

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 7, 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 July 7, 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 June 23, 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 June, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$13,891.38; Health Department \$18,528.47; Auditor \$450.00; Clerk \$30,708.66. 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: VERKAMP FAMILY FARM EXCEPTION

Lindsay Barth appeared to submit an application for family farm exception on the Raymond Verkamp farm in section 7-2S-3W in Hall Township on Celestine Road S. Lindsay's fiancé, Jeffrey Verkamp, a nephew, has worked on the farm for an extended number of years. A roadway has been built to the planned residence. After discussion conditioned upon inspection of the roadway and application for highway permit, on motion duly made and seconded, the exception was granted.

RE: EMA EMERGENCY

Tammy Miller submitted a proposed application for the annual State Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$34,601.88, which is equal to ½ of annual EMA salaries. On motion duly made and seconded, the application was approved and filing authorized.

RE: JASPER STRASSENFEST – COURTHOUSE USE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Jasper Strassenfest Committee to use the following Courthouse facilities from July 21 to August 3, 2014 for use during the Strassenfest and setup:

1. To utilize the lower level restrooms during the hours of the Strassenfest. The Committee will hire and pay for maintenance personnel to clean the facilities during and after the festival.
2. To hang the Strassenfest banners and pennants on the Courthouse building on or around the third week of July. The Jasper Fire Department will assist in hanging these items.
3. To hang garland on the west side porch.
4. To place an information booth at the paved area on the southwest corner of the Courthouse.
5. To install a temporary telephone at the information booth.

6. To place a temporary utility pole on the southwest corner of the Courthouse property to properly secure electrical wires to be used for entertainment on the west side stage.
7. To install temporary speakers on the Courthouse property.
8. To utilize the Courthouse west side porch to announce the parade entries.
9. To rope off east and north side steps of the Courthouse during opening ceremonies on Thursday evening for special guests and singers.
10. To erect a temporary sign on the west side of the Courthouse in the area of the fountain.

RE: WORK ONE SW INDIANA

Jim Heck and Angie Sheppard representing Work One Southwest Indiana Workforce, appeared to report on progress being made by the Work One organization to improve education and jobs in SW Indiana. He discussed working with local schools and universities to assist with job creation. A goal sheet was submitted.

RE: IRELAND 500 W – SOUTH STREET

The Commissioners discussed a need for widened roadway on Ireland South Street to allow school buses to make the turn onto 500 W. Surveyor Brosmer is to check on the width of easement on 500 W and South Street and locate the property line.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Berg submitted a report on the following projects:

<p>Kentucky Street (Holland) Ireland South Street</p>	<p>On schedule for August bid letting. Scott Stenftenagel, representing Jasper School, has requested no parking signs on south side of South Street, and that a thermal plastic stop bar be placed on South Street. An extra lane on south side of South Street is not possible due to existence of a storm sewer next to the current street.</p>
<p>Hot Mix Prep</p>	<p>Department is beginning grade work of road shoulders for upcoming hot mix application. A list of chip seal repair work was submitted.</p>

RE: INDIANA COLLEGE SUCCESS COALITION AWARD

Glenn Weil appeared to present the County with a sign recognizing Dubois County for its success in the Indiana College Success Coalition program for post . high school education of its students. The location for mounting of the sign was discussed.

RE: HAYSVILLE 5K ROAD CLOSING

Lowell Dorsam, of Haysville, appeared to request that Haysville Road West from US 231 to CR 200 W be determined for restricted use on July 12, 2014 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am for purpose of holding the Haysville 5K Road Race. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that request should be granted, with the race organizer to be responsible for security and erection of road warning signs.

RE: HIGHWAY REPAVING BIDS

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised for receipt of bids, the Commissioners received and opened bids for improvement of the following County Roads: Portersville Road West; Pine Ridge Road and 400 S; and Town of St. Anthony. Upon opening, the following bids were received:

	<u>Portersville Rd W</u>	<u>Pine Ridge Rd & CR 400 S</u>	<u>Town of St. Anthony</u>
Calcar Paving	\$108,728.00	\$162,427.00	\$238,861.50
Dave O'Mara Const.	\$140,518.90	\$181,316.65	-
E & B Paving	\$137,000.00	\$167,700.00	\$278,200.00
J.H. Rudolph	\$122,635.80	\$151,038.15	\$238,686.25

The bids were taken under advisement and submitted to the Highway Department for review.

