

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 18, 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 March 18, 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 March 4, 2013, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Andrea Hedinger, representing County Humane Society, appeared to discuss the current County policy regarding stray animals which are taken under control by County Sheriff's Department. It was determined that such animals are taken to ACT of Huntingburg and to Hasenour's Dogwood Clinic. Andrea objected to the fact that Hasenour's does not publish animals which are brought to them for holding. Only animals for which there is no room at ACT are taken to Hasenours. Andrea stated that the County Humane Society is currently under reorganization and she is attempting to learn the local policies and practices and to determine how the organizations can cooperate for the benefit of the animals.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg reported on current Department projects, including:

Hillham Road South	A petition with dedication of right of way has been prepared and is being circulated for signatures.
Operator Retirements	Now have 2 positions open: an operator and driver. The department has attempted to not replace a driver but the replacement is needed.
New Orleans Street, Celestine	Reported on meeting with Jeremy Betz regarding parking area and new roadway. It was agreed that proposed curb would be eliminated.
Flooded Roads	With recent rains (approximately 2 inches in 2 days) there are a number of (9) County roads which are flooded. The water should be off County roads within 2 days, but additional road closings will occur before the River falls.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

County Health Administrator Donna Oeding appeared to advise the Commissioners that the Department has received a State Preparedness grant for \$18,000, which is proposed to be used for new exterior sign at the Department building. The Commissioners approved design of the sign.

Oeding also requested authorization to construct office spaces within the current Department's assigned area. The proposed changes would allow for offices with doors for privacy purposes. She was advised to prepare plans of the desired changes, obtain proposals and request funding.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile reported on the following Department projects:

Claim	Claims filed by Beam, Longest and Neff for \$6340 and \$2009.07 for services on the Holland Kentucky Street project. On motion duly made and seconded, the claims were approved and payment authorized.
Claim	Claim filed by DLZ for \$4000 for services on Bridge #114. On motion duly made and seconded, the claim was approved and payment authorized.
Bridge #114 (Schnellville Rd)	Proposed project submitted with 120 day construction period. Based on road closing it is proposed that penalty for unreasonable delay should be in bid and contract. Request is made for Summer hire to be assigned to inspection on project, in addition to normal 2 Summer hires. On motion made and seconded, the employment of 3 Summer hires was approved subject to check on status for health insurance purposes.
2013 Paving Projects	Distressed Road Fund application filed and list of proposed projects being considered.
ADA Transition Plan Bridge # 250 (15 th Street)	Meeting set with BLA. Deck and coping area is in need of repair and with Bridge's age and traffic, a major rehab, with full depth patch and desk overlay, is recommended. It is suggested that inspecting engineer be consulted and retained and the project be studied. The cost of the project could be as high as \$400,000. It was suggested that the bridge inspector (BFS) be requested to come to a future meeting. Use of specialized equipment would be required. The estimated engineering cost would be \$30,000.

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2014-16 Bridge Inspection

Time to begin to complete paperwork required by INDOT for funding of 2014-16 Bridge inspection.

County Park Road

Discussion held on work on proposed new road from CR 50 E to County Park. Most would be on County property and the eastern portion could be partially on private property. The Commissioners directed that if funds are available, the property line should be surveyed.

RE: WORK RELEASE GARDEN

Tammy Lampert from Work Release appeared to request authority to extend existing Work Release garden by approximately 35 feet toward the south (away from the building). She also requested right to plant small tree in space between Community Corrections and Security Center. The Commissioners granted authority for both projects.

RE: IRS REVIEW

County will be subject to regular IRS audit, according to County Auditor Hopf.

RE: PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

The Auditor reported the Prosecutor's Office has requested permission to connect to "My Space", a computer program. Permission granted.

RE: SRI SERVICE

On recommendation of the County Auditor, and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a Master Agreement with SRI, Inc. of Indianapolis for conducting property tax sales on behalf of the County. The service would be at no extra cost to the County.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Lampert appeared and submitted a report of Security Center operations, including financial statement. The costs and types of foods available were discussed. Also distributed was a summary of prisoner transports and incident reports. He reported that a new jailer has been State certified and a new deputy will be certified in the near future. The K-9 program is in process and training has begun, all paid by donation and Prosecutor grant. The Security Center roof has been damaged by heavy wind, and cost will be partially covered by insurance. The Sheriff is researching permanent improvement of the roof system. The Commissioners also discussed with the Sheriff the policy followed with stray animals. Calls are first placed with ACT of Huntingburg, and if space is not available, then to the Hasenour Clinic. The Sheriff stated that the personnel at the Clinic frequently are able to place healthy animals with owners, but also must terminate animals, many of whom are in poor health conditions

Lawrence M. Vollmer

Doug M. Uebelhor

Attest: _____
Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor