

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 5, 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 August 5, 2013. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Doug M. Uebelhor. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sheryl Sendelweck, 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 July, 2013 meeting 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 July, 2013 were as follows: Recorder \$16,557.45; Health Department \$21,990.12; Auditor \$60.00; Clerk \$30,882.58. 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: FAMILY FARM EXEMPTION – SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE TRAVIS MICHAEL SCHROERING**

Travis Michael Schroering and Maurice Schroering appeared to submit a request for a Family Farm exemption for a 2.45 acre tract in the SW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 21-T1S-R4W on a tract owned by Maurice and Judith Schroering. Travis desires to construct a home on the 2.45 acre tract and does assist in operations of the Schroering farm. On motion duly made and seconded, the exception was approved and granted.

### **RE: FLAT CREEK INSPECTION**

Surveyor Brosmer advised the Commissioners that later in the week he will inspect Flat Creek by walking the Creek with several of the property owners.

### **RE: JEFF PETRY – DUBOIS – WATER PROBLEM**

Jeff Petry appeared on behalf of his sister, Cheryl Merkel, to complain that since the recent sewer work in Dubois, his sister's home at 5472 E Payne in Dubois is suffering water in the basement of the home. The problem is caused by fill-in of roadside ditch along Payne Street. Drainage previously was through private property and is not within County jurisdiction. Surveyor Brosmer stated that in order to satisfy grade requirements, a pump may be required. A question of elevation was presented and it was determined that the Highway Department would determine elevation of the house basement, the road ditch, and to public storm water drain south of Payne Street.

### **RE: CR 1100 E IMPROVEMENT**

A group of residents from CR 1100 E south of SR 164 appeared to determine when their road would be improved. They stated that they received a promise 11 years ago for improvement. There are eight homes along the road. The road way was improved with ground work over the years and ground was donated by the residents for that purpose. The Commissioners agreed to consider applying chip and sealed during 2014 if funds are available from the roads budget.

### **RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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Donna Oeding advised the Commissioners that the County Health Board has decided to terminate its participation in the WIC program due to substantial reduction in State funding. She also advised that the State will designate a new agency to run the program, but has request that the new agency be allowed to rent a portion of the Health Department building. Donna discussed space which would be available and changes which would be required in the building. Approximately 1250 square foot would be available. Area rent would be \$10 to \$15 per square feet. It was suggested that the former Waste Management office would be the space rented, but that a new walkway would be required along the west side of the building for access to the existing door. The Commissioners agreed to rental of the building space.

**RE: DUBOIS WASTE WAGE COMMITTEE**

On request by the Dubois Water Board for appointment to a Wage Scale Committee, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Gerald Apple as the County representative, with Mike Witte or Stan Jochum to serve as alternates.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHANGE ORDER**

Ann Messmer, Highway Department Clerk, submitted the following proposed change orders on Department projects:

Project #13-02 Dubois Town, Gohmann Asphalt	(\$554.00)
#13-04 Hillham Rd NW and Hillham Rd S, Sohmann Asphalt	(\$2,706.18)
#13-09 Beaver Lake Rd	\$2,486.80

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized the change orders.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report regarding Highway Department projects:

Niehaus Drive	Meeting scheduled to work for complete construction in satisfaction of County specs. If work cannot be completed in September, then the chip/seal will be delayed until next year.
Solar Sources – CR 580 N	Road viewed, several issues addressed, including signage. Road and shoulder improvements are completed, and road was open to public on August, conditioned on maintenance and repaving at end of two year period.
St Anthony Walk / Run	At request of St Anthony Parish, the Commissioners on motion duly made and seconded, authorized closing of CR 450 S from Ohio Street to St Anthony Road W on October 13 from 9:45 to 11:15 am for the Parish walk and run.
CR 450 S	Request made for chip / seal of CR 450 S west of CR 650 W. The road has ditch to ditch right of way and caller was requested to obtain petition for dedication of full right of way.
Solid Waste Floater	Supervisor reported that floater is assisting Solid Waste District due to loss of Director by death. Cost of three day's labor per week will be taken from District's budget, until new Director is employed.

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Beaver Lake Road	Original plan was to pave .73 mile of road but final .17 mile was omitted from chip/seal. Several homes would be excluded and Supervisor was granted authority to add the chip/seal portion to the project.
Summer Projects	Final overlay projects are about complete and patching projects are ready to begin. Project costs are running 7% under budget.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Heile submitted his report of current Department engineering projects, as follows:

Kentucky Street	Deeds for 17 of 20 tracts obtained, and remainder are in process for right of way.
Bridge #114	Deck poured, project still needs shoulder widening, ditch grade, guardrail and pavement work. On motion duly made and seconded, Commissioners approved and authorized payment of Invoice #11809 for \$185,921.13 from Blankenger Bros for services provided.
Box Culvert CR 750 W	Road closed, all concrete poured. Road open end of this week.
Box Culvert Meridian Rd Bridge Inspection	Will begin when CR 750 W project complete. INDOT has approved contract and fees are being negotiated.
Distressed Road Load ADA Transition Plan	Contract has been submitted to INDOT. Draft Transition Plan has been reviewed and proposed changes submitted. BLA will submit report at next meeting.
Mill Street Wetland	Proposed changes to mitigation plan and Corps of Engineer comments on proposed changes have been received and are being reviewed. Invoice from Cardno JF New for cattail treatment has been received for wetland maintenance in amount of \$4461.22 and on motion duly made and seconded, payment approved.