

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**JANUARY 21, 2014**

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissionersq Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on January 21, 2014. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Doug M. Uebelhor and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 Fleck. Minutes of the January 6, 2014, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented with the addition of the fact that anyone requesting to be on the agenda must also be requested to submit in advance any documents containing information which they intend to submit at the meeting.

**RE: TAX STATEMENT PRINTING**

The County Treasurer advised the Commissioners that he had requested proposals for printing of tax statements for mailing to property owners. He stated that the best proposal is that from the Master\$ Touch, LLC of Spokane, WA, at a price lower that the 2013 contract. On motion made and seconded, the proposal was approved.

**RE: IRISH TROT AND PARADE**

Carol Meyer and Jeff Schitter, representing the Ireland St. Patrick\$ Committee, appeared to request road closings for the Irish Trot and St. Patrick\$ Day parade. For the Trot Run/Walk to be held on March 15, request was made for closing of roads along the following route: Start at CR 500 W / Clay Street, thence on CR 500 W south to CR 150 N, thence east on CR 150 N to Wheatland Dr., Ladino Ln and back to CR 150 N by CR 490 W, thence returning of CR 500 W (Green Street) to the Ireland School parking lot. The Committee will have law enforcement and first responders present during the race. The parade will start at CR 500 and Church Ave, go south on 500 N to Clay Street, west on Clay Street, north on Grant Street to Center Street, west on Center St to James Street, north on James Street to St. Mary Church parking lot. Also it was requested that West Center Street be closed from noon on March 14 thru 10:00 am on March 17. All neighbors had approved of the closing. The Commissioners requested that Leed Sales be contacted for its approval to the closing, and that the committee return to the February 3 meeting for approval. The Trot and Parade routes were approved by the Commissioners.

**RE: INDIANA 15 – SEMI ANNUAL REPORT**

Nathan Held, representing Indiana 15, appeared to submit his preliminary Report of projects for period ending December 31, 2013. On motion made and seconded, the Report was approved. Nathan discussed current funding.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his current report of Department projects, including:

Gasboy Repair

Replacement has been ordered. All departments using system are being notified of change and instructed on method of use, and when installed, a trial run will be held.

Freeze Thaw Ordinance  
Sanitation Stickers  
Hourly Equipment Rates

Is now in operation and will be in effect until April 15.  
Replacements have been ordered and should be delivered 1-27-14.  
On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a schedule of hourly equipment rates to be used during 2014, as follows:

2014 Hourly Equipment Rates

Hourly rates for use of the following Dubois County Highway equipment, excluding operator, was approved by the Dubois County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting on January 21, 2014.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Dump Truck	43.00
Dump Truck with Snow Plow	53.00
Dump Truck with Spreader	50.00
Dump Truck with Durapatcher (plus materials)	85.00
Tri-Axle Truck	80.00
Sign Truck with Boom/Bucket	50.00
Grader	50.00
Excavator (Caterpillar M318D)	75.00
Excavator (Cat 313C & 313D)	65.00
Wheel Loader	45.00
Wheel Loader with Sweeper	55.00
Brushcutter	60.00
Pickup Truck with Sprayer (Chemicals not included)	40.00
Pickup Truck with Paint Striper (Paint & Beads not included)	60.00
Roller	30.00
Bridge Truck with Welder	35.00
Air Compressor	15.00
Air Hammer	5.00
Chain Saw	8.00
Water Pump	8.00
Distributor	43.00

Bridge Conference The Supervisor will attend the 2014 Bridge Conference at Lafayette later this week.

675 S Intersection Tim Friedman requests intersection widening at CR 825 W due to use by area feed trucks. County has 50 foot right-of-way and some utility changes may be needed. The Commissioners authorized the improvements.

Sun Energy (Little Sandy) - Road Usage Agreement Sun Energy Group is taking over the Little Sandy Agreement in Cass Township and desires to make amendments to the original road use agreement. A proposed revised agreement has been submitted and will be reviewed. Question exists as to whether current road bond can be used or replacement required.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Highway Engineer Heile submitted his report of current Highway projects, including:

Resignation Engineer has submitted resignation and this will be his last meeting. He will be employed through February 14, 2014.

Claim Invoice submitted by Beam, Longest & Neff for \$342.61 for services on the Kentucky St. project with the Town of Holland. On motion made and seconded, claim approved. Beam, Longest & Neff is preparing plans and will advertise for bids on the project.

