

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 6, 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 May 6, 2013. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Doug M. Uebelhor. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton, 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 April, 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 April, 2013 were as follows: Recorder \$18,645.45; Health Department \$16,275.79; Auditor \$0.00; Clerk \$36,770.91. 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: COUNTY PARK EMERGENCY ROAD

County Council President Kendall appeared to discuss the Council's discussion regarding improvement of the road running from CR 50 E east to the Dubois County 4-H Park. The suggestion is not to build a fully improved (black top or chip / seal) road, but to provide an emergency exit from the Park and to possibly provide a better road serving the residents currently living along said roadway. It was suggested that the County Park Board should prepare a plan as to future use of the wooded area and the current Park area through which proposed new emergency road will run.

RE: TRI-CAP

Joyce Fleck of Tri Cap appeared to thank the Commissioners for its prior support of Tri Cap programs. She submitted a proposed Proclamation in support of Community Action Agencies and declaring the month of May 2013 as Community Action Month. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners unanimously adopted the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies have a 49 year history of promoting self-sufficiency for limited income individuals; and

WHEREAS, **Dubois Pike Warrick Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. d/b/a TRI-CAP**, our local Community Action Agency, has been improving the lives of local citizens since 1966; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies have made an essential contribution to individuals and families in America by providing them with innovative and cost-effective services; and

WHEREAS, limited income individuals continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in dignity; and

WHEREAS, **Dubois County** and the entire United States must continue to wage war on poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, we do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

in **Dubois County**, Indiana in recognition of the hard work and dedication of TRI-CAP.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of **Dubois County** at the County Council Chamber in Jasper, Indiana on this 6 day of May 2013.

RE: SERVICE OFFICER JOHNSON

Bob Johnson appeared to request that his office hours be changed from 9:00 am thru 5:00 pm to 8:00 am thru 4:00 pm. The change is requested to match the hours when veterans appear for service. There is increased demand early in the morning. On motion duly made and seconded, the change in hours was authorized, and the Service Officer was requested to advertise the same. The Service Officer also advised that his office has an old typewriter and phone answering machine that are no longer used. The Commissioners, on motion duly made and seconded, declared the items as surplus and authorized disposal of the same.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

Truck Driver Replacements	Approximately 30 applications received and 9 individuals were interviewed. Based on interviews, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the employment of Greg Fromme and Ed Merkley, who had the highest scores and each well associated with the assignment areas.
Ireland Dumpster Lease	Submitted lease for Ireland Dumpster site, owned by the Catholic Diocese, running for a five year term with rental of \$425 per year. On motion duly made and seconded, the Lease was approved.
Appreciation for Road Clean Up	The Commissioners signed "thank you" letters for five individuals or groups for volunteer trash pickup along County roads: Mike Sermersheim; 4-H Busy Bees; 4-H Explorers; 4-H Gavel; Schnellville Community Club
Storm Ready Signs	No response has been received from INDOT on applications for storm ready signs.
Dubois Storm Sewers	Reported on work being done to rework ditches and swales in the Town of Dubois after installation of new sewer project in Dubois.
Environmental Report	Report received from Solar Sources for relocation of Hoosier Energy power line in Boone Township. After review, report of impact will be made.
Niehaus Drive	Progress meeting held with Keith Stezick regarding several compliance issues. Road is still private road and check is being held for cost for chip / seal.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Jennifer Fuhs, representing County Community Corrections, appeared to submit a Grant Application to Department of Corrections for \$150,000. On motion duly made and seconded, the application was approved and signed.

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RE: HIGHWAY TUCK BIDS

It being 10:00 am, being the time advertised for receipt of bids of new trucks for the Highway Department, proof of publication of notice for bids was received and read and the following bids were received and opened:

	Single Axle Hydraulic Truck Chassis	Dump Bed & Hoist	Salt & Sand Spreaders	Wheeled Excavator
R & H Truck & Trailer Sales	198,933.00 <u>- 18,000.00</u> 180,933.00			
Evansville Truck Center	191,808.00 <u>- 30,000.00</u> 161,808.00			
Sternberg Ford	172,031.61 <u>- 30,000.00</u> 142,031.61			
Ruxer Ford Lincoln	168,195.00 <u>- 26,200.00</u> 141,955.00			
Freightliner Western Star of Evansville	179,079.00 <u>- 30,000.00</u> 149,079.00			
Peterbuilt of Evansville	192,294.00 <u>- 24,000.00</u> 168,294.00			
Meyer Truck Equipment		24,345.00	71,970.00 70,770.00	
Elpers Truck Equipment		23,484.75	71,488.62	
J. Edinger & Son		24,540.00	59,808.00	
ERB Equipment				180,680.00 <u>- 21,000.00</u> 159,680.00
Whayne Supply				188,689.94 <u>- 17,000.00</u>
171,689.94				

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The bids were taken under advisement for review.

RE: FOREVER FAMILIES 5K

Bonnie Stone appeared to request approval of a 5K Road Run to be held by Forever Families, a child adoption group, on September 7, 2013, beginning at 9:00 am, and affecting County Roads W 100 S and Old Huntingburg Road. The road will not be closed but will be partially used for the 5K event. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was approved. Most of the Run will occur in the City of Jasper.

RE: CLAIM – BEAM LONGEST & NEFF

The Highway Engineer submitted two claims submitted by Beam Longest and Neff for services on appraisals on Kentucky Street project:

#44764	\$850
#44980	\$12,350

On motion duly made and seconded, the claims were approved and payment authorized.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the recommendation of the Highway Engineer to authorized Beam, Longest and Neff to make offers to the project properties owners.

RE: BRIDGE 114 REPLACEMENT

The Engineer submitted the following construction bids received for replacement of County Bridge #114 on the Schnellville Road:

Blankenberger Brothers	\$418,214.74
Krempp Lumber and Construction	\$457,795.76
Ragle, Inc.	\$483,834.94
CLR, Inc.	\$487,463.68
Gohmann Asphalt and Construction	\$510,000.00
Deig Brothers	\$575,310.00

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the lowest bid, from Blankenberger Bros., for \$418,214.74

RE: CLAIM – DLZ – BRIDGE #114

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of \$3970 for work performed by DLZ on Bridge #114.

RE: DISTRESS ROAD LOAN REPORT

The Highway Engineer submitted and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and signed the annual Distressed Road Fund Repayment Loan Annual Reports.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Jason Heile submitted the following reports on engineering projects:

Distressed Road Loan	Still waiting on action on loan application filed with INDOT.
Mill Street Wetland three	J.F. New has been authorized to treat cattails times this year.

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Bridge Inspection
Culvert Replacement on CR 450 N
culverts will

County Park West Access Road

Proposals are to be submitted by May 20.
Box culvert has been installed. Additional

be set in the same area.

Discussed recent meeting on obtaining right of
way for emergency road into County and 4-H
Park to be used as emergency roadway to CR
50 E.

RE: IACHES SUMMER CONFERENCE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Highway Engineer to attend to IACHES annual meeting in Indianapolis on June 5, 6 and 7, 2013.

RE: PARK BOARD – PARK WOODS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners grant the County Park Board authority over the SE quarter of the NE quarter of Section 30-T2S-R4W, being the 40 acre tract acquired by the County recently, said jurisdiction to allow the Park Board to work on a plan for development of the wooded area.

RE: SECURITY CENTER

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit his report of Security Center activities. He also advised that proposals had been received for repair of the Center roof, and that the lowest and best proposal is that of Fleck Roofing for \$25,144. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Fleck proposal and authorized the repair.

The Sheriff also discussed with Commissioners the problem of taxability of reimbursement of meal allowance for Deputies transporting prisoners. To comply with IRS regulations, the meal must be related to an overnight stay or otherwise must be included on employee's W-2.

RE: WEIGHTS AND MEASURE OFFICER

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners directed that the Weights and Measures Officer, for record keeping purposes, submit periodic reports to the Auditor showing in advance the location and time of his inspection of sites away from his office.

RE: JASPER LIBRARY BOARD

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board appointed Pamela Catt to the vacancy on the Jasper Public Library Board.

RE: MEAL REIMBURSEMENT

Due to ruling by the IRS requiring meal reimbursement to be placed on W-2, on motion duly made and seconded, the new County policy is that meal reimbursement will be paid to employees only if the meal is part of an overnight stay.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donna Oeding, Director of County Health Department, appeared to submit a report of Department activities during calendar year 2012. She also discussed with the commissioners the current job

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assignments (reassignments) resulting because of lack of State and Federal funding including reduction in the WIC program. She discussed the possibility of future funding.

On recommendation of the Director, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Greater Jasper School's Superintendent Tracy Lorey to fill a vacancy on the Health Department Board.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Health Department to file an appeal with the Jasper Board of Zoning Appeals to grant a variance in order to construct a display sight at the Health Department.

RE: SICK LEAVE BANK

The Commissioners discussed a recommendation from the County Auditor to terminate the Employee Sick Leave Bank. The Commissioners expressed a desire to retain the plan and the attorney agreed to seek sick leave bank regulations used by other entities.

RE: PERF WORKSHOP

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized employees to attend to the PERF Workshop on June 12 without clocking out of employment.