

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 1, 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 April 1, 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 March, 2013 meetings of the Commissioners had been previously distributed to the Commissioners and were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of March, 2013 were as follows: Recorder \$16,214.40; Health Department \$20,713.37; Auditor \$98.00; Clerk \$38,332.36. Claims against the County were examined and those found to be just, due and owing were allowed and those found to be not due and owing were disallowed, all as more fully set forth in the Claims and Allowance Docket of the County.

### **RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

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

Hillham Road South Truck Drivers	Easement has been signed and recorded Advertisement has been run for applications for 2 truck drivers, to fill vacant positions, and will be received until April 10. Interviews will be held on April 19 at 3:30 p.m. Lease will expire this year. Department is currently attempting to obtain 5 year leases. Will attempt to contact Church Council with written proposal.
Ireland Dumpster Site	Shawn Werner has requested that the Department pour concrete foundation for new electronic sign. Berg to check with City on sign limits.
Health Department Sign	Application by Jason Knies to install a private water line across CR 50 E in Marion Township, in order to extend water line to existing residence. The water line will also run under the railroad. Most of the water line will run through several private properties. The Supervisor is requiring that crossing be permanently marked and that cut be rocks filled. On motion made and seconded, permit was granted for road cut, conditional on meeting Supervisor conditions.
Road Cut – CR 50 E	County Council has approved \$400,000 for equipment purchase. Permission granted to advertise for bids, to be opened on May 6 at 10:00 am.
Equipment Purchase	Check received from Keith Stezick for chip and seal on Niehaus Extension. The County will not accept the road extension into the County road system until proof is filed that all County highway standards have been met.
Niehaus Drive	

### **RE: STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Tammy Miller appeared to request approval of Indiana Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$32,115.38 to pay one half of local EMA salaries for 2012. This grant is a renewing grant from prior years. On motion made and seconded, the application was approved and the EMA Director was authorized to file with State.

### **RE: CR 860 W (CASS TWP) IMPROVEMENT**

Tim Friedman appeared to request improvement of CR 860 W. The road is an unimproved County road in the NE quarter NW quarter of Section 10-T3S-R6W. A member of the Friedman family desires to construct a poultry house on the Jennifer L. and Jeffrey L. Thomas property. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized Friedman to apply rock to an existing public dirt road for agricultural purposes, without bringing road to County Highway specifications.

### **RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Donna Oeding, Health Administrator, appeared to request approval for creation of new position, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator, conditioned upon receipt of federal CDC grant funds. The position would be for 18 hours per week and would be fully funded by the Public Health Preparedness Grant. The grant would be assured through July 2013. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized creation of the new position for so long as the position has federal grant funding, but if funding is no longer available from the grant, the position will be eliminated. The employee will be leaving the WIC department and moving to the Public Health Preparedness position. The new responsibilities will be combined with her present Health Department Immunization position.

### **RE: 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT ORDINANCE**

Debra Burroughs of Schnellville came to object to the right of federal government to take away firearms from homeowners. She stated she is without immediate police protection and must have firearms for home

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protection. Larry Persohn objected to loss of constitutional rights and that right to firearms is a local question that should not be controlled by Washington. Mike Lewinski of Dubois appeared to say that right to hold or own firearms is a God given right. Sheriff Lampert acknowledged that the right to own firearm is important for self-protection, but that if federal or state government passes restriction on firearms, that action could terminate local funding from state and federal agencies should local governments not adopt and enforce federal and state laws and regulations. Steve Lindauer stated that local control should be the final control, not control by federal agency.

**RE: COUNTY FINANCES – COUNTY TREASURER**

County Treasurer Blessinger appeared to request authority, pursuant to I.C. 5-13-9-5, to invest County funds in any financial institution which has been designated by the State Board of Finance as a depository for State funds. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the County Treasurer to deposit County public funds using the State depository approved list.

**RE: FERDINAND FOLK FESTIVAL FONDO CYCLING EVENT**

Kevin Manley appeared to request permission to use designated County Roads on September 21 and 22, 2013, for bicycle route as part of the Ferdinand Folk Festival Fondo Cycling Event. It is a goal to have 1,000 participants. The commissioners encouraged the event to promote the County tourism.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

County Engineer Heile submitted his report of Engineering projects, including:

Kentucky ST – Holland  
Bridge# 114

Right of Way work continues.  
Engineer submits supplemental agreement with DLZ for \$3,700 added funding, which agreement was approved. Engineer given permission to advertise for additional appropriation of extra \$100,000 for project, based on engineer estimates.

ADA Transition Plan  
CR 450 N Culvert Replacement

Copy delivered and being reviewed.  
Easement presented for temporary easement while culvert is being replaced near Wabash Valley Produce, beginning April 8. An additional culvert will be replaced at a later date.

2014/15 Bridge Inspection  
County Park Access Road

RFP is still in process.  
Survey of County property line is in process. Additional funding would be required if paved road is to be constructed, as cost would be \$375,000. The engineer was authorized to advertise for additional appropriation.

Mill Street Wetland

Two companies have been contacted regarding cattail mitigation. Bids have been received of \$17,600 and \$7,950. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, Commissioners authorized CARDNO JF New to treat area for \$7,950 for 3 applications.

Claim – Bernardin Lochmueller

Engineer Heile submitted a claim from Bernardin Lochmuller and Associates for \$3642.97 for services on ADA Transition Plan. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized approval of claim.

**RE: COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISAL**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners, on request by the County Auditor, approved a contract with Universal Valuation, Inc. to perform an appraisal of County real and personal property, as required under casualty insurance coverage issued to the County. The cost is \$6,475 plus expenses, with subsequent update fee of \$375 for real estate and \$295 for contents.

**RE: COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM**

Following a meeting of various County entities and fire department representatives and after meeting with a representative recommended by the State Homeland Security, the Commissioners instructed the County Auditor to request proposals from several consultants as to the cost for analysis of the current County Communications status, with recommendations as to changes suggested.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Commissioners determined that future Commissioner meetings would be held on May 6 and May 20, 2013 both beginning at 9:00 am, to be held at the County Courthouse Annex.

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Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor