Engineer, and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of the above claims.

2014 Road Prioritization Report

The Engineer reported a highway prioritization report for road improvements for 2014 has been completed.

Mill Street Wetland

Earth Source, employed by the County, is objecting to U.S. Corps of Engineers computations on the Mill Street Wetland project and is requesting that the timelines and work required be revised by the Corps.

RE: COMMISSIONERS SALE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a calendar to be followed for sale of tax sale real estate acquired by the County due to lack of bid at tax sale, with final sale on 2-19-14.

RE: VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

The Auditor reported that the Courthouse Custodian has received an estimate of \$2438 for changes discussed for the Service Officer office. The Commissioners discussed the need for the revisions of the office structure, and the effect of the revisions on the other offices: Weights and Measures and Coroner. By request, decision on the project was delayed.

RE: SURPLUS CHAIRS

The Auditor advised that five (5) surplus chairs are being held by the Custodian and are of little or no value. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners declared the chairs as surplus and of no value and authorized disposal of the chairs.

RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY

The Auditor reported that the Courthouse Security Office has requested authority to acquire alternative casual dress uniform for use on non-Court days. The Commissioners were of the opinion that to inform the public that a security officer is present, a full uniform should be worn.

The Security Officer also requested authority to post signs at specific locations in the Courthouse. The Commissioners requested more specific information as to locations.

RE: COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS – 2014

The Commissioners reviewed the various appointments by the County to various public or not . for . profit offices. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the following appointments:

9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

Doug M. Uebelhor 01/01/14 . 12/31/14
Scott D. Uebelhor 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Robert Johnson 01/01/14 . 12/31/17

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION

David Ring 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

AMBULANCE COORDINATOR

Suzan Henke 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Randall L. Fleck 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

CUSTODIAN

Scott Hopf 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gregory Kendall 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
William J. Schmitt 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Donny Lampert 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Marvin R. Belcher 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Kenneth J. Sicard 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Jerry Allstott 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Thomas W. Thacker 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Jennifer Derr 01/01/14 . 12/31/17

FERDINAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Dilger 01/01/14 . 12/31/17

HEALTH BOARD (Health Dept does form; four-year term; 7 members)

Mary Burgeson, MD 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Nick Matheis 01/01/14 . 12/31/17

Local Health Officer (Appt by Health Board; their form) - Theodore A. Wafart, MD; 01/01/14-12/31/17

HIGHWAY CLERK

Ann T. Messmer 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Jason Heile 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

Steven L. Berg 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

HUNTINGBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Eileen Oxendine 01/01/14 . 12/31/17

INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Lawrence M. Vollmer 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

JASPER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Pamela Catt 01/01/14 - 12/31/17

MUSEUM BOARD

Margaret J. Wagner 01/01/14 . 12/31/16

NORTHEAST DUBOIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Steve Dodd 01/01/14 . 12/31/17
Larry G. Hall 01/01/14 . 12/31/17

PROPERTY TAX BOARD OF APPEALS-PTABOA

Natalie Jenkins- Certified Level III 01/01/14 . 12/31/14
Frederick %Fred+Hollinden 01/01/14 . 12/31/14
Angela Giesler- Certified Level III 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Beverly A. Schulthise 01/01/14 . 12/31/14

TOURISM COMMITTEE

Jeff Dukes 01/01/14 . 12/31/15
James R. Kemper 01/01/14 . 12/31/15

WEED CONTROL BOARD

Lawrence M. Vollmer
Kenneth C. Mundy
Kenneth Eck
Mark A. Hochgesang
Jack Welp

01/01/14 . 12/31/17
01/01/14 . 12/31/17
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RE: TUSA CONSULTING SERVICES II, LLC AGREEMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized Consulting Services II, LLC for radio system consulting services for EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement and Siren systems.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners established the following future meeting dates:

January 6 and January 21;
February 3 and February 18;

each meeting to be held at the Courthouse Annex beginning at 9:00 a.m.