

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 5, 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 January 5, 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 December 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 December, 2014 were as follows: Recorder \$14,397.45; Health Department \$37,651.83; Auditor \$337.00; Clerk \$29,843.93. 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: BOARD REORGANIZATION & MEETING TIMES

This being the first meeting of the year, the following were elected as officers of the Commissioners:

President	Randall L. Fleck
Vice President	Lawrence M. Vollmer

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners established the future meetings of the Commissioners to be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 8:00 am, except on dates when the Solid Waste District Board meets on the same date, in which event the Commissioners will meet beginning at 8:30 am. Meetings will be held at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper.

RE: CIRCUIT COURT IMPROVEMENT

Judge Verkamp, Circuit Court Judge, appeared to request revised authority to construct additional space for Court Reporters. The Commissioners had previously authorized the construction at the request of Judge Weikert early in 2014. An estimate for construction from Jasper Lumber Company for \$24,726.75 was submitted and it was explained that, based upon actual construction, actual cost could be more or less. The project would allow the employment of an additional Court Reporter. On motion duly made and seconded, the construction was authorized, subject to approval by the County Council, with a \$30,000 budget.

RE: COURT SECURITY OFFICER

Judge Verkamp also discussed with the Commissioners the current budget for the Court Security Officer. This is an additional position to the Courthouse Security Officer. The current Court Security Officer has retired from the position as of the end of 2014. The Judge has requested that the position Court Officer be terminated and funds added to the General Courthouse Security. The Auditor will discuss with the current Security Officer a job description for one full-time and one part-time position. The Superior Court Judge will also be consulted.

RE: GRAMELSPACHER DITCH

The County Surveyor reported on the proposed project for cleaning of Gramelspacher Ditch. The project construction will not be possible until the late Spring or Summer of 2015. The Surveyor stated that a property owner would be present at the next meeting to discuss the project.

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The Commissioners also discussed the proposal by the Corps of Engineers and EPA to place an extended number of water flows under jurisdiction of the federal agencies.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AIR CONDITIONER

Jerry Gramelspacher appeared to report to the Commissioners the current condition of the Air Conditioner unit at the Community Corrections Building. The current unit is 12 years old and a report was presented as to the costs of repair or replacement of the current unit, being \$3,350 and \$30,500 respectively. A decision should be made before the Summer arrives. The Commissioners will consider the alternatives.

RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tammy Humbert, Director of Emergency Management, appeared to advise the Commissioners that Jasper Police and Ireland Fire had applied for grants from Indiana Homeland Security for SHSP for radios and generator, respectively, and had been granted the two grants, being in the sums of \$14,033.25 and \$9,870 respectively. On motion duly made and seconded, the Grants were approved.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit annual and monthly reports for Jail operations. The report showed that average food cost for the year was \$1.13 per meal served. He also reported on arrests and individuals served during the month of December, 2014. Average daily jail population during December 2014 was 70 individuals. The Sheriff reported on problems being experienced with improper registration of suspended driver licenses. The Sheriff also discussed the need for improved holding cells at the Courthouse. The Sheriff reported that three patrol vehicles are in need of replacement due to age and miles. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized replacement of three vehicles during 2015, subject to appropriation of funds by the County Council. The Sheriff reported that during 2014, the Department received and acted on 7,173 calls. He also discussed training which takes place within the Department, and the condition of the Security Center, including Heating and Air Conditioning Systems.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

Road Closing	Due to recent heavy rains, a number of County Roads have been closed over the weekend. The rain also caused a number of trees to fall on County roads in the Birdseye area, and the Birdseye Fire Department has helped in removal of the trees.
Freeze Thaw Ordinance	The Freeze Thaw Ordinance previously adopted by the Commissioners will take effect on January 15 thru April 15.
Highway Department Activities	Submitted a report of Highway Department activities during 2014.
Fuel System	The mechanical portion of the fuel dispensers are beginning to not properly operate at times. The

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dispensers are from prior to 1990. To replace the three systems with used equipment would cost approximately \$3,500 for each of the three pumps. The Supervisor will look further into the problem and costs.

