

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 3, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on August 3, 2015. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Lawrence M. Vollmer and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sheryl Sendelweck, 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 July, 2015 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 July, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$16,014.41; Health Department \$14,844.26; Auditor \$58.00; Clerk \$35,895.08. 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: FAMILY FARM EXEMPTION – JACOB PANKEY**

Jacob Pankey of Columbia Township, appeared to request a family farm exemption on a 8.29 acre tract in the NW quarter of the NE quarter of Section 26-T1N-R3W on his father's, Dennis Pankey's farm. Jacob works on the farm. On motion duly made and seconded, the permit was approved and signed.

### **RE: ST. ANTHONY CAR SHOW**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized closing St. Anthony's South Street from St. John Street west to Cross Street, and St. Joseph Street from behind American Legion to South Street, on August 15, 2015 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm for the annual car show.

### **RE: SCHNELVILLE PARADE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved closing of Pineridge Rd for the north 500 feet, and then east on Schnellville Road to Walnut Street, thence to Market Street to Schnellville Community Center, on September 20, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

### **RE: SUPERVISOR'S HIGHWAY REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg presented his report of current Department projects:

Meridian Road Wetland

Reported that a representative of the Corps of Engineers has inspected the proposed mitigation 10 acres of real estate in Pike County, which the County could purchase for \$17,000, one-half of which would be paid by City of Jasper. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved transfer of \$6,000 from EDIT . Highway to EDIT . North Mill Street, to pay for the project. On further motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Dubois County site on Meridian Road to be declared as subject to a Conservation Easement.+ The Supervisor also submitted a statement from Earth Sources, Inc. for services related to the mitigation project, and on motion made and seconded, the statement was approved and payment authorized.

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Fuel Dispenser Pumps Land Proposal	Installed and operating. Offer has been made for donation of land for River gage, and survey has been requested.
Shoulder and Painting Work Rutting on Ferdinand Rd NW	Report of progress being made on road work. Corrective work is required on new paving due to affect of weather conditions of new pavement.
Fog Seal Application Link-N-Go Fuel	Except for one road, application has gone well. Entity has request to purchase gas from Highway Department. Due to load requirements, cost of fuel will be increased to County. Commissioners are not in favor due to cost to County.
Current Overlay / Patching Projects	Reported on current status of projects. Have some equipment use conflicts related to chip/seal projects and Fog Seal projects each requiring the same equipment.
Truck Replacements	Four trucks are scheduled for replacement. There is currently approximately \$70,000 remaining in prior funding authorization and an additional \$170,000 is estimated to be required to pay the cost of 4 new trucks. Additionally there is one additional truck scheduled for replacement in 2017 which will need earlier replacement due to poor condition. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the purchase of the 4 trucks as requested and the \$170,000 additional appropriation, subject to Council approval. Additionally, the Commissioners authorized the Supervisor to seek a used truck for replacement of the truck normally scheduled for replacement in 2017.

**RE: YARD CULVERT – JAMES STREET**

As previously discussed by the Commissioners, a letter has been prepared regarding a culvert installed along James Street in Ireland, which is not of adequate size, and the letter was approved, signed and authorized to be sent to the adjacent property owner.

**RE: SIREN SYSTEM**

Tammy Humbert, EMA Director, appeared and advised that in test, the County siren system did not properly operate, and **Federal Signal** has informed EMA that a second signal tone is required for the sirens to operate. Therefore a second signal tone is required from the Communications Center and the tone is ordered. This will require a rework of the console at Communications Center as the sirens properly operate, but the signal (tone) to the siren must be revised. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the appropriation of \$3,885 for **Federal Signal** and \$330 for Advanced Radio Communications for siren work, subject to Council approval, with actual payment not to be made until the sirens are properly operating.

**RE: EMPLOYEE ID BADGES**

Tammy Humbert further advised that the plastic employee ID badges have been ordered.

**RE: EMA GRANTS**

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Tammy Humbert advised that the State EMA is now requiring electronic signature(s) by a pre-authorized official. Tammy will question the State as to whether all Commissioners must sign at the same time.

**RE: JASPER ENGINES 5K – CR 100 S**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved restricted use of CR 100 S for the Jasper Engines 5K on Oct 3, 2015 at 6:30 am to 9:00 am.

**RE: COURTHOUSE ROOF**

Scott Hopf appeared to report that he and Joe Helming had checked the bid from Cochrad Exteriors of Indianapolis for reroofing of the Courthouse for \$29,979. All inquiries were acceptable. The cost of copper valleys is an additional \$10,113. On motion duly made and seconded, the bids were approved, subject to Council approval. The Commissioners also approved engaging Helming Bros. to clean and paint gutters for \$2,733 and for Joe Helming to oversee roof replacement for \$300.

**RE: EMS**

EMS Director Suzan Henke appeared to discuss several matters:

A County ambulance was involved in an accident in Martin County when it hit horses on a State Highway 45. The vehicle has \$15,000 damage. EMS is in discussion with the insurance carrier. The owner of the horses is unknown.

EMS carries disability insurance on EMS part-time employees. The insurance was acquired because of the high risk for part-time employees. Henke reported that part-time employees are hard to find and many are from out of County. The cost is approximately \$125 per employee per year. The Commissioners question the coverage while no other part-time County employees have the same coverage.

**RE: FERDINAND FOLK FEST FONDO (BIKE RUN)**

Kevin Manley appeared regarding the bike ride around Dubois County on September 19. Roads would not be closed, but would be shared with regular traffic. The use of the various County roads was approved. Organization is responsible for signs and security.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer submitted the following report current Department projects:

Asphalt Paving Projects	List of status of projects submitted.
Butler Fairman & Seufert Invoice	Invoice submitted for \$652.50 for bridge inspection. On motion made and seconded, the invoice was approved and payment authorized.
Speed Limit Ordinance	Ordinance 2015-01 submitted for two roads in St. Anthony Subdivisions, setting speed limit of 25 mph. On motion duly made and seconded, the Ordinance was approved and signed.
Rolling Ridge Drive and Meagan Court	Proposed Ordinance submitted for sidewalk construction and maintenance. After review, on motion made and seconded, the Ordinance 2015-02 was approved.
Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance	Have received four quotes for required rebar, as follows:
Rebar Order	Westfield Steel \$9,540.00
	O'Neal Steel \$9,680.00

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Sugar Steel Corp	\$9,873.04
Modern Welding	\$13,220.00

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the bid of Westfield Steel for \$9,540 and purchase was authorized.

**RE: HEALTH INSURANCE**

The Deputy Auditor requested the intent of the Commissioners regarding acceptance of Health Insurance proposals. The Commissioners stated that in 2014, after a review of several providers, a commitment was made to remain with the successful bid for 3 year period and the County should stand with its past commitment.

**RE: WHODERVILLE ADDITION**

Complaint received on un-mowed lawn on Whoderville Road. Written complaint is required and Highway Department will notify property owner, and if necessary, will do yard mowing with cost added to property tax.

**RE: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Commissioners will be held on August 17, 2015 at 8:30 am, following a 7:30 am meeting of the Solid Waste Board.