

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JANUARY 22, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on January 22, 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. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Vollmer. Minutes of the January 7, 2013, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

**RE: FACEBOOK**

County Treasurer Blessinger appeared to request the current status of installation of Facebook computer service in designated offices. The minutes of the first November meeting will be reviewed to determine the original Commissioners determination regarding Facebook use in County Offices.

**RE: SHERIFF LAMPERT**

Sheriff Lampert appeared to discuss the prior media coverage regarding the reorganization of the Commissioners Officials.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to submit his report of current Highway Department projects, including:

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| Highway Flooding      | Recent heavy rainfall from January 10-13 resulted in 27 County Road closings for most of the prior week. All roads are now open.   |
| Bid Report Correction | Reported that the Department's report to the Commissioners of material bids approved in December contained an incorrect amount for bids in Item #8. The mistake was based upon prices at plant vs prices delivered. Actual delivered prices in Item #8 were:<br>AE-90, AE-T & AE-PL:<br>Asphalt Material \$2.0479<br>J.H. Rudolph 2.20<br>Marathon 2.16  |
| Equipment Replacement | On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners acknowledged the error and accepted the low bid of Asphalt Material.<br>Supervisor discussed a list of equipment replacement rotation. He advised replacement of 3 single axle dump trucks with beds, 6 salt sanders, and 1 excavator from District #1, 2 pickup trucks for Districts # 1 & 3, and service truck for bridge crew. The Commissioners approved the request and directed that the request be submitted to the County Council. |

**RE: SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE EXCEPTION**

Surveyor Brosmer and Engineer Heile discussed with the Commissioners the Subdivision Ordinance and various exceptions, including set back lines and utility / road easements. The Commissioners then discussed the Tim and Barb Hopf property in the NE Q of the SW E of Section 13-T2S-R6W, a tract located on CR 260 S, consisting of 2.658 acres. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted an exception of the Subdivision Ordinance for the tract, conditioned upon dedication of 35 foot road easement along CR 260 S.

**RE: JASPER CHALK-WALK FESTIVAL**

Kit Miracle of Jasper Arts Center appeared to request use of Courthouse basement restrooms and part of Courthouse lawn for one performance as part of Chalk Walk program on May 4, 2013, from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm, on May 4, 2013. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was granted.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

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| Distress Road Fund             | The Commissioners authorized the County Engineer to attend the next County Council meeting to seek approval of EDIT and Distressed Road funding for 2013.  |
| Holland Kentucky Street        | INDOT had approved proceeding with right-of-way engineering and acquisition. BLN is read to begin work. Quarterly Report had been filed with INDOT. Invoice from Beam Longest and Neff submitted for engineering services on Kentucky Street for \$3,804. On motion duly made and seconded, the claim was approved and payment authorized. |
| Mill Street Wetland Mitigation | Engineer reported on recent conversations with IDEM and Corps of Engineers regarding control of cattails on the wetland  |

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mitigation site on Meridian Road. Plan for use of herbicide treatment and tree planting was requested. Plans received for bridge replacement. Discussions have been held with adjacent property owners and field drive access was discussed.

**RE: DLZ CLAIM**

The Engineer submitted a claim from DLZ for services rendered on Bridge #114 replacement for \$720. On motion duly made and seconded, the claim was approved and payment authorized.

**RE: DUBOIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Jerry Allstott to fill a vacancy on the Dubois County Emergency Management Advisory Council.

**RE: DUBOIS STRONG – PROFESSIONAL AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The County Auditor submitted a proposed Agreement with Professional Area Economic Development Services, which is the same as approved for the prior year, at a rate not to exceed \$59,262.89, based on an hourly rate of \$50 for President and \$12.50 for administrative overhead. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved.

**RE: MEAL ALLOWANCE – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

The Commissioners discussed a request from Community Corrections Director Weisheit to allow their travel meal allowance to remain at \$60 instead of the \$40 that is in effect for the remainder of the County. After discussion, the Commissioners determined that Community Corrections meal allowance while traveling should be \$40 per day.

**RE: SICK LEAVE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted employee Janice Merder a three month extension on extended.

The Commissioners entered into extended discussion of the purpose and intent of extended sick bank usage.

**RE: COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the granting of comp time to the County Service Officer, a part-time employee, said accumulation not to exceed 40 hours at any time. The granting of comp time to the Service Officer does not grant similar rights to other part time employees, but is granted to the Service Officer based upon his required future trips away from the County for training sessions.

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Lawrence M. Vollmer

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Randall L. Fleck

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Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor