

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 18, 2014

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 August 18, 2014. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were Deputy Auditor Brooke Greenwell, County Surveyor Kenneth L. Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck.

RE: DOROTHY RASCHE – FAMILY FARM EXCEPTION

Dorothy Rasche appeared to request a family farm exception on the Rasche Family farm in section 28-T1S-R4W in Marion Township, the exception consisting of one acre. The farm is operated by Dorothy's brother, and Dorothy, who is retired, assists him when called on. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was granted.

RE: LAKE VIEW SUBDIVISION – REPLAT OF KELLAM'S THIRD ADDITION, LOT #23

Brad Eckerle, Brosmer Land Surveying, submitted on behalf of Leonard and Nancy Marks a proposed replat of Lot 23 in Kellams Third Addition, being entitled Lake View, a subdivision in Madison Township. The Lot was within the 2 mile Jasper jurisdiction, but is served by County Road. On motion duly made and seconded, the plat was approved, subject to final approval by the City of Jasper.

RE: IRELAND ROAD BOWLING

Jeff Schitter appeared to request a restricted road closing for holding the annual Ireland Road Bowling on September 20, 2014 from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm, on CR 700 W from CR 500 N at the NW corner of the NW NE Section 12, thence south to CR 500 N, thence east on CR 500 N to CR 550 W. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved road closing, subject to local traffic use.

RE: APEX BENEFITS

Shawna Schwegman and Eric Dreyfus, from Apex Benefits, appeared to present additional information regarding the Cost Plus claims in Indiana using the Apex Benefit Plan, under which claims are paid on a cost plus basis. Matt McCuen, who was attending by phone, stated that Memorial Hospital would be covered under a direct contract, and all other providers would be on a cost plus basis. A schedule of past usage was distributed to the Commissioners. He stated that of 364 prior medical bills audited claim ratio was actually 18% whereas the average of Apex payments was 15%, on billed amount of \$18,716,786. He stated that the employer would regain control of its plan.

RE: EQUIPMENT BIDS

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised, the Commissioners received and opened the following equipment bids:

	Single Axle Truck Chassis	Dump Bed & Hoist	Sanitation Chassis	Sanitation Compactor Body
Truck Center Inc.	\$178,191.00		\$64,614.00	
Sternberg Ford	\$170,512.90		\$65,190.70	

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Ruxer Ford	\$170,900.00	
Evansville Truck Center	\$187,639.00	\$70,025.00
Meyer Truck Equipment	\$17,990.00	
Elpers Truck Equipment	\$20,390.60	
Pyramid, Inc.		\$63,750.00

The Commissioners took the bids under advisement and delivered the same to the Highway Department for review.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRANSFER / APPROPRIATIONS

Ann Messmer, Highway Clerk, appeared to request the following transfer of appropriations:

From: Highway	Ferdinand Industrial Road	\$4,000.00
To: Highway	Town of St. Anthony	\$4,000.00

On motion duly made and seconded, the transfer was approved.

Ann Messmer also submitted the following contract change orders:

Project #14-03:	Town of St. Anthony	\$10,256.15
Project#14-02:	Pine Ridge Road and 400 S	\$2,871.40

On motion duly made and seconded, the increases in contracts were approved.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Department Supervisor project report:

Holland Kentucky Street	Contract is still under review by INDOT, being with Blankenberger Bros for \$1,180,506.17. Waterline relocations are now taking place, with Holland paying for line size upgrades. The non-upgrade work is paid 10% Holland, 10% County balance . INDOT.
Claim . Beam Longest Neff	Holland project claim #48808 for \$1,902.05 for utility coordination. On motion made and seconded, claim approved, payment authorized. Project completed.
Ireland South Street	Owner mowed property.
Weed Complaint . 4096 W SR 56	Working on safety plan.
Worker Comp Request	Trees cut and work progresses on road widening.
Hillham Road South	Completed projects. Now working on shoulder stone and work will proceed on new chip / seal projects, including roads in the Solar Sources area.
Chip / Seal Repair	

RE: TOBIAS INSURANCE GROUP – MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN

Keith Saunders, from Tobias Insurance Group of Indianapolis, appeared to request consideration regarding employee medical insurance. He introduced three group personnel with him and each described their function. He requested that their Company be considered for the January 1, 2015 contract. He discussed the reinsurers which their company offers.

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RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit his report of Security Center operations and of his Department. The new part time clerk is working well and allows deputies to spend their time on law enforcement rather than doing paperwork. He discussed kitchen operation, loss of vehicle due to accident, prisoner transports, and vehicle repairs.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current projects:

Ruxer Bridge	American Contracting was low bid and contract has been submitted. On motion made and seconded, the Construction Contract was approved and signed. Road will be closed several days following Labor Day.
Hot Mix Projects	Report made of projects completed to date and of schedule for other roads. Rain is delaying projects.
Huntingburg Overpass	Huntingburg has submitted claim for \$9,294.60 as the County's share of engineer charges from DLZ. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved claim and authorized payment of the claim to Huntingburg.

RE: HUNTINGBURG – STELLAR AWARD

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners recognized and congratulated Mayor Spinner and the City of Huntingburg for the work by the community resulting in receipt of the Indiana Stellar Award.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The future meetings for the Board of Commissioners will be on September 2, 2014 and September 18, 2014, both at 5:15 pm and on October 6, 2014 and October 20, 2014, both at 5:15 pm, all to be held at the Courthouse Annex.

RE: AUGUST MINUTES

The Commissioners then listened to the tape of prior August Commissioners meeting in an attempt to confirm the correctness of minutes as submitted regarding the time of future meetings.