

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 2, 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 8:00 a.m. (EST) on February 2, 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 January 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 January, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$10,712.49; Health Department \$23,294.76; Auditor \$175.00; Clerk \$37,128.25. 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: EMS RADIOS

Susan Henke, Director of Emergency Medical Services, appeared to report that the current 800 MHZ radios at EMS are in need of replacement, as follows: 12 need upgrade and 4 need replacement. The prior radios were acquired using federal grant funds. The expected cost would be \$11,695. Susan intends to seek additional appropriation for the purchase. On motion duly made and seconded, subject to Council approval, the Commissioners approved the purchase.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of Highway Department activities:

Road Marker Order	Has received 2 proposals for replacement signs. The total lowest cost, including posts, would be \$5,291.48, using Hall Signs for posts, would be \$5,291.48, using Hall Signs for posts and Todd for signs. On motion duly made and seconded, the purchase was authorized.
Policy #0721-04: Co-op Chip and Seal	Involves where land owner pays for material and County provides labor. Since 2011, cost to owner has been \$6 per foot and this figure is too low based on increased pieces. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners increased the price to \$7.00 per running foot, and the policy was so amended, subject to owner prior providing all dedicated right-of-way.
Policy #0721-03: Dust Control	The same problem exists where land owners request an emulsion to be added to road for dust control. Currently a cost of \$1.90 is charged to adjacent property owners. Normally only several applications are made per year. On motion made and seconded, the charge was increased to \$2.00 to cover cost increases.
Policy #0309-09: Right of Way Dedication	Covers dedication of right of way for road upgrades. Informal policy requires dedication to be recorded but the formal policy does not so require. On motion made and seconded, the recording was made mandatory.

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Asphalt Materials	The Supervisor informed the Commissioners that with lower oil prices, the cost of Asphalt Materials have decreased for the present.
Sanitation Stickers	The Sanitation Department is in need of additional stickers. Two proposals will be received, the lowest being \$4,959.20, including freight, from Waste Zero. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the purchase from Waste Zero.
Schnellville Roads	The Commissioners discussed improvement of streets in Schnellville for their Centennial celebration in the Fall of 2015. Approximately one mile of road is involved.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER

Jennifer Fuhs, Director of Community Corrections, appeared to advise that the old printer at the Center has been replaced with a temporary printer due to condition. A replacement would be \$850 or \$1,995, based on size. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized purchase of Kyocera printer for \$1,995 from Hoosier Business Machines.

Jennifer reported on progress being made on restroom renovation. The air conditioning repair had been submitted to the Council and repair was authorized, but not a replacement. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized repair of the air conditioner.

Jennifer reported that due to restroom renovations, there are a number of beds currently not being used.

RE: INSURANCE FOR SHERIFF VEHICLE

Tim Bell of German American Insurance appeared to discuss whether the County wanted to place collision insurance on Sheriff Vehicles. The vehicles are covered by comprehensive coverage but not collision. The Department has 19 vehicles and the cost would be \$125 per vehicle, with \$1,000 deductible. Currently the vehicles are not covered in the event that a vehicle strike an object (Bldg, Tree, etc), or if at fault in an accident involving another vehicle. The Sheriff will be consulted regarding use of vehicles over the road. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized placement of insurance for collision immediately pending additional information.

RE: GRAMELSPACHER DITCH

Surveyor Brosmer reported that he had been informed by representative of the Department of Natural Resources that a permit is not required by the State in order to clean the Ditch. Further checks are being made of Corps of Engineers and IDEM. A meeting will be held to inform adjacent property owners of their financial obligation.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of activities:

Mill Street Wetland	Currently working on Conservation Easement as a substitute for Mill Street. Will continue to seek acceptable wetland to gain Mill Street release.
Kentucky Street (Holland)	Have received a second proposed Agreement from Beam Longest and Neff with \$12,000 added cost will be held with INDOT to discuss why agreement change is

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Purdue Road School

Bridge Inspection

required. Commissioners also questioned need for inspector to move into area.

Commissioners discussed attendance at School on March 10-11, 2015.

Reported that the Council has approved the additional appropriation for increased cost of bridge inspection.

RE: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Auditor submitted to the Commissioners an extensive list of electronic equipment which is no longer usable and should be junked. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the list and declared the listed items as junk and authorized removal from County inventory and junking of items.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners will hold future meetings on

February 17, 2015 at 8:00 am,

March 2, 2015 at 8:00 am,

March 16, 2015 at 8:30 am, Solid Waste at 7:30 am,

All to be held at the Courthouse Annex.

Randall L. Fleck

Lawrence M. Vollmer

Elmer Brames

Attest: _____
Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor