

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 6, 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 January 6, 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, 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 Vollmer. Minutes of the December 16, 2013 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 December, 2013 were as follows: Recorder \$14,000.46; Health Department \$47,950.02; Auditor \$0.00; Clerk \$29,548.85. 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: BOARD REORGANIZATION

This being the first meeting of the Board during 2014, the Attorney called for nomination for officers of the Commissioners for calendar year 2014. Thereupon, nomination was made for Commissioner Fleck to serve as President. There being no further nominations, on motion made and seconded to close nominations for President, nominations were closed. Commissioner Vollmer thereupon expressed his reason for not participating in nominations and discussions followed. Following discussions, on vote for President, Commissioner Fleck was elected President by a vote of 2 for and 1 against. The next order of business was the election of Vice President of the Commissioners. Thereupon, nomination was made for Commissioner Uebelhor to serve as Vice President. There being no further nominations, on motion made and seconded to close nominations for Vice President, nominations were closed. On vote for Vice President, Commissioner Uebelhor was elected Vice President by a vote of 2 for and 1 against. Thereupon, President Fleck assumed the office of President.

RE: SURVEYOR REPORT

The County Surveyor reported that he had no business to discuss with the Commissioners. In addition, he reported that the County Ditch Board had no business for discussion.

RE: SERVICE OFFICER

County Service Officer Johnson reported that the State will conduct training for County Service Officers on January 9 & 10, 2014 and on March 31 . April 4, 2014. He requested permission to attend these meetings. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized Johnson's attendance at the two meetings. The Commissioners further discussed the location of the County Service Officer's office space. It was stated that the Commissioners had previously approved relocation of the Service Officer to the office space in the SE corner of the Annex, and the question was settled. The Weights and Measures Department will relocate to a space in the rear portion of the Annex, but any equipment used by Weights and Measures must be kept at the County Highway Garage, and not in the Annex, for safety purposes. A motion was made to revise the original adoption of resolution relocation of the Service office in order that the office would remain at its current location. The motion died for lack of second. The Auditor was directed to request approval from the County Council to allow the County Coroner to use the current County Council private office for Coroner storage and business.

RE: POLICY ON COURTHOUSE CLOSING

The Commissioners then continued discussion of the County policy regarding employee compensation in the event of Courthouse closing. After extended discussion, the Commissioners determined that the current policy would remain as in the courthouse Policy Manual, being that employees would be paid on days when the Courthouse was closed due to weather or similar events.

RE: CASA WEBSITE

Deena Hubler, representing the Courts CASA program, appeared to request the establishment of a website for the CASA program, with links to the County Website. The site would be open for public viewing, but not for public comment. The Commissioners had no objection to establishment of the Website in the manner submitted in written materials.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

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Highway Supervisor Berg appeared to present his report of current Highway Department projects, including:

Weather Response	Reported on work done on County roads during the current adverse weather, with temperatures being at and below zero degrees. Currently rock chips are being spread on roads.
Sanitation Sites	Due to the cold temperatures and low wind chills, the Supervisor recommended closing of Sanitation sites on Tuesday, January 7. The Commissioners agreed.
Gasboy Gas Fueling System	Supervisor advised that quotes were requested from three companies for replacement of the current Gasboy fueling system at the Highway Garage. One quote was received from Hinderliter Construction for \$11,505.24 and the Supervisor requested approval of that quote. On motion duly made and seconded, the Hinderliter quote for \$11,505.24 was approved and accepted.
Sanitation Stickers	The Supervisor advised that a quote had been received for the purchase of 300,000 stickers for use on trash bags submitted at collection sites of Solid Waste District. The proposal is for \$4,849.20 for 300,000 stickers, which is a one year supply. On motion duly made and seconded, purchase of the stickers was approved.
Indiana Pipeline Safety Meeting	On request of the Supervisor, the Commissioners authorized Highway Department employees to attend an Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association safety meeting, to be held February 5. The meeting should run for approximately 90 minutes. On motion duly made and seconded, the employees attendance was approved.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile presented his report of current Engineering projects, as follows:

Subdivision Ordinance	In response to an inquiry, the Commissioners determined that the acceptance applicable to pre Ordinance residences, for transfer purposes, would also apply to replacement residences on the same real estate tract.
Mill Street Wetland	Engineer supported that the Corp of Engineer has advised the County that the 7 acre requirement for wetland mitigation must exclude the stream located within the area and therefore additional mitigation land must be added. The Engineer will request the consultant to review the Corp's request.

RE: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Auditor reported that Bill Pennington, an employee of the District, was unable to take all of his vacation days during 2013 due to extra duties assigned due to death of the District Director. The Solid Waste Board has recommended an extension of time during which the employee may use vacation days. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the extension of Bill Pennington's eight vacation days to be used by the end of February 2014.

RE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

Janet Schnell, Coordinator of County Substance Abuse Council, appeared to request approval of the County Comprehensive Community Plan under the Indiana Drug Free Indiana program. The Plan is required for the County's Substance Abuse Council to receive grants from the State Commission. She explained changes in the Council's administrative operation, including reduction of her hours and the fact that the Coordinator is now considered a County employee. She also discussed the drug and alcohol problems in Dubois County, which are of principal concern of the Council.

RE: AGENDA

Commissioner Uebelhor made the suggestion that in the future, persons requesting to be placed on the Commissioners meeting agenda should be requested to email the Commissioners the purpose of being on the agenda, as well as submit to the Commissioners any paperwork for review.

RE: CONTINUED MEETING

The meeting of the Commissioners will be held on January 21, 2014, beginning at 9:00 am, at the Courthouse Annex. The normal date of January 20 will be passed because of Martin Luther King Holiday.

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Randall L. Fleck

Attest: _____
Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor