

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 20, 2015

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissionersq Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on April 20, 2015. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Lawrence M. Vollmer and Elmer Brames. Also present were County 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. Minutes of the April 6, 2015, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: TRASH COURT HEARING – SCHWENK

Appears Angela Schwenk Sparks and advises the Commissioners that Robert Schwenk has recently been observed dumping trash on another property. The Commissioners determined the Robert's recent dump is not the subject matter of the current case. The Commissioners expressed their belief that each person is responsible for their own trash and that abandoned trash is that individual's obligation. In the current case, the trash was in Angela's household, not that of Robert. Based on that fact, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners imposed upon Angela a fine of \$50.00 plus actual cleanup costs of \$123.00, payable \$30.00 per month and in full within 6 months. The separate alleged dump by Robert Schwenk would be the subject of separate hearing. The Commissioners had previously conducted hearing on the present case on January 20 and a Commissioner had subsequent conversation with a minor member of the family.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Department projects, including:

Open Driver Position

The Supervisor reported that interviews were held on Friday, April 10, with 3 applicants for Department driver. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized Donald Lueken to fill the vacant driver's position.

Assistant Superintendent

The Supervisor reported that Department Assistant Supervisor Larry Betz, who has been an employee of the Department for 28 years, will retire on April 30. The Supervisor requested that Tim Lynch fill the vacancy as Assistant, effective May 4, 2015. On motion made and seconded, the recommendation was approved.

Equipment Bids

The Supervisor reported that bid opening for equipment will be held on May 4 at 10:00 am.

Asphalt Costs

The Supervisor reported that he has received notice of decrease in cost of asphalt materials furnished by J.H. Rudolph. This item is subject to annual bid.

Summer Help

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Supervisor to engage 2 individuals as

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Summer employees to work with the Department. This is a normal Summer process and employment will terminate at the end of Summer.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit his report of Security Center operations. He reported on IRS payment, that 2 cars have been ordered, that a jail inspection has been completed, that the Department cell phones have been updated, that mental health service is now offered for 4 hours each week, and reported on events within the County covered by the Department. He reported that furnace and water heaters are currently in need of replacement and an estimate of need and cost is being made. The new Transportation Officer has made 10 trips during the month. The Jail Inspector discussed improper lighting and made manpower recommendation. The Sheriff discussed facility size and future demands for additional space. This is largely resulting from failure of the State to accept prisoners. The Sheriff suggested an addition of large instructional space which could be subsequently converted into cell spaces. The instructional area could be used to assist prisoners who are near release or who are entering the security center for the first time.

RE: 4-H FAIR GROUNDS

Bret Collignon of the 4-H Board appeared to discuss the condition of the buildings at the fairgrounds and the need for painting. Also roofs need to be painted, ice breakers added and road repairs made. The total cost for the 4-H projects, for all projects, would be \$63,780.65. A future project would be construction of a grandstand for \$1,200,000, excluding new restrooms. After discussion, the Commissioners on motion made and seconded, authorized the expenditure of \$70,000 for the described improvements, subject to allocation of funds by the County Council, payable from EDIT account. The Commissioners also granted the 4-H Fair Board use of Highway Department equipment with personnel during and prior to Fair week.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted the following report of Department projects:

Paving Projects 2015

Subject to approval of funds by the County Council, the County will work on 11 paving projects during 2015. It is proposed that bids will be received on May 18.

Claims From Beam Longest Neff

The Engineer submitted 2 claims from Beam Longest Neff on the Holland Kentucky Street project:

Utility Coordinator \$7,095.12

Construction Observation \$1,720.23

On motion duly made and seconded, the claims were approved and payment authorized. The Engineer reported that construction has started.

2015 Summer Help

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized 2 Summer interns (college students) to assist

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the Engineer during the Summer on paving, survey work, GIS Map update and random jobs.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD APPOINTMENT – SCOTT BLAZEY

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Scott Blazezy as Commissionersq appointment to the Community Corrections Board.

RE: TRUE RX REBATE

The Auditor reported that the County has received a second rebate check from True Rx in the amount of \$3,940.53, on prescription drug expenses.

RE: EMERGENCY CALL SYSTEM – COURTHOUSE

The County Auditor reported on equipment failure as to the Courthouse emergency call system. The equipment is normally tested annually, by the Courthouse Security Officer, but the Commissioners desire a more frequent testing, not less than quarterly.

RE: STATE SECURITY AUDIT

The Auditor reported that the State has conducted a Courthouse Security Audit and has submitted a report to the County. A Courthouse Security Committee is required by statute, and the Commissioners appointed Commissioner Brames as a representative on that Committee.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners set future meetings of the Commissioners as follows:

May 4, 2015 at 8:00 am;

May 18, 2015 at 8:30 am, following Solid Waste Management;

June 2, 2015 at 8:00 am;

June 15, 2015 at 8:00 am.