

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 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 5:15 p.m. (EST) on October 6, 2014. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Doug M. Uebelhor and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were Deputy Auditor Brooke Greenwell, 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. After discussion, minutes of the September, 2014 meetings of the Commissioners previously distributed to the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of September, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$14,437.35; Health Department \$17,429.32; Auditor \$104.00; Clerk \$30,729.95. 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: CR 1100 E**

David O. Merkel of Celestine appeared to thank the Commissioners for repaving of CR 1100 E.

### **RE: RAILROAD BRIDGE – SR 64**

County Surveyor Brosmer appeared to report receiving complaints regarding blocking of Hunley Creek as a result of corn stalks being caught by the former railroad bridge. Southern Railroad has been called to remove the stalks. He stated this is an annual problem. The Commissioners and Surveyor discussed other creeks which are affected by trash jams.

### **RE: SUN ENERGY GROUP – CR 860 W / OLD SR 64**

Tom Allinder, representing Sun Energy Group came to request the establishment of an intersection 280 feet west of CR 860 W on Old SR 64. The new haul road would be a private road and stop signs will be posted on Old SR 64 and on CR 860 W. In addition, flashing lights and warning signs will be posted. The haul road will be used for less than 1 year. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that the crossing would not cause a danger and approved the construction of the proposed haul road, and executed the Agreement for Road Usage.

### **RE: GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE – EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Anthony Cochren, Tim Bell and Brad Ketzner, representing German American Insurance, appeared to discuss proposed Employee Health Insurance, including current and estimated cost analysis for the Dubois County Plan. They requested the granting of a disclosure statement with German American Insurance, so that claims after this date will not be used in determining cost/pricing basis, and current costs from the provider will be fixed. At the request of Cochren, and on the condition that good comparison figures are available, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized any Commissioner to execute a disclosure with German American Insurance and with Pete Franzman representing SIHO. The Deputy Auditor was instructed to request a disclosure from Franzman and SIHO.

**RE: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT BIDS**

It being 5:30 pm, the time advertised for receipt of bids on certain items of new equipment for the County Highway Department, the following bids were received and opened and read to the public:

	CUM Bridge Truck Chassis	Brine/Paint Truck Chassis	1/2 Ton 4x4 Pickup	Snow Plow	Utility Bed Bridge Truck
Meyer Truck Equipment				4,799.50	11,840.00
Elpers Truck Equipment				4,694.44	12,976.67
Sternberg Ford	31,991.00	39,216.00	26,958.00		
Ruxer Ford	32,198.00		28,920.00		
Uebelhor & Son	No Bid Bond	No Bid Bond	No Bid Bond		
Bob Luegers Motors			No Bid Bond		

Both the bids from Uebelhor & Son and Luegers failed to include bid bonds, as required by legal publication and bid specifications, and the bids from both were not read and were rejected. The bids as read were referred to the County Highway Supervisor, Engineer and Clerk for review.

Following such review, it was determined that the following were the lowest and best:

Utility Bed	Meyer Truck Equipment	\$11,840.00
Snow Plow	Elpers Truck Equipment	\$4,694.44
4x4 Pickup	Sternberg Ford	\$26,958.00
Brine/Paint Truck	Sternberg Ford	\$39,216.00
Cum Bridge Truck	Sternberg Ford	\$31,991.00

All trucks were net to trade-ins. On motion duly made and seconded, the above low bids were accepted.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Steve Berg, Highway Supervisor, submitted the following report of Highway Department projects:

Kentucky Street	Pre-construction meeting will be held 9-8-14 with INDOT, Beam & Blakenberger.
Road Grader Bids	Will be received 11-18-14, as funding has been approved by County Council.
Pike County Painting	Assistance has been granted as previously discussed, and bill for services set at cost, \$600.17 for labor and materials.
Additional Appropriation	Funds required to finish the year: Highway      Office Supplies      \$1,000 Gas & Oil                \$75,000 Equipment Repairs      \$30,000 Solid Waste   Refuse Disposal      \$20,000 from recycling. Approved and directed to submit to County Council.
Salt Order	Currently have 90 ton on hand, have placed order of additional 150 ton.

Thank You Letter

Being sent to individuals who pick-up trash along highways.

CR 375 W Extended

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized Mark Steckler to extend CR 375 W from the current end northerly 200 feet. The west 30 feet of extended road is currently dedicated and the east 30 feet must be properly dedicated. Prior to acceptance into County Road System, owner must construct road to County specifications and Supervisor approval.

Highway Authorization

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized that during periods when the Supervisor is absent from the County, assistant Larry Betz will serve as operations manager and he will be authorized to process claims for the Department.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted the following report of Department projects:

Ruxer Bridge

Work is in process. Change order submitted for method change for coping removal, approved by County's engineering consultant. Cost reduction of \$6,000. On motion duly made and seconded, change order approved.

Commissioners's Sale

Inspection made of tracts subject to sale as excess tracts from tax sale. All tracts determined to be acceptable and without environmental restrictions.

Asphalt Change Orders

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the following change orders on completed projects:

Project 14-04 Shiloh Rd & 150 N Add \$986.36  
14-08 Haysville Rd W Deduct \$355.40

Huntingburg Overpass Project

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of 2 invoices from DLZ for services on Overpass project:

#CT093014-01 \$1,068.45  
#CT092914-01 \$1,865.89

Bridge Replacement, CR 600 W

Replacement on existing small bridge in process for replacement.

Mill Street Wetland Mitigation

No acceptable site for wetland preservation in western Dubois County located. County granted additional 6 months to work with U.S. Fish & Wildlife to locate an acceptable forested wetland.

**RE: HUTSON, INC. BUSINESS LICENSE**

The Deputy Auditor submitted to the Commissioners an application from Hutson, Inc., 2951 N 600 W Jasper, To the State of Indiana for a vehicle . Watercraft Dealer Business License for use at the former Wright . Stemle John Deer dealership at Ireland. On motion duly made and seconded, the application was approved on behalf of the County.

**RE: HEALTH SCREEN**

The Commissioners were advised that a County employee became sick upon receiving a blood test during an employee health screening program. The procedure for that individual was terminated but the employee was told to have the test at a later date. Despite several extensions, the employee still has failed to complete the procedure. Without the test, the employee will not qualify for a discount. The

question is whether the employee should be granted the premium discount without the test. Based on policies followed by other employers and so as to not set a precedent, on motion duly made and seconded, it was determined that an exception should not be granted unless a doctor's statement is presented which prohibits the employee from taking part in the blood test.

**RE: STATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DEFERRED COMP PLAN**

The Auditor's Office submitted a proposed Resolution for establishment of an employee deferred compensation plan administered by the State of Indiana. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the following Resolution and Plan Adoption Agreement.

**RE: COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE**

The Auditor's Office submitted a proposed Resolution for SRI to conduct a Commissioners' Certificate Sale. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the following Resolution.

**RE: CONTINUED MEETING**

The Continued Meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for October 20, 2014, beginning at 5:15 pm.