

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 17, 2013

The continued 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 June 17, 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 June 3, 2013, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: HUNTINGBURG RAILROAD OVERPASS

Mayor Dennis Spinner of Huntingburg appeared to discuss the proposed railroad overpass in Huntingburg. The overpass would not be practical on U.S. 231 and consultant will be engaged to study the project. The funding would be provided by INDOT (using federal funds) at 80% and local funds of 20%, with the City serving as Lead agency with Rich Hazelwood assigned to the project. Currently 25 to 30 trains use the railroad through the City each day. The Mayor is requesting that the City and the County share in the 20% expense, using an Interlocal Agreement. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to participate in the project (50-50), subject to Council approval of funding and approval of an Interlocal Agreement.

RE: OLDER AMERICAN CENTER – 2014 BUDGET

Carie Dick, representing the Older American Center, appeared to explain the Center's programs and area participation. She requested County support in the same amount in 2014 as furnished in 2013.

RE: ELECTION BOARD

Members of the County Election Board appeared to explain proposed use of Vote Centers. The Clerk explained prior test-use of two Centers in the County. Under regulations, Jasper would require two Centers, but other areas would probably have only one. The process would eliminate most small voting polls, of which there are currently 23 sites. There would probably be five surviving locations. The savings would be approximately \$7,000 per election. Each voter could vote at any center. It was stated the public is making comments, both pro and con. Several residents were present to express concern regarding use of Centers. The Board requested that a study be authorized on the subject. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized establishment of a committee to study the election process and hold public meetings.

RE: RSVP

Becky Beckman, representing RSVP, appeared to discuss the RSVP program and reduction in funding from federal sources. Over 47,000 hours of volunteer services are provided by RSVP representatives. The association requests \$5,000 in County funding.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Ann Messmer, Highway Clerk, appeared to request an Additional Appropriation for the following accounts:

Paint	\$5,000
Stone	\$65,000
Road Signs	\$6,000

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Appropriation, subject to Council approval. The Clerk also requested a transfer of Appropriations as follows:

From: Highway – Geotextile	\$2,500
To: Highway – Weed Spray	\$2,500

On motion made and seconded, the transfer was approved.

RE: COUNTY EMS

Suzan Henke, Director of County EMS, appeared to submit a proposed budget for the ambulance services for 2014. The Director submitted factual information from 2013 and requested a \$124,192 increase for 2014 in budget appropriation. The Service has an approximate 3% bad debt write-off.

RE: SCHOOL SAFETY COMMISSION

Attorney Nordhoff submitted a written request from the four County School Superintendents for establishment of a County School Safety Commission, under new State statute, in order to allow local schools to receive State funding for local school safety specialist employees. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the following Resolution establishing a County School Safety Commission:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COUNTY SCHOOL SAFETY COMMISSION

This Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana.

WHEREAS, The students of Dubois County represent the future of this County; and,

WHEREAS, It is critical for the success of our County that each such students be provided with a safe, secure, learning environment while attending schools within Dubois County; and,

WHEREAS, Each school community must provide and promote an environment of trust, respect, hope and belonging which is free of aggressive and violent behavior; and,

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the citizens of Dubois County, including its students, that a safe atmosphere be continued in its school facilities; and,

WHEREAS, I.C. 5-2-10.1-10 provides for the establishment of a County School Safety Commission and provides for composition of members thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that this Board of County Commissioners of Dubois County, does now establish the Dubois County School Safety Commission, and directs that a copy of this district within Dubois County and to the School Safety Specialist of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools.

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2013.

RE: RIDE SOLUTIONS – BUDGET

Becky Guthrie, representing Ride Solution, appeared to present facts concerning services offered by their organization. They provided 29,654 trips in County during 2012, which was 4,685 over 2011. The service requested an increase of \$5,000 over 2013.

