

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**APRIL 7, 2014**

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 7, 2014. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Doug M. Uebelhor. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck. Minutes of the March 17, 2014 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 March, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$11,419.26; Health Department \$23,645.45; Auditor \$4,058.00; Clerk \$27,608.53. 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: BROOKSTONE V ADDITION**

Ken Brosmer, Surveyor with Brosmer Land Surveying, appeared to submit a Construction Plan for Brookstone Estates V, a proposed subdivision in Madison Township, adjacent to the City of Jasper. It is the intent of the developer, KAKB, LLC, and owner, Keusch Kids, to request inclusion of the area into the City east of CR 490 W. No action by the Commissioners was requested.

**RE: DUBOIS STRONG**

Neal Dauby, representing Dubois Strong, appeared to discuss goals: workforce development, business development and entrepreneurial growth. The organization is currently seeking funding for organization operations. Dauby is requesting a three year commitment from the County in the amounts of \$240,000, \$320,000 and \$320,000. The current annual contribution from the County is \$60,000. The commitment is necessary to obtain the services of a President over the three year term. The private sector would be expected to contribute in excess of \$100,000.

**RE: RUXER BRIDGE**

Cara Ward, representing Sultan Run, appeared to question when work could be expected on the Ruxer Bridge. The closing would substantially affect the operation of Sultan Run. The Highway Supervisor explained the process and work to be performed. Cara stated that the prime operation months for Sultan Run is August and September of each year. It is expected that the construction time would be 2 to 3 months.

**RE: HIGHWAY REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of current Department projects:

Weather	Rain has closed 34 County Roads over the past weekend. Currently 29 roads are closed. A number of culverts have been washed out. Club Road has been damaged substantially and many roads are now covered with debris.
Kentucky St . Holland	Relocation of utilities are in process, PO for Vectren is in process and Holland will begin waterline relocation soon. Tree and brush clearing is completed.
Butler Fairman Claim	Claim #70711 in amount of \$9,660 for Ruxer design work (50% of expected design) submitted and on motion duly made and seconded is approved and payment authorized. Brad Eckerle has indicated that his firm would be available for inspection on project work.
Bernardin Lochmueller Claim	Claim filed #900776 for work on ADA Transition Plan in amount of \$5,070.66. On motion made and seconded, payment approved and claim approved.
Phase I Bridge Inspection	Butler Fairman files claim #70712 for \$8,798 for inspection work, now 10% complete. On motion duly made and seconded, claim approved and payment authorized.
Plat Review	Plat received by Department for Rolling Ridge Estates within City of Jasper. Also received status report on Ralph Hopf Subdivision new road construction.
CR 500 E	Southern portion of CR had been relocated in 2003 and former right of way is owned by County. It was determined that County should obtain dedication for new roadway and former roadway should be vacated with ownership to revert to adjacent property owner. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners

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Sun Energy Addition	vacated the former roadway and instructed the attorney to prepare the resolution for vacation. Tom Allinder of Sun Energy has requested an additional approach onto Old SR 64 from the south, east of Zoar Church. An additional bond will be required. They also request right to relocate 900 W from Pike County to the east into Dubois County. The Commissioners stated that they have a safety concern with the relocated site due to site distance. Safety would be served if the relocation is in Pike County away from the existing hill at the location.
4-H Road	Supervisor has checked 4-H road and found current pavement is only in fair condition with substantial pavement cracking. Camping area road is in the poorest condition. Overlay of asphalt is recommended. Approximately one mile of paving is required, plus patch work and camper pads.
Highway Engineer	Three applications have been received and all three have been interviewed. Brent Wendholt was most desirable, but currently does not have PE certificate. The Supervisor recommended employment of Wendholt at \$60,000 until he receives a PE, at which time there would be an increase to \$65,000, and an increase to \$68,000 on June 1, 2015. The Supervisor will contact Wendholt.
CR 350 . Agreement on Methane Sniffers	Agreement had been previously approved for construction of testing site for methane at site of former Jasper Landfill and was prepared for signature for then President Vollmer on behalf of the Commissioners.
INDOT Classification Meeting	Will be held at Huntingburg on April 21 at 11:00 am. This meeting could result in reclassification of certain County roadway.
Chainsaw Safety	Insurance carrier is requesting use of safety equipment by Highway Department employees who are operating chainsaws. A policy by the Commissioners for such use of equipment is recommended. Due to night call outs for blocked roads, a procedure for use and availability must be established and required safety equipment acquired.

**RE: RUXER BRIDGE**

Brent Roberts of Butler Fairman, the engineering firm working on the Ruxer Bridge project, appeared and submitted plans for work on the Ruxer Bridge. He stated that the contract work schedule normally would be 90 days. The earliest that work could begin would be in June, and normally would be in July. The effect of 90 day work period vs 60 day work period were discussed. The local department will do public bid notice and Butler will do trade notices. Inspector will be required. Brent was authorized to begin preparation of legal notice. Cara Ward was present for the discussion.

**RE: CIRCUIT COURT – PRINTER**

Sandy Morton stated that the Circuit Court is in need of replacement printer/copier/scanner/fax, at a cost of \$5,995 from Hoosier Business. A separate printer would be included at no extra cost. On motion duly made and seconded, the purchase was approved.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

It was reported that Dan Balka has resigned from the Community Corrections Board. Balka was an educational representative, but has retired as school superintendent. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed John Merder (previous offender) as Corrections Board member. The Commissioners delayed appointment of an educational member. J.P. Weisheit, Corrections Director, appeared to submit his report of Corrections Center for year 2013. He discussed work projects in which participants take part, including road clean up and community projects. JP also submitted and proposed contract with Eagle Accounts Group for collection of past due accounts. Attorney is to review. JP also requested consideration of the Corrections Center employees for Commissioners paid health insurance coverage. He stated that there are currently two vacant positions on the Center staff and there is no present intent to fill those positions. There are currently 15 full time employees. There was extended discussion on increase in annual budget to the Corrections Center, to cover operations expense overruns.

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**RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sheriff Lampert appeared to present his report of activities of his Department and Security Center operations during the past month. This report included a current drug use discussion. He reported on current officer training, community education tours and drug dog usage. He discussed issues on the current jail inspection report, including need for additional nursing staff. The Sheriff proposes to increase the medical contract from four hours to eight hours per week, at an annual cost increase of \$6,000. After extended discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized an amended contract for an additional four hours per week, to be paid from the security center medical budget. The jail report also stated that the Security Center is understaffed, but the Sheriff reported that the current staff is adequate.

**RE: COMMON WAGE COMMITTEE - PATOKA LAKE WATER AND SEWER**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners named Jerry Apple as the County representative of the Common Wage Committee being formed by the Patoka Water and Sewer District for a current project. The Commissioners named Stan Jochum as alternate Committee representative in the event Apple was unable to serve.

**RE: COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

The Commissioners then entered into an extended discussion regarding future meeting Agendas and the scheduling of appointments.