

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 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 March 17, 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 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 March 3, 2014, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

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

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| Kentucky St (Holland) | Met with Tom Thacker and Midwestern Engineers in regards to utility relocations. Will request some designed areas to reduce expense. Will meet with INDOT to review relocations and contracts to reduce reimbursables. |
| Claims | Submitted invoices from Beam, Longest and Neff for claims filed for work on Holland Road: #47564 for \$9,193.00 for road design, #47402 for \$5,481.78 for permit, utility and meeting expenses. On motion made and seconded, claims approved and payment was authorized. |
| Phase 1 Bridge Inspection | Inspection is in process, even though streams are at high level. County has been advised that Bridge #5 has caused some concerns to the inspections and may be subject to weight limit when review of the bridge is completed. |
| CR 225 S Guardrail Request | No report |
| Plat Review | No report |
| 4-H Road Rating | No report |
| Road Mark Upgrade | Replacement of road markers have been completed on Meridian Road at 15 th Street; CR 300 N west of Jasper, Kellerville Road, Jasper-Dubois Road, 47 th St & 400 N west of Jasper, Schnellville Road. |

RE: MARK EISENHUT – FAMILY FARM EXEMPTION

Mark Eisenhut appeared to request family farm exemption on his farm in SE Section 22-1N-3W for Mallory Hall. The farm is for cattle and daughter assists in operation. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was approved.

RE: FAIR GROUNDS –WEST ROAD

Alex Mlsna appeared to inform the Commissioners that trees owned by the County hanging over the roadway running from CR 50 E to the 4-H Park pose a safety hazard and need to be trimmed or cut. The roadway is a private road. The Superintendent was instructed to trim the trees. Request was also made for additional road maintenance for bus traffic on CR 50 E during periods of ice and snow and for consideration of expansion of the size of bus turn around. Supervisor reported current status of the turn around.

RE: MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Bob Johnson, Service Officer, appeared to request use of the Courthouse west lawn and rest rooms for Memorial Day Program on May 24, 2014. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was granted. Johnson also requested a change of business days during the week of March 24 due to a medical appointment, with substitution of Thursday as work day in place of Wednesday. The Commissioners approved the change and directed that notice of the change be given to the public. Bob Johnson also reported that his office will be closed all of the week of March 31 since he is required to attend State conference at Indianapolis.

RE: ASSESSOR – REASSESSMENT

Assessor Gail Gramelspacher appeared to submit for approval a proposed Contract for annual adjustment and cyclical reassessment, as prepared by the State of Indiana, and entered into with Tyler Technologies. After an extended description of the contract, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and signed the contract, which has a 4 year cost of \$976,010.00.

RE: COMMUNICATION CENTER – NEW HIRE

Janice Love, 911 Director, appeared to report that her Department has an open position, and that 18 applications were received, which were narrowed to three individuals, each of which were interviewed. The Interview Board recommended Aaron Miller for the vacant position, effective upon completion of drug test. On motion made and seconded, the recommendation was approved by the Commissioners.

RE: ELECTION POLL RELOCATION

Request was filed by the Dubois County Election Board for relocation of certain polling locations within the County:

Bainbridge #5N and 5S to Jasper Middle School;

Madison #1 and 2 and Madison Jasper N & Madison Jasper S to St. Mary Church Cafeteria Annex, both sites meeting all access rights required by law. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the poll relocations.

RE: WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The recently established County Wellness Committee appeared to report to the Commissioners the Committee's recommendation that all participants in the County Health program be required to participate in Preventive Health Screenings, either through a screening operated by the County or by a screening through the employee's own physician. The Committee submitted documentation regarding the savings to the County which could be expected from use of screening. An employee who fails to complete required screenings would lose coverage under the County Health program. Spouses would also be required to participate if covered under the County plan. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the proposed Screen program, and to provide that the Plan Summary be amended to provide that failure to participate will result in loss of coverage under the Plan, beginning January 1, 2015.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donna Oeding attended to report that 13 computers formerly used by the Health Department have been replaced and should be declared as surplus; and that after removal of all data, the same be disposed of, being of no current value. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was granted.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

The Highway Supervisor submitted to the Commissioners his annual report of Department Operation for 2013. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Report and directed that the Report be submitted to the appropriate State Agency.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER APPLICATIONS

The Highway Supervisor reported that interviews were conducted on applications filed for the vacant Highway Engineer's position.

RE: DRAINAGE ISSUE – PORTERSVILLE ROAD WEST

Road in the SW quarter of Section 20-T1N-R5W is partially drained by field tile through adjacent private property, but the field tile is currently not properly operating. Adjacent property owner willing to replace field tile. The Supervisor would prefer constructing a road ditch to an existing creek. The road ditch might require additional road-side right of way. There would also be a possibility of installing a tile in the current road ditch. The Supervisor will continue to work on the project.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit his monthly report of Department and Security Center operations. He requested trade-in of vehicle for acquisition of new K-9 vehicle. The Department has current funds for such vehicle purchase. On motion duly made and seconded, the trade-in and acquisition was approved. The Sheriff discussed a proposal that a communication link be established between the Sheriff's Department and the various school systems, with the link to be reviewed by the schools and the Department. The Sheriff again discussed the drug situation within the County. Also discussed was the Sheriff's recommendation that insurance be purchased on the drug dog.

RE: AUDITOR REPORT

The Auditor reported that the cost for legal review of the County Employee Handbook by a specialty law firm would be \$5,000. The Auditor is looking into a different method of review.

RE: MEETINGS

The Commissioners set future meeting of the Commissioners for April 7 and 21 and May 5 and 19, 2014. The next Solid Waste meeting will be held on May 5, 2014 at 7:30 am, prior to the Commissioners meeting.

RE: MINUTES

Commissioner Uebelhor requested that the audio recordings of Commissioners meetings should be posted on the County website.

RE: TOUSSAINT DUBOIS MARKER

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed wording for a marker honoring Toussaint Dubois which had been approved to be located north of the Courthouse main doors.