Mill Street Wetland Earth Sources has advised Engineer of appeal procedure. Suggests waiting until Spring site meeting with Corps and ask for reconsideration. May consider objection letter to Corps.

Ruxer Bridge Was closed for 3 hour on 1-15-14 for core samples. Concrete cores are being tested, and recommendations will be made as to corrections needed, expected in April, with bids in May. Question as to when to close bridge.

ADA	With Engineer leaving, a new ADA Coordinator is needed. BLA is still to provide data on ADA plan. ADA Grievance Policy and Procedure should be placed on website. Will check on whether Resolution must be published.
Engineer	The Commissioners discussed methods for replacement of the Highway Engineer.
2014 Bridge Inspection Northview Estates	Bridge inspections will begin in February. Developer has submitted check fee \$15,250 for chip/seal of Walnut Ridge Court and signage. Inspection of rock base will be needed.

**RE: REBAR QUOTES**

Highway Engineer submitted quotes for purchase of rebar for highway inventory as follows:

Goedecke	No quote
Modern Welding	No quote
O'Neal	\$31,619.90
Sugar Steel Corp	\$34,484.13
Westfield Steel	\$28,819.50

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved purchase of the Westfield proposal.

**RE: 2014 PAVING PROJECTS**

The Commissioners discussed the 2014 paving projects. The Engineer also submitted a list of other projects and duties which he performs.

**RE: JASPER ARTS CENTER – CHALK WALK**

Corina Mack of the Jasper Arts Commission appeared to request use of Courthouse basement restrooms and lawn on May 3, 2014 for chalk walk, with rain date on May 10, 2014. On motion duly made and seconded, the grant was approved.

**RE: MAXIMUS**

Auditor Hopf informed the Commissioners that the contract with Maximus for IV-D Reimbursement Services is up for a three year renewal, and asked the Commissioners for approval to sign a new contract, pending County Attorney approval. On motion made and seconded, the Auditor was authorized to renew the contract, pending Attorney approval.

**RE: RECORDS LIBRARY CABINET**

It was reported that the Courthouse Records Library has a cabinet that is no longer used, and it is recommended that the same be declared surplus and donated to the County Museum. On motion duly made, the donation was approved.

**RE: TUSA CONSULTING INVOICE**

The Auditor submitted an invoice from TUSA Consulting Services for \$39,600 for services regarding improvement and upgrade of radio equipment. On motion duly made and seconded, the same was approved.

**RE: DUBOIS STRONG – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved an Agreement with Dubois Strong for providing 2014 Economic Development services for the County.

**RE: HUMAN RESOURCES COURSE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized Commissioner Uebelhor to attend a Human Resources Institute Course at Indianapolis.

**RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT – CLOSINGS / TRAINING**

Donna Oeding, Health Department Administrator appeared to report that the Department is required to conduct a full . scale exercise on April 2, 2014, and requested permission to close the office on that date. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized closing of the Department office on April 2.

**RE: TRI – CAP BOARD APPOINTMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed and signed certificate of appointment of Barbara Mathies to the Tri . Cap Board of Directors.

**RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

Commissioner Vollmer expressed concern of a proposal by the State to eliminate the personal Property Tax. The loss of the tax would result in a loss of approximately \$6,000,000 in revenue in Dubois County. He suggested that the Commissioners have the Attorney prepare a letter expressing the County's objection to elimination of the Property Tax. On motion duly made and seconded, the Attorney was instructed to draft a letter on behalf of the Commissioners for their review.

**RE: RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

Commissioner Uebelhor suggested a proposal that equipment be obtained so that Commissioners' meetings could be recorded and the transcripts be retained. The Commissioners agreed and directed the Auditor to seek information regarding equipment. Uebelhor also questioned why the County Attorney was taking minutes rather than the Auditor.

**RE: SECURITY CENTER – SHERIFF'S REPORT**

In the absence of Sheriff Lampert, Jail Commander Randy Schnell appeared to submit the monthly jail report thru December 31. The report also included requests for: purchase of 30 replacement mattresses; \$3,200 for upgrade of tasers; and for authority to reduce purchase of patrol cars from four to three vehicles and purchase of additional pickup truck, with trade-in of three patrol vehicles and two backup vehicles. Subject to County Council approval of funding, the Commissioners stated that they had no objections to the request.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Commissioners will meet with the Solid Waste District Board on February 3 at 7:30 am. The Commissioners will conduct meetings on February 3 and February 18, both beginning at 9:00 am, all to be held at the Courthouse Annex.