

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 3, 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 February 3, 2014. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Doug M. Uebelhor. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 January 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 January, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$11,854.42; Health Department \$25,280.64; Auditor \$8.00; Clerk \$44,934.63. 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: THACKER'S FIRST ADDITION – PLAT

Ralph M Wallem, surveyor, appeared to submit a proposed plat of Thacker's First Addition in Jackson Township, consisting of one lot, being 2.7 acres in the NW SE of Section 2-T3s-R4W. The Commissioners will table the proposed plat under consideration and discuss at the next meeting. County Surveyor and Road Supervisor to review plat.

RE: TOWN OF FERDINAND – RADIO

EMA Director Miller appeared with representatives of the Town of Ferdinand to request approval of State Homeland Security grant for \$3,000 for installation of a radio system covering the Town for weather warnings and other information. On motion duly made and seconded, the application was approved.

RE: HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Tammy Miller also requested approval of a grant application from Homeland Security for a grant for \$5,179.77 for equipment. On motion duly made and seconded, the application was approved.

RE: SUN ENERGY AGREEMENT

The Highway Supervisor submitted to the Commissioners a proposed road use agreement with Sun Energy for use with future mining operation in Cass township, allowing excess weight, requesting actual road changes, creation of 4-way stop intersection, road reconstruction terms, requirement for bond and deposit of advance funding for road repair and reconstruction in the amount of \$186,487.44, plus \$185,370.82.

RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg appeared to submit his report of other Department projects, including:

Highway Engineer	Submitted a proposed contract from Brosmer Land Surveying to provide temporary On-Call Engineering services pending employment of a County Engineer. Terms of agreement: not to exceed \$30,000, to be cancelled upon 7 days notice or on 12-31-14, whichever comes first. Major projects on drawing board include Kentucky Street, Ruxer Bridge, Bridge #285 on CR 250 N, paving projects and Huntingburg Overpass. Contract submitted.
Kentucky Street . Holland	Beam Longest Neff has submitted Stage 3 documents to INDOT. Town of Holland proposed to use Midwestern Engineers on utility relocation.
Ruxer Bridge	Claim submitted by Butler Fairman & Seufert for \$1,610 for services on Ruxer Bridge Rehabilitation, which is 5% complete. On motion duly made and seconded, payment approved.
Road Repaving	Supervisor is ready to begin review of 2014 projects with Commissioners.

RE: COUNTY PARK

Jason Schmitt, County Park Board President, appeared to remind the Commissioners of the need for resurfacing of County Park road that runs from SR 162 to the camp grounds. The road is due for resurfacing, and resurface should take place prior to loss of the current surface. The park Board also requests resurfacing of approximately 36 camp pads. The Highway supervisor will inspect condition of road and report back to the Commissioners. Robert Gress is the current Park Superintendent. Schmitt reported that park usage and revenue was up in 2013, and described Park operations.

RE: 911 – EQUIPMENT

Janice Love, Director, appeared to advise that all Department computers are based on XP programs, which will no longer be supported by the developer and must be replaced. She submitted a list of equipment

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which must be changed out, at a cost of \$187,829.71. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the purchase, subject to appropriation of funds by the Council. Janice also reported on recent problems experienced by loss of electric power. While the emergency generator was in operation, and had capacity to assume the operation, the generator system needs additional plug-ins. The generator will serve a number of additional plug-ins using its current capacity. Referred to Custodian. The Commissioners also discussed progress being made on RFPs for the proposed communication system. Janice Love objected to the fact that she was not more involved in the planning for the new system.

RE: AMBULANCE SERVICE

Suzan Henke, Director of Ambulance Services, appeared to report to the Commissioners regarding Ambulance operations over the prior six months, and that the operating loss was not as great as expected. She also discussed the station at the City of Huntingburg. She stated that the City is proposing to make renovations to the current station. The City is recommending lease of the building to the County for \$1.00 per year, with the County paying utilities and future repairs and furnishings. While the station is being renovated, the Ambulance Service must relocate to temporary space. The time required to begin renovation would be six months. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized entering into the lease and thereafter operating the building as a station, subject to appropriation of operations funding.

RE: GREATER JASPER SCHOOLS WAGE COMMITTEE

In response to a request for appointment of member to a Wage Scale Committee for Greater Jasper Schools Kitchen Renovation project: On motion duly made and seconded, Mike Witte was named for the position.

RE: MAXIMUS CONSULTING AGREEMENT

The Auditor submitted a proposed Professional Consulting Services Agreement with Maximus Consulting Services for a three year period. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved.

RE: SURPLUS ITEMS

The Auditor advised the Commissioners that items no longer used in various offices have been accumulated by the Custodian, including an old printer, chair and bulletin board. The Commissioners were advised that no County office has need for the items and they are of no value. On motion duly made and seconded, the items were declared as surplus of no value and Custodian authorized disposal of the items.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of having Commissioners regular meeting in the evenings. The pros and cons were discussed. Possible times were also considered. Public participation at late afternoon/evening in the past was also considered. The Commissioners were requested to think about the possibility for future discussion. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners set the following meetings:

February 18, 2014; March 3, 2014; March 17, 2014; April 7, 2014 (with 7:30 am Solid Waste Meeting); with all Commissioners meetings to begin at 9:00 am at the Courthouse Annex.

RE: OTHER DISCUSSIONS

The Commissioners also discussed the following items based on public questions:

- Adoption of Ordinance relating to abused animals, their disposal and future ownership;
- Home business registration requirements within the County;
- Recording requirements for Commissioners meetings

RE: BROSNER ON-CALL ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved an agreement with Brosmer Land Surveying to provide engineering services on an on-call basis through 12-31-14 for the base sum of \$30,000, based on services provided on a scheduled compensation rate.

Lawrence M. Vollmer

Doug M. Uebelhor

Randall L. Fleck

Attest: _____
Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor