

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 19, 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 May 19, 2014. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Doug M. Uebelhor and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 May 5, 2014, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: BROOKSTONE ESTATES V

Brad Eckerle, of Brosmer Land Surveying, appeared to submit a proposed Plat of Brookstone Estates V, a subdivision in Madison Township, consisting of 18 lots in the E ½ of the NW Q of Section 32-T1S-R5W, east of CR 490 W. The area will be annexed shortly into the City of Jasper, but the City will not require an expanded road width at this time.

RE: FAMILY FARM EXEMPTION – TRISHA EICHMILLER

Brad Eckerle also appeared representing Gwen Ward and Marcia Knust to request a family farm exemption for a 5 acre tract in Section 17-T1S-R3W in Hall Township for Trisha Eichmiller, a daughter/niece. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted the exemption based on the farm's assistance.

RE: COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Scott Hopf, Courthouse Custodian, appeared to submit proposals to paint Courthouse exterior and water coating on the Annex. Proposals received were from Talbert cleaning for \$18,900 and \$33,514 from Helming Bros. Both groups have previously performed work for the County. On motion duly made and seconded, the bid of Talbert was accepted.

The Custodian also submitted a request from the City of Jasper for the placement of lights along the top of the Annex as part of Jasper decoration program. The approximate cost would be \$450. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized that County participate in the program.

RE: RAY LADY – BILLBOARD REPLACEMENT

Ray Lady appeared to request permission to reinstall a billboard on the west side of SR 162 on the Hedinger property approximately 1500 feet south of the Bretzville intersection. The board will replace a sign which was previously destroyed . On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the replacement of the prior billboard.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Ann Messmer, Highway Clerk, appeared to request approval of an additional appropriation for the Department, as follows:

Highway

Utilities

\$5,000

Stone	\$430,000
Bituminous	\$420,000
Local Road and Street	
Bituminous	\$88,000

The application was approved on motion duly made and seconded, subject to County Council approval.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of the status of Highway projects:

Kentucky Street	Submits a proposed construction engineering contract, for the sum of \$135,800, with Beam Longest & Neff. Of the cost, the County will be responsible for 10%. On motion made and seconded, the Contract was approved.
Claim	Beam Longest & Neff for \$1,399.12 for services on utilities coordination on Kentucky Street. Vectren was told to proceed. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the claim and authorized payment.
Bridge Inspection	No report
Advanced Disposal Service	No report
Fuelmaster System	New reader installed and in use. Suggest purchase of new pumps at an approximate cost of \$3,000 each.
4-H Handicapped Parking	3 of 6 spaces have been completed as of today.
Part. Time Summer Employee	Request right to engage one part-time student employee. The budget provides for 2 part-time summer employees, but the current request is for only one as a cost saving step.
Celestine Road Closing	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved closing of New Orleans and St. Charles Streets in Celestine on June 27 at 4:00 pm to June 29 noon for the Celestine Fest, allowing emergency traffic to pass.
Road Paving	Repair costs are a major concern this year. Based upon funding, the Supervisor requests approval of the repair list previously submitted. On motion duly made and seconded, the list was approved.
Equipment Rotation	Current plans are for replacement of 3 single axle dump trucks. The current trucks are mechanically ready for replacement along with 2 dump bodies and are all over 200,000 miles. Additionally, a Chevy truck has heavy miles and rust, the Engineer vehicle is ready for replacement, the bridge crew truck is rusted beyond repair, plans were to replace sanitation truck with over 270,000, and discussion has been held on replacement of the 1974 CAT grader. The Commissioners approved said purchases subject to available funds and extra additional appropriation funds provided by the County Council.
Additional Appropriations	In addition to the additional appropriations previously approved at this meeting, the Supervisor also requested:
	Hot Mix Funding \$800,000
	Road Repair \$700,000
	Equipment (3 dump & trash) \$230,000
	Kentucky Street \$500,000
	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the above, subject to County Council approval.

RE: HUNTINGBURG PROJECTS

Mayor Spinner of Huntingburg appeared to submit an update report from DLZ on the Huntingburg railroad bridge project. Requests have been sent out to all interested persons regarding possible environmental effects. Norfolk-Southern has been requested to participate in the project. The Mayor discussed the effect which the RR overpass will have on the community, which heretofore has been separated by the railroad. Huntingburg is attempting to obtain State grant for City development, including housing development. A portion of the housing would be near the RR overpass and would be developed by the Martin Group of Evansville. An additional portion of the development would be relocation of the City Street Department to the NW side of Huntingburg and would include an emergency storm center with alternate 9-1-1 center should a temporary relocation be required. The proposed State grant would be approximately \$10,000,000, if received. The City would use TIF funds, in part, to provide matching funds for the State grant. The Mayor is requesting support from the County in the form of \$500,000 in grant from the County, payable over 4 years, to provide additional matching funds. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted a proposed resolution submitted by Mayor Spinner, and directed the attorney to prepare the final Resolution.

RE: HUNTINGBURG HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Pete Schweigeraht, of Miller Valentine of Cincinnati, OH, appeared to advise the Commissioners of the proposed redevelopment of the St. Joseph Hospital building into a senior housing project, consisting of 45 units, having reasonable rent for senior citizens. The overall cost of the project would be \$9,000,000, estimated. The project would be one year in construction, spread over two years. The company is requesting that the County participate financially in the project, and a request for \$200,000 is being suggested from economic development fund or such other funds available. The completed property would be privately owned and would be subject to County property taxes. The Company would also consider a possible low interest loan.

RE: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Shawna Schwegman and Eric Dreyfus, representing Apex Benefits, appeared to discuss information regarding a Cost-Plus Health Insurance Program for County employees. They submitted a printed analysis of a traditional PPO insurance program compared to a Cost-Plus Program. The program is based on the fact that substantial mark-up exists in the hospital (medical) facility, and Cost-Plus would allow only a billing by a medical facility of Cost-Plus 12% or 20%, which would result in a possible 31% to 34% cost reduction. Seven Indiana Counties are currently under the Cost-Plus Program. As with Patoka Valley, there would be restricted physicians in the network, but ELAP attorneys will negotiate facilities down to Cost-Plus. Facility which will not cooperate will be subject to Audit. ELAP is paid by County based on savings. APEX is paid by County from the same funds now being paid to SIHO and Patoka Valley.

RE: COMPENSATION OF HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The Highway Supervisor and Commissioners discussed the fact that during the 3 month period when the County was without an Engineer, the Supervisor performed extra duties either during extra work hours, or during normal hours when the Supervisor was providing engineering services. Discussion centered around methods of computing the extra pay. After extended discussion, it was determined that for the 12 week period when the

Supervisor was providing both services, the Supervisor should be paid under the pay schedule applicable to the engineer.

RE: COBRA RATES

The County Auditor submitted a schedule of proposed COBRA rates for use after July 1, 2014. On motion duly made and seconded, the rates were approved as presented.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The Commissioners established the following future meetings:

June 2 and June 23, and

July 7 and July 21, all meetings to begin at 9:00 am.

RE: WELLNESS PROGRAM

Commissioner Uebelhor submitted a proposed employee release setting forth the increase in deductible rate for insurance benefits provided employees, as previously approved by the Commissioners, with a statement of the limited credit allowed against the deductible amount. After review, the employee release was approved.