

DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 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 5:15 p.m. (EST) on September 18, 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 September 2, 2014, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: WATER RUNOFF ON CR 500 S – PATOKA TOWNSHIP

Clarence Hurst appeared to complain about water runoff from CR 500 S onto his property and resulting damages on his property west of Huntingburg. He requests that some action be taken to prevent future washing. The Highway Supervisor will inspect.

RE: 911 EMPLOYEE

Director Janice Love sent a message that it was her recommendation that Taylor Hunter be hired as probationary employee at the 911 Center. This recommendation is based upon multiple applicant interviews and reviews. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to employ Taylor Hunter under the regular probation provisions for new employees.

RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of Department projects:

Engineer Compensation

Berg submitted the following statement of clarification regarding the Highway Engineers compensation:
The hiring of the approved Highway Engineer applicant mandated certain achievement levels for this position's base pay wage+escalation that were not only based upon certification, but were time sensitive pending when certifications were indeed achieved. Due to the complexity of the base pay wage,+little attention was given to the inclusion of the earned accumulated position+raises. It has always been the intent that all accumulated position+raises would be included as an addition to the changing base pay wage+scale during these changes. Now that certification has taken place, the following scenario should be followed as to the Engineers base pay wage.+ The Engineer was hired at \$60,000 with a 90 day probationary period served at 90% pay. At this time, no position wages were earned and the probationary time would be served. The Engineer achieved certification and earned the agreed base pay wage+increase to \$65,000 for a 12 month period beginning on May 22nd, 2014 and will earn this base pay wage+thru the end of 2014. No

	<p>position raises have been earned during that time frame and will not be paid until January 1st, 2015 where his salary will adjust to include the position raise of \$30 per pay period. Then beginning May 22nd, 2015 the Engineer will receive the agreed base pay wage+increase to \$68,000 and include the position raise of \$30 per pay period thru the end of 2015. Then beginning January 1, 2016 the agreed base pay wage+will increase to \$71,000 plus the 2015 position raise of \$30 per pay period, plus the position raise as to be determined at budget time held in the year 2015.+ On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the above clarification.</p>
Kentucky Street (Holland)	<p>Nothing new to report. Report made of progress on preconstruction work. Suggested that actual road reconstruction be delayed until next Spring. Pre-construction meeting will be held next week. Claim filed by Beam Longest Neff for \$456.55 for services during utility work. On motion duly made and seconded, the claim was approved and payment authorized.</p>
Transfer of Funds	<p>The Supervisor requested transfer of excess funds from the Old Huntingburg Road project not completed to reserve. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the following transfer of funds: Highway Fund From -Old Huntingburg Road \$14,000 To . Ferdinand Industrial Road \$14,000</p>
Transfer of Funds	<p>In order to purchase dump beds and plow previously approved, the Supervisor requested transfer of \$10,000 of excess funds from the Workmans Comp Fund to the Equipment account. This would result in \$19,057 to be available for the purchase of the approved equipment.</p>
Equipment Purchase	<p>The Supervisor requested permission to advertise for purchase of paint/brine truck (#108), the Engineer vehicle (#000), the bridge utility truck (#304), and road grader (#404). He also requested to add a snow plow for #108. Council approval will be needed for the grader purchase. On motion made and seconded, approval was given, subject to Council approval on the grader.</p>
Future Bid Date	<p>In order for the Department to set future bid dates, the Commissioners set the future meeting dates: October 6th and 20th, 2014, November 3 and 18th, 2014 and December 9th, 2014, all beginning at 5:15 pm. The Commissioners set the following bid receipts: October 6 equipment (trucks) November 18 road grader November 18 material bids</p>

Pike County Request

Request has been made for use of striping equipment for centerline painting. Material cost would be \$712.14 and material plus labor and travel costs would be reimbursed by Pike County. On motion made and seconded, approval granted.

CR 375 W

Mark Steckler desires to sell land not on public road, and room does not exist for 60 foot public roadway. The intended use of Real Estate would be residential. There could be three residences served off of the proposed roadway. Will be discussed at next meeting.

4-H Park

Park Board has stated that Board would contribute \$25,000 towards Park road improvement. Total cost would be approximately \$140,000. Will consider repairs next year.

Sun Energy Road Crossing

Meeting is set for Sept. 19 to discuss location for road crossing on Old SR 64.

RE: ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt reported to the Commissioners regarding current engineering project at the Department:

Ruxer Bridge

Will be closed 9-29-14. Contractor has requested change in method of coping removal. Engineer will discuss reduction in contract costs with contractor.

Bridge Inspection

Butler Fairman and Seufert has submitted manuals and has resubmitted invoice for \$9,898. On motion duly made and seconded, the invoice was approved and payment authorized.

Asphalt Paving Change Order

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

#14-05	Decrease	\$2,089.47
#14-06	Decrease	\$2,256.87
#14-09	Decrease	\$15,244.43
#14-11	Decrease	\$12,525.12
#14-12	Decrease	\$146.16

Bridge Replacement

Engineer reported that replacement of small bridge on 600 W is in process.

Mill Street Wetland Mitigation

Greg McKay of Corps of Engineers has agreed to the substitute of purchased land for mitigation. Bill McCoy of US Fish and Wildlife will assume responsibility for management of contributed site.

RE: JASPER KIDS DAY

The Auditor reported a request from Downtown Merchants to use restrooms on September 27, 2014 for Downtown Kids Day program, beginning at 9:00 am. On motion duly made and seconded, permission granted.

RE: AMENDMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved amendment of the Dubois County Benefit Trust relating to Lab Card benefits and various other benefits, Medicare and appeal rights.

RE: EMS TEXTING

The Commissioners discussed the prior request for authority of County EMS and various fire departments to enter into County Contract for Texting rights on emergency communications so as to have wider area of communications and allow access of personnel in areas (including building) where currently communications are not possible. The Commissioners agreed to establishment of a program as proposed, provided that after the first year each user entity will be responsible for payment of its own annual fee for participation, and that should any user desire use of wall monitoring screen that entity would be responsible for payment of the unit out of its own funds. A letter as to these terms will be mailed to each entity for approval.