

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 5, 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 May 5, 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 April 21 & 30, 2014 meetings of the Commissioners had been previously distributed to the Commissioners and were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for Auditor for the month of March in total was \$4,533. Previously reported for the month of March was \$4,058.00 only being the totals from March 1 - 21. Totals from March 24 -31 was Auditor \$475.00. Incomes for the month of April, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$11,303.31; Health Department \$17,683.67; Auditor \$1,029.00; Clerk \$29,940.89. 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: TRI-CAP PROCLAMATION

Joyce Fleck, representing Tri-Cap, appeared to request Commissioners consideration of a Resolution recognizing Tri-Cap as a Community Action Agency and of the Tri-Cap contribution to the residence of Dubois County. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies have a 50 year history of promoting self-sufficiency for limited income individuals; and

WHEREAS, **Dubois Pike Warrick Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. d/b/a TRI-CAP**, our local Community Action Agency, has been improving the lives of local citizens since 1966; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies have made an essential contribution to individuals and families in America by providing them with innovative and cost-effective services; and

WHEREAS, limited income individuals continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in dignity; and

WHEREAS, **Dubois County** and the entire United States must continue to wage war on poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, we do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

in **Dubois County**, Indiana in recognition of the hard work and dedication of TRI-CAP.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of **Dubois County** at the County Commissioners Room in Jasper, Indiana on this 5th day of May 2014.

RE: WELLNESS COMMITTEE – COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PROGRAM

The County Wellness Committee members appeared to again discuss incentives for employees to participate in a County Wellness program. The recommendation is that the current deductible program under the Employee Health Insurance plan which is \$250 individual, \$500 family, should be increased so that the deductible is \$500 individual, \$750 family. It was stated by the County insurance representative that the current deductible rate of the County Plan is the lowest of all of his clients and that the increase proposed would still place the County rate well below the average. In discussing the costs of participation, it was stated that participation in the Wellness program is at no expense to the employee and that the County Council has appropriated the costs of the Wellness participation. Those employees participating would be granted a \$250 credit against their deductible. After lengthy discussion about pros and cons, including loss of grandfather provisions, and determination that the proposed program does not discriminate against any employee, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized increase of deductible under the program from \$250 to \$500 for individuals and from \$500 to \$750 for family participants; to offer a credit of \$250 annually for employees participating in the County Health Screenings; and to authorize the Public Health Nurse assigned to Community Outreach to engage in communications covered by HIPPA when involved in the Wellness Program. The vote was 3-0 in favor of the motion.

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RE: 4-H FAIR

Bret Collignon, representing the 4-H Council, appeared to again request use of County Highway Department labor and equipment for preparation and maintenance of Fairground roads and parking areas during the Fair season. The Highway Supervisor also discussed concrete work currently being done at the Fairgrounds. Fill work and wall additions will also be completed in the future. On motion duly made and seconded, the equipment and labor use was approved. There was also discussion on other programs carried on by the 4-H Council during the Summer this year, including car show, air balloon, zip line, two 5-K Runs and fishing contest, and on motion duly made and seconded, the programs were approved. Collignon also discussed the current condition of seating at the Fairgrounds. The Highway Engineer was instructed to inspect the bleachers. The various prices of wood vs metal were discussed (\$184,000 vs \$275,000).

RE: CHA COMPANY

Michael Feltz, PE, of CHA Companies of Evansville, appeared to request that his Company be considered for future engineering and bridge projects.

RE: PARK BOARD – PARK ROADS

Jason Schmitt, President of the Park Board, appeared to discuss repaving of Park roads and pads. He informed the Commissioners that the Board does have some reserve funds which could be contributed to the work, subject to County Council approval. The work would normally be done after Labor Day due to use of the camping area. Schmitt will contact the County Council and hold a special Park Board meeting to obtain approval for a project. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the project, subject to approval of funding by Council, Park Board and 4-H Council. Projection of costs for the road paving would be in the approximate amount of \$140,000.

RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following reports regarding current Highway Department projects:

Holland . Kentucky Street	After discussion, it appears that connection engineering costs will be approximately \$135,000, with 80% State and 20% share between Town and County.
Bridge Inspection	Claim submitted for services on Bridge Inspection for \$31,343, phase I, to Butler Fairman Seufert. Payment approved.
Ruxer Bridge	Claim submitted for services on Ruxer Bridge for \$8,050, which is 75% complete as to design work by Butler, Fairman Seufert. Payment approved.
German American Bank . Online Review	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized Assistant Clerk of Highway Department (Wanda Beck) to obtain on-line access to the Highway / Sanitation Dept. Checking account, having view rights only, and for Commissioner Vollmer to execute the authorization on behalf of the County.
Advanced Disposal Service Agreement	On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a renewal of a 5 year trash compactor use agreement, at a rate of \$295 per month for Ireland and \$295.20 per month each for Jasper and Huntingburg, subject to attorney review.
Election	Highway Dept Bldg is used as election site and Dept will be closed on May 6.
County Council	Will meet on May 7 to discuss expected expense of road work during 2014, being \$1.5 million. Additionally, the Supervisor estimates that three dump trucks will need to be replaced at a cost of \$150,000 this Summer, with a road grader needing replacement in the Fall for \$350,000.
INDOT Functional Classification	State may change the classification method on County road funding.
Motor Grader	Engine has been overhauled.
New Fuel System	Has been installed and is now being tested.
Dubois Corner 4 th and Main	With new school sign being installed, the curb at corner has been completed and should help drainage.

RE: ST. HENRY WEST STREET

Michael Blume appeared to request the vacation of West Street in St. Henry. He was referred to his attorney to file a petition for vacation, public notice and hearing.

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RE: ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Wendholt gave his report of work he had done during the first day of work: Kentucky Street and 4-H Fairgrounds.

RE: AUDITOR – CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND

The Auditor submitted a report on the Congressional School Fund and the report was approved.

RE: INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Auditor was instructed to distribute, upon request, information regarding County insurance coverage.

RE: SRI – TAX SALE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the contract with SRI for tax sale services.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lampert reported to the Board on current operations at the Security Center.

K-9 Care

Question as to whether assigned K-9 officer is entitled to compensation when dog is taken care of at home. There was lengthy conversation as to which is in best interest of the dog and of the officer. There also is no current case laws that prohibits home care or requires compensation if done on volunteer basis. The officers sign a release acknowledging that they are not required to take home or care for the dog off duty. The Sheriff also reported on current Security Center activities, on use of the Center lawn for helicopter landing, and on the numerous student tours of the Center. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved an Amendment to the Inmate Health Services agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. to include the additional nursing services as previously approved by the Commissioners.

The Sheriff reported on current drug usage within the County and to Department activities to reverse drug use.

The Sheriff reported on the current telephone contracts related to the Security Center. There are currently contracts with both Frontier and TNCI, and the Sheriff desires to terminate the TNCI contract. The new contract with Frontier would have product cost of \$18,835.78, if the TNCI contract is terminated, with resulting lower operating costs. On motion duly made and seconded, the Frontier contract was approved, subject to termination of the TNCI contract.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The May and June meetings of the Commissioners will be May 19, June 2 and June 23, each beginning at 9:00 am at the Courthouse annex.