RE: ADDENDUM TO REASSESSMENT CONTRACT

County Assessor Gail Gramelspacher submitted a proposed Addendum to a prior contract dated March 19, 2014 with Tyler Technologies Inc. for annual reassessment. The Addendum is necessary due to change in State statute as to contract dates and the Addendum has been prepared by the State of Indiana. On motion duly made and seconded, the Addendum was approved and signed.

RE: APEX HEALTH INSURANCE

Shawna Schwegman and Eric Dreyfus, representing APEX, appeared to discuss the health insurance coverage for employees offered by the Company. The Company currently provides coverage to 11 other Indiana Counties. Information as to the services and solutions offered by APEX and list of several of the major commercial and government clients were presented. The tax consequences of current plans to the employers and employees were discussed. APEX serves as an insurance broker.

RE: WOOLPERT – AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

Brad Fugate, of Woolpert . Aerial Photography Services, informed that Woolpert has been engaged by the State to perform Aerial photography for the various Counties. He presented additional options available to the County. Dubois County has elected a 6+option and Huntingburg has purchased a 3+option. He demonstrated 3-D, contours and orthoimagery options. Beginning in 2015, the State is considering changes in the coverage. He explained Land Cover mapping for assessment purposes, storm damage comparisons, agricultural studies and environmental studies. The cost of land cover option would be \$55,000 for extracting the land use data for use by the County Assessor in determining the taxability of various tracts. Knox & Harrison Counties are now updating to the land cover option.

RE: RUXER BRIDGE BIDS

Brent Roberts of Butler Fairman Seufert appeared to discuss the reason for the high bids on the Ruxer Bridge reconstruction. He stated that estimation of the cost by Butler Fairman Seufert was based on a current bridge deck of low thickness, whereas the deck is actually of greater thickness. The actual bids substantially exceed that used in the estimate of cost. Additionally, the lowest bid is in excess of the minimum wage scale, and therefore a wage scale will be required. Therefore, on motion made and seconded, the Commissioners: rejected all bids received on the Ruxer Bridge project; directed that a wage committee be established for the project, and Jerry Apple, Stan Jochim and Mike Witte be County

representatives on the Committee, but if not available, with Elmer Brames or Leon Fleck to serve as alternate representatives; and that the Bridge project be advertised for rebid.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the following transfer of funds within the Highway Budget:

From: Highway . Ferdinand Industrial Road	\$10,000
To: Highway . Town of St. Anthony Road Project	\$10,000

RE: HIGHWAY REPAVING BIDS

The Highway Engineer reported that the repaving bids received earlier in the meeting had been reviewed and all were determined to be in compliance with the specs. The Department recommended acceptance of the low bids. Therefore, on motion duly made and accepted, the Commissioners accepted the lowest bid on each project, as follows:

- A) Portersville Road W . Calcar Paving for \$108,728;
- B) Pine Ridge Rd and CR 400 S . J.H. Rudolph for \$151,038.58; and
- C) Town of St. Anthony . J.H. Rudolph for \$238,686.25

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of projects:

Bridge Inspection	Exit review for Phase I will be held on July 10;
Mill Street Wetland Mitigation	Reported that research is currently being done on Conservation Easement and it appears that Ducks Unlimited might become involved. The Corps of Engineers is being consulted to resolve several questions. The Corps still is taking the position that 10 additional acres will be required.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Supervisor Berg submitted to the Commissioners his proposed budget for 2015. There was discussion concerning salaries and wages and comparisons with similar jobs and duties of other individuals in like positions within area.

RE: FARM ANIMAL DAMAGE

The County Auditor reported that she has been advised by a Township Trustee that a dog had attacked and caused substantial injury to a cow, which was eventually destroyed. A claim will be filed by the owner of the cow.

RE: PROPERTY TAX ON OIL AND GAS LEASES

The Auditor reported that several oil and gas leases had been subject to sale due to failure to pay property taxes assessed, but that no bid had been received at several sales. The leases are no longer subject to tax assessment. Question was presented as to whether the existing taxes could be written off by the County. The Auditor's Office will inquire of the State as to tax write off.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners confirmed that future meetings will be held on July 21, 2014, August 4, 2014 and August 18, 2014, all meeting to begin at 9:00 am and be held at the County Courthouse Annex.