RE: SOUTHERN HILLS

Joe Kimmel of Southern Hills appeared to present information regarding services offered by their organizations. The County payment to Mental Health Centers is not set by the County but is established under State statute. He stated that approximately 21% of clients are minors and 25% are alcoholic related clients. Clients are approximately equal between male and female.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Supervisor Berg submitted the following report on projects:

Niehaus Drive in Ferdinand	Rock purchase tickets not available. Holes were dug to measure rock depth. Some areas need added rock before road can be accepted into County system.
Chip and Seal	Summer schedule started today and should last for 7 weeks. Dubois Streets still have work which must be completed by Patoka Water and Dubois Water before chip and seal work can be done.
Employee Handbook	Highway Appendix has been eliminated from the County Handbook, but because of special circumstances, the Highway Department will issue its separate Operations and Procedure Handbook. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Highway Department Handbook.
Trenching Tool	Discussed conversations with City of Huntingburg regarding joint use of a piece of equipment for entrenching around culverts being replaced/installed.

RE: SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT – BUDGET

Brenda Sermersheim, representing Soil and Water District appeared to submit a proposed budget for 2014, which is a \$13,603 increase over 2013.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – BUDGET

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit his report of current Department operations. He also discussed an intersection problem on the Elsworth Road and possible solutions. The Sheriff also submitted a budget for his Department and explained the reason for a pay increase in excess of normal. He also discussed increases required due to increased cost of gas over prior years. He also explained increases in meals and computer expenses. The total budget has an increase of approximately \$220,000.

RE: SIRS – BUDGET

Kelly Mitchell, representing SIRS, appeared to submit information on SIRS services in Dubois County. She explained that total SIRS budget and stated that no increase was being requested over the

\$37,000 from 2013. In Dubois County, 136 individuals were served during 2012 and retention rate was higher than the State average. SIRS has an employment impact within Dubois County of \$845,000.

RE: HAYSVILLE SUMMERFEST

Marvin Eisenhut, representing Haysville Ruritan, appeared to request closing of Park Street in Haysville on July 12 and 13 for Haysville Summerfest. On motion duly made and seconded, the closure was authorized, and Ruritan will provide signage.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile submitted his report of current Highway Department projects:

Paving Projects	All bonds received and projects started.
CR 720 W Culvert	Will take 3 weeks, replacement started.
CR 650 S Culvert	Completed replacement.
Bridge – Inspection	Based on consultant scoring, Engineer recommends the highest score, being Butler Fairman and Seufert. On motion duly made and seconded, granting of contract to Butler was approved.
Mill Street Wetland	Letter proposed to be sent to IDEM and Corps submitted and reviewed regarding reclamation plan. Letter approved. Request being made to allow visual inspection by Engineer without use of consultant.
Distressed Road Loan	Still under INDOT review.
ADA Transition Plan	Proposed changes in ADA Ordinance and policy to be discussed.
Huntingburg Road Classification	Would involve CR 400 W and proposed change to major collector status. On motion duly made and seconded, reclassification approved.
Rebar Quotes	Bids received for rebar inventory as follows: Goedecke \$12,081.00 O'Neal \$14,117.50 Modern Welding \$23,461.00 On motion duly made and seconded, the proposal of Goedecke was accepted.

RE: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The Clerk submitted to the Commissioners a copy of proposed final version of Employee Handbook revision. After review, on motion duly made and seconded, the revision was approved.

RE: WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL GIS USAGE

On request by the Warrick County School Corporation, the Commissioners granted the School Corporation access to the WTH – GIS information for use in planning the School's bus route schedules which extend into Dubois County.

RE: BEAM, LONGEST & NEFF – CLAIM

Engineer Heile submitted to the Commissioners the following claims submitted by Beam, Longest and Neff for services rendered on the Holland Kentucky Street project:

Invoice # 45338	\$ 926.27
Invoice # 45504	\$ 253.60
Invoice # 45505	\$20,160.00

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next Commissioners meeting will be on July 1, 2013 beginning at 9:00 am. The Dubois County Solid Waste Board will meet on the same date beginning at 7:30 am.