

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2, 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 September 2, 2014. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Doug M. Uebelhor and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 August, 2014 meetings of the Commissioners had been previously distributed to the Commissioners and were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of August, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$12,443.42; Health Department \$20,482.51; Auditor \$209.82; Clerk \$30,900.13. 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: RUTH SMITH ORDINANCE EXCEPTION (HARBISON TOWNSHIP)**

Phil Buehler appeared on behalf of Ruth Smith and James Dean Meyer to request an exception to the family farm exception to allow Mrs. Smith to relocate from a pre-ordinance home to a 6.736 acre tract all in the NW of the NE of Section 1-T1S-R5W in Haribson Township. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the exception.

**RE: CR 450 S – IMPROVEMENT**

A group of local residents appeared to request information as to the status of improvement of CR 450 S in Patoka Township from rock to chip/seal. A petition with dedication has been filed for the road west of Duff Conservation Club. There are 8 houses on the route. They were informed it would not happen this year, but they are on the list for future year(s).

**RE: HOOSIER START**

Todd Williams of Hoosier Start, the State 457/401(A) Retirement Plan, appeared to submit documents regarding the Plan and to compare to the current PERF plan. The 457 Plan holds contributions in trust and the County makes no contribution. Investments of the Start funds are made in mutual funds, selected by the State. Great . West is administrator of the Plan and no funds are invested in Great . West issues, which is contrary to the current plan in which the County participates.

**RE: EMS**

Suzan Henke, director of EMS, appeared to discuss use of cell phones by EMS personnel. She gave a number of cases where EMS pages are not being received, and presented information which she had discovered. There was discussion, led by Auditor Hopf, about entering into government phone plan with a substantial cost reduction and having much better service. Further discussion was held concerning equipment needs for paging systems and further information will be gathered.

Henke also submitted a proposed lease with S & S Properties of Huntingburg for a temporary ambulance site in Huntingburg. The lease is a joint project between the City and County. The final draft is subject to discussion with S & S as to changes. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the lease, subject to revision approved by the County Auditor and Attorney and final review by the Commissioner President.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

J.P. Weisheit appeared to discuss damage at the Center due to recent storm and to discuss the State grant. He also discussed several required revisions required by the State Jail Inspector, including a defective door lock system. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted Corrections the authority to spend \$17,145 for replacement of the door lock system, subject to approval by County Council. The storm damage would be covered by insurance to the extent in excess of the \$5,000 deductible. The Director also discussed and presented pictures of building defects that need repair. It was agreed that repair costs should be obtained. The Commissioners executed the Non-Collusion Acceptance required for the State grant.

**RE: TREASURER – HOOSIER FUND**

County Treasurer Blessinger submitted a proposed agreement for participation in the Hoosier Fund for investment of excess County funds. The agreement has been approved by the County Council. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Agreement.

**RE: SHERIFF REPORT**

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit the Security Center activity report. He discussed the trade of vehicles, including two Community Correction vehicles and one Sheriff vehicle which was involved in deer accident. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the trade of three cars, using Department funds for the purchase of one new vehicle.

The Sheriff explained a new Time Warner program used for identification purposes, involving and authorized by the State. On motion duly made and seconded, the State agreement with Time Warner was approved.

The Sheriff discussed generator repair as compared with replacement.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of projects:

Kentucky Street	Invoice for 20% of \$236,101.23 received and being processed. Waterline relocation completed. Forced main water line relocation in process.
Saw Worker Safety Plan	Plan is being worked on, and will be included in employment manual. Plan submitted to Commissioners. Berg discussed used of employee %standby+vs furnishing certain employees with required equipment full time. The Commissioners authorized purchase of 26 sets of chaps and hats required under the Safety

Equipment Purchase	Plan, and approved the new proposed Safety Plan. The Supervisor reported that on inspection of dump body hoist at Meyer Equipment, it was determined that the hoist bid did not meet spec, and informed the County that they could not meet specs at the bid price. Based upon failure to meet specs, the Meyer bid was determined to be unacceptable unless satisfied at bid price and if not in compliance, the next low bid, being by Elpers Truck, should be accepted.
Hillham Road South St. Anthony Parish 5K Walk/Run	Project completed. On motion duly made and seconded, Commissioners approved closing of CR 450 S from Ohio Street to St. Anthony Road West on October 12 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.
J.H. Rudolph Escalation Clause	Notice has been received that material bid Items #9 and #10 will be subject to increased price.
Schnellville Sacred Church Road Walk/Run	On motion duly made and seconded, Commissioners approved closing of following roads on September 21, 2014, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am: Market Street to CR 800 E; thence south to Schnellville Road then east to Schnell Road, then south to CR 400 E, then west to Pine Ridge Road, then north to Schnell Road, then east to Elm Street. Closures are partial closures due to race safety.
Sun Energy Proposed Road Crossing	Company has requested temporary mine traffic crossing on Old SR 64 at a point 232 feet east of CR 860 W. Discussion was held on safety factor, the need for added bond and need for new pavement 250 feet on either side of cross. Berg instructed to discuss with Company and report back to Commissioners.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Engineer Wendholt submitted the following report on Highway engineering projects:

Ruxer Bridge	Pre-construction meeting is to be held September 3. Butler Fairman and Seufert submits claim for \$1,610 for design work and on motion made and seconded, claim approved and payment authorized.
Countywide Bridge Inspection	Claim presented by Butler Fairman and Seufert for \$9,898, but manual not received to date. Approval delayed pending delivery of manuals.
Portersville Road West Change Orders	Submit the following change orders: Project #14-01: Decrease of \$844.55. On motion duly made and seconded, change order approved.
INDOT Functional Classification Systems	Submitted a report of reclassification of all County roads. On motion duly made and seconded, the report was approved and the Engineer was authorized to submit to INDOT.

**RE: COURTHOUSE VIDEO SYSTEM**

The Auditor reported that Security Officer Mike Shaw had advised her that the Courthouse Video System is in need of repair, at a cost of \$3,845. On motion duly made and seconded, the repair was authorized.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Commissioners will be held on September 18, beginning at 5:15 pm.