

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 4, 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 August 4, 2014. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Doug M. Uebelhor and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken 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. Minutes of the July 7 and 21, 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 July, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$15,337.38; Health Department \$20,176.64; Auditor \$185.00; Clerk \$31,998.66. 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: JASPER WAGE COMMITTEE

As requested by the City of Jasper for improvement projects, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Mike Witte as the County representative on a Jasper Wage Committee, to meet on August 18.

RE: SURPLUS ITEMS – DUBOIS FIRE STATION

The President reported that the Dubois Fire Department (Joe DeKemper) has reported that new chairs have been acquired at the fire station and the Department desires to discard the old chairs. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized disposal of the chairs.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – HIGHWAY

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

Highway Fund	Gas, Oil, Diesel	\$100,000
Solid Waste	Gas, Oil, Diesel	\$5,000
	Equipment	\$70,000
Cum Bridge	Ruxer Bridge	\$30,000

On motion duly made and seconded, the appropriation was approved and the appropriation was referred to the County Council.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

Kentucky Street . Holland	Bids on utility relocation received and are under advisement for review by INDOT.
South Street . Ireland	Widening of South Street at CR 500 should begin today.
Weed Letter Complaint	4096 W SR 56 . owner contacted and asked how much for County to cut weeds. Hourly rate

Distressed Road Fund

was quoted to owner. If owner does not comply with written notice, County will do work and add to tax roll.

Report of fund submitted, showing \$100,000 balance. On motion made and seconded, report approved and signed.

Workers Compensation

Use of chain saws requires a plan or written procedure for safety in use of equipment.

Various safety items are required: glasses, earplugs, chaps and head gear. This requirement is mandated by the County's insurance carrier. The Supervisor reported on the cost of items and problem of stand - by compensation if that is required.

Equipment Purchase

The Supervisor reported that 3 Department trucks are up for normal rotation. Also required are replacement of sanitation truck, engineer vehicle and road grader. He requested approval to bid 3 single axle trucks, 2 dump bed bodies and sanitation truck. The Commissioners discussed the date on which bids would be received and the Supervisor inquired as to the time when bids would be received.

Commissioner Uebelhor stated that he would like to revise the time of that meeting due to the fact that he had accepted new employment which would require that he not meet during the regular day-time hours. He requested that future meetings of the Commissioners would begin at 5:00 pm or 5:30 pm and run into the evening. An extended discussion regarding the proposed change in meeting times followed, including resulting discussion of time conflicts.

After reviewing alternatives and pending further discussion, it was determined that the August 18 meeting would be held as previously scheduled, with Commissioner Uebelhor being present when and if he can.

Chip / Seal Projects

The Supervisor presented his report of the current status of chip / seal repairs, which should be completed in several weeks. The Department will then begin new chip / seal projects.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of Engineering projects:

Ruxer Bridge (#250)

Claim submitted by Butler Fairman and Seufert for \$1,610 for work done on Bridge. On motion duly made and seconded, the claim was approved and payment authorized.

Hot Mix Projects

Update on Portersville Road W, Pine Ridge Rd and 400 S, and Town of St. Anthony hot mix projects.

RE: IRELAND SOUTH STREET PARKING – ORDINANCE #2014-01

The Highway Engineer submitted a proposed Ordinance for restriction of parking on South Street in Ireland, which reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A RESTRICTIVE PARKING ZONE WITHIN IRELAND, DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, any and all types of vehicles shall be prohibited from parking along the south side of South Street in Ireland, Dubois County, Indiana, from a point beginning 100 feet east of the edge of pavement on C.R. 500 West extending eastward a distance of 225 feet, between the hours of 6:30 am to 8:30 am and the hours of 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Such zone shall be marked with appropriate signs designating that parking is prohibited during the hours specified above.
- Section 2. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon a finding of such violation, be liable for fine and judgment in any amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana, this 4th day of August 2014.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Ordinance was unanimously adopted and ordered published.

RE: TOWN OF ST. ANTHONY STOP SIGN –ORDINANCE #2014-02

The Highway Engineer also submitted a proposed Ordinance to remove a stop sign on Cross Street at its intersection at South Street, in St. Anthony, which reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL ORDINANCES AMENDATORY THEREOF, BEING AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING RESTRICTION UPON VEHICLES OPERATED ON COUNTY ROADS IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP IN DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana after having received a report on and considered an engineering and traffic investigation conducted by the County Highway Engineer regarding the affected intersections, and having jurisdiction and responsibility to establish rules and regulations for the operation of vehicles and traffic on the following highways in said County, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now find that it is in the best interests of the citizens of said County and required for public safety to establish rules and regulations for the operation of vehicles in the use of the streets and highways hereinafter designated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DUBOIS, STATE OF INDIANA:

The provisions of this ordinance amend Ordinance 2004-17, related to preferential highways and stop signs on certain highways in Dubois County, Indiana.

1. At the intersection of Cross Street and South Street in the Community of St. Anthony (JA29), Cross Street shall be the preferential highway and a stop sign shall be placed on the west approach of South Street with Cross Street.

Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable in that manner prescribed by Indiana statute and by prior Ordinance pertaining to preferential roads heretofore adopted by this Board of County Commissioners.

This Ordinance shall be effective from and following its passage and publication and upon completion of any other requirement required by law.

Adopted August 4, 2014.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Ordinance was unanimously adopted and order published.

RE: COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Director Janice Love appeared to discuss the status of a Center employee who had resigned and was subsequently reemployed. The Commissioners minutes of July 1, 2002, stated that the employee was being reemployed on the same terms as a new employee.+ The Director requested that for vacation purposes, the employee be treated based on hours during original and employee periods. The Commissioners stated that the minutes must be followed and that prior employment could not be considered for expanded current benefits.

RE: BRIDGE INSPECTION INVENTORY

It was reported that the Bridge Inspection Phase I, has been completed. On motion duly made and seconded, the Bridge Inspection Inventory was approved and signed.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners made the following appointments to fill vacancies on the Dubois County Community Corrections Advisory Board:

William G. Hochgesang, replacing the unexpired term of Dan Balka; and
Lawrence M. Vollmer, replacing the unexpired term of Gene Keusch.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners will meet on August 7, 2014, at 9:00 am for receipt of bids and 1:00 pm for action on bids; and on August 18, 2014, at 9:00 am.

RE: ST. ANTHONY SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

The Commissioners were advised that revisions have been made in the events taking place at the St. Anthony Sesqui-Centennial program on August 16 & 17, 2014, and as a result changes in road closings are requested from those approved by the Commissioners at their June 23, 2014 meeting. The following new closings and revisions were, on motion duly made and seconded, approved:

August 16, 2014 . Tractor and Antique Farm Machinery Show (9 am . 3 pm)

CR 450 S from St. John to Cross Street

August 16, 2014 . 5K Run/Walk (7:30 am . 9:30 am) Altered route from May 25 request

South Street from SR 64 to Cross Street

St. John Street and St. John Street

CR 450 S from St. John to Rolling Ridge

Rolling Ridge to Santine Rd

Santine Rd from 400 S to 450 S (in town)