RE: COMBINED EMPLOYEE – SOLID WASTE AND SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS

Judi Brown appeared with Alan Smock to again discuss the proposal that two part-time positions at Solid Waste and Soil & Water be merged into one full-time employee to be shared between the two agencies. There was discussion about the position based upon the fact that the wage paid would be higher than that currently being paid to current Solid Waste employees, and that the County Council has a problem with this difference. The Commissioners stated that based on the concerns, the Commissioners were of the opinion that they would be unable to approve the proposal at this time.

RE: BRIAN MEYER – CULVERT ON CR 525 W

Brian Meyer appeared to question the decision previously made by the Commissioners at prior meeting to require replacement of a culvert on Meyer's property on CR 525 W. He stated that other culverts in other locations are also too small to handle surface water and questioned when action would be taken by the County on those locations. The current culvert must be removed within the next week, according to a letter previously sent to Meyer.

RE: HUNTINGBURG RAILROAD OVERPASS CLAIM

The Highway Engineer submitted a claim from the City of Huntingburg to reimburse the City for 10% of engineering expenses of the City on the new railroad bridge, in the amount of \$1,364.25. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the claim and authorized payment. The total claim for \$13,642.50 is from DLZ Engineering.

RE: IDEM PERMIT NOTICE

The Auditor submitted to the Commissioners a notice for Public Comment for a Kimball Electronics application for IDEM Minor Source Operating Permit.

RE: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners made the following appointments for 2015:

9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

Scott D. Uebelhor 01/01/15 . 12/31/15

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION

David Ring 01/01/15 . 12/31/15

AMBULANCE COORDINATOR

Suzan Henke 01/01/15 . 12/31/15

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

William Hochgesang, Educational Administrator 01/01/15 . 12/31/18

Jodi Richardson, Mental Health 01/01/15 . 12/31/18

Jerry Hunefeld, County Official 01/01/15 . 12/31/18

Lawrence M. Vollmer, Lay Person 01/01/15 . 12/31/18

Jerry Willis, Victim Advocate 01/01/15 . 12/31/18

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Jenny Lampert, Probation Officer	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
Jim Mehling, Lay Person	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
Bridget Seaton, Lay Person	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
Doug Tarvin, Lay Person	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
John Merder, Previous Offender	01/01/15 . 12/31/18

CONTRACTUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Steve Scott	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
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CUSTODIAN

Scott Hopf	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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COUNTY ATTORNEY

Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr.	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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HEALTH BOARD

Gregory A. Berger, DDS	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
Jennifer Richardson, MD	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
Charles Johnson, DVM	01/01/15 . 12/31/18

HIGHWAY CLERK

Ann Messmer	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Brent Wendholt	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

Steven L. Berg	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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HUNTINGBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Carolyn A. Brewer	01/01/15 . 12/31/18
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HUNTINGBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

James Hunsicker	. 12/31/15
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INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Lawrence M. Vollmer	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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NORTHEAST DUBOIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Mary Lou Zehr	Harbison Township	01/01/15 . 12/31/14
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PROPERTY TAX BOARD OF APPEALS-PTABOA

Frederick %red+Hollinden	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Beverly A. Schulthise	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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TOURISM COMMITTEE

Diane Hoppenjans	01/01/15 . 12/31/16
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TRI-CAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lawrence Vollmer	01/01/15 . 12/31/15
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WEED CONTROL BOARD

James Meyer	. 12/31/17
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RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings were approved to be held on:

January 20, 2015 at 8:30 am

February 2, 2015 at 8:00 am

February 17, 2015 at 8:00 am

All meetings will be held at the Courthouse Annex.

Randall L. Fleck

Lawrence M. Vollmer

Elmer Brames

Attest: _____
Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor