

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 17, 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 8:30 a.m. (EST) on August 17, 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 August 3, 2015, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

### **RE: SOLID WASTE CASE**

Carla Striegel -Winner appeared to advise the Commissioners that to date no payment has been received on the penalty levied by the Commissioners on a solid waste violation in the Carrico case. The party was granted 6 months to pay the full \$314.82 penalty assessed. A letter will be mailed.

### **RE: FAMILY FARM EXCEPTION – FRIEDMAN**

Surveyor Buehler appeared representing the Leroy Friedman family from Dubois to request a family farm exception for a 1.818 acre tract in the NE NW Section 12-T1S-R5W for the granddaughter of the owner, Leroy Friedman. On motion duly made and seconded, the exception was approved after it was determined that the proposed (new) owner was engaged in the farm operation.

### **RE: FAMILY FARM EXCEPTION – HOPF**

Surveyor Buehler also appeared representing Ryan Hopf, son of Michael Hopf, requesting a family farm exception for a 3.157 acre tract in the SW NE of Section 13-T2S-R6W in Madison Township, Ryan will construct a residence off of CR 650 W. Ryan will construct a residence off of CR 650 W. Ryan assists in operation of the family farm. On motion duly made and seconded, the exception was approved.

### **RE: YARD CULVERT – JAMES STREET**

Commissioner Vollmer reported that the owner of real estate on James Street in Ireland has requested a one month extension, to October 1, 2015, to replace the existing 6 or 8 inch culvert with a 12 inch culvert. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the extension and instructed the County Attorney to notify the owner of the extension.

### **RE: PATOKA RIVER WATER GAUGE**

The Commissioners discussed a proposal by the Gramelspacher family to donate land in NW SW Section 31-T1S-R5W for location of a Patoka River water elevation station. If completed, the description should include a 60 foot road easement.

### **RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sheriff Lampert reported on the current status of the Sheriff Department. The repair of gutters on the Security Center has been completed. New State statute requires DNA testing of felon prisoners. He reported on arrests made during the prior month, and of meeting of Department officers with the Merit Board. The next property project will be the Security Center air conditioner system.

### **RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CHANGE ORDERS AND TRANSFERS**

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Ann Messmer, Highway Department Clerk, appeared to request a Transfer of Appropriations from Workman's Comp to Equipment Repair in Highway accounts, in amount of \$25,000. On motion duly made and seconded, the transfer was approved.

Ann also requested the following change orders on highway paving contracts be approved:

Project # 15-05	St. Anthony Rd W	\$225.66
15-17	Santine Road	(\$546.17)
15-02	Dubois-Cuzco Rd	(\$3,154.58)
15-08	Ferdinand Road . NW	(\$7,214.70)
15-06	Dubois Rd SE / 720 E	(\$2,362.27)
15-03	400 E	(\$3,353.70)

for a total reduction of \$16,405.76. On motion made and seconded, the change orders were approved.

**RE: HIGHWAY REPORT**

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

Triaxle Truck	Truck #214 (2007 International) was purchased in 2009, has only 500,000 miles but is having a number of repair problems. Sternberg had granted an additional 1 year warranty due to mechanical problems. The vehicle has had \$35,843 of excess expenses and has been out of service 138 days. Department desires to replace the truck. A new vehicle would be \$160,000 but used vehicles are available. The current truck would have poor resale. The current liner could be reused on a newer truck chassis.
New Single Axle Trucks	Will attend County Council meeting on August 24 to request \$170,000 additional appropriation for purchase of 4 single axle trucks as normal replacements. A subsequent request will be made for excavator replacement. The low cost of gas to date will allow additional funds to come from current budget. A list of additional expected replacement equipment required over the next 18 months was discussed.
Chip / Seal and Patching	The Supervisor report on the status of the road projects for this Summer.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Wendholt reported on current Department engineering projects:

Asphalt Projects	All asphalt paving projects for this year have been completed. Sealing should be completed within 2 weeks.
Kentucky Street (Holland)	Have received 2 invoices: \$4,233.71 for manhole relining, for which the County will be fully reimbursed, and \$3,393.60 for engineering for utility relocation, for which the County will be responsible for 10%. On motion made and seconded, claims approved and payment authorized. Claims received from BNL for construction engineering for \$14,918.39. On motion made and seconded, payment approved.
Huntingburg Overpass	Have two invoices from Huntingburg for engineering services in amount of \$796.09 and \$195.00. On motion duly made and seconded, claims were approved and payment ordered.

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Mill Street Wetland Mitigation

Proposed trade of Pike County land in exchange for future obligation for Mill Street mitigation site under discussion.

**RE: EDIT PLAN**

County Auditor requested that revised Edit Plan, which had been approved by the Commissioners at the August 3 meeting, be added to the record. The Commissioners approved addition of the Revised EDIT Plan approval.

**RE: PROPERTY ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Auditor reported that she had been informed by the County Assessor that Lawrence Persohn had submitted his resignation as member of the Property Assessment Board of Appeals. On recommendation of the County Assessor and on motion made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Duane Persohn to fill the vacancy on the Board of Appeals.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Commissioners set future meetings of the Commissioners as follows:

September 1, 2015	8:00 am
September 14, 2015	8:00 am
October 5, 2015	8:00 am
October 19, 2015	8:30 am
November 2, 2015	8:00 am
November 16, 2015	8:00 am

The October 19 meeting will be following a County Solid Waste Board meeting set for 7:30 am.