

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 6, 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 July 6, 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 June, 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 June, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$13,475.37; Health Department \$17,132.63; Auditor \$176.00; Clerk \$35,175.31. 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: FUTURE MEETING

The Commissioners set future meetings for:

Tuesday . July 21 at 8:00 am

Monday . August 3 at 9:00 am and August 17 at 8:30 am

Tuesday . September 1 at 8:00 am and Monday September 14 at 8:00 am

RE: N & L ESTATES PLAT (COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP)

Brad Eckerle, surveyor, submitted a proposed plat of N & L Estates in the SW SW and SE SW Section 6-1s-3w in Columbia Township, consisting of 2.994 acres, with 2 lots, owned by Kathy A. and Jerome G. Kluesner. Question was raised and discussed about sewer system and of utility easements. After discussion and on motion made and seconded, the plat was approved.

RE: IRELAND – SIDEWALKS

Discussion continued on placement of sidewalks on CR 500 W in Ireland between SR 56 and the St. Mary Church area. Question was raised as to whether walks would be on public or private right-of-way, and who would be responsible for repair and maintenance. The Engineer would obtain copies of County Sidewalk Ordinances from other Counties.

RE: HAYSVILLE FEST

Lowell Dorsam appeared to request closing of roads in Haysville during the July 10th to 12th weekend. The request is to close Park Street north of collection site and south of residences from 2:00 pm on Friday, July 10, until Sunday, July 12 at Noon for Haysville Fest, and to partially close Haysville Road West from US 231 to CR 700 N on Saturday, July 11, for 5-K from 7:00 am to 10:00 am, to be used for local traffic only. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the requested road closures, and directed the Fest Committee to post proper signs.

RE: CR 330 AT GREENER – MARION TOWNSHIP

John Merkley appeared to discuss the intersection of Greener Road at CR 330. The road floods because a drainage tile has been removed when road was relocated. There currently is no drainage during heavy rains.

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The flooded intersection has caused near accidents. A problem is what to do with the water which collects. Supervisor will investigate.

John Merkley also objected to junk being collected along the east side of SR 162 across from the 4H Fairgrounds. There is question whether problem comes under the County Ordinance. The Ordinance will be reviewed.

RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

County Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Highway Department projects, as follows:

High Water	Reported on County Road closings due to high water. The current lake and river levels were discussed, along with dam release.
Fuel Pumps	Have been shipped and will be installed when received.
Solar Sources	Extension agreement on CR 700 W usage and closings in coal mine areas in Madison and Boone Townships. Extension will apply for an additional 5 year period. Resurface of CR 550 will be done when road bed has settled. On motion duly made and seconded, the Extension Agreement was approved and signed.
Appropriation Transfer	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized the following transfers: Highway Stone to Bituminous \$50,000 Highway Geotextiles to Paint \$1,000
Part Time Sanitation Driver	On occasion, the County is in need of a substitute driver on stand-by basis. Normally a driver with CDL license is required on very short notice due to absence of normal driver or to extra loads. Stand-by does not receive benefits and operates at lower pay rate than regular employees. The stand-by would be used only in unusual situations. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved use of a stand-by driver on a non-regular basis when regular drivers are not available of sanitation hauling.
Flood Gate Damage	The Supervisor reported on damage in amount of \$1,849.43 caused when driver drove through a flood gate. The Supervisor encouraged that charges be filed when drivers ignore gates and/or signs.
Chipseal Overlays/Patching	New schedule distributed. Prior schedule is behind due to weather. May have to wait until weather pattern changes before proper schedule can be followed.
Highway Budget 2016	The Supervisor submitted to the Commissioners a proposed Budget for his Department for 2016. The individual line items were each discussed. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Highway, Sanitation and Bridge Budgets as submitted.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Wendholt submitted the following reports of engineering projects:

Kentucky Street (Holland)	Progress meeting held June 30 and progress was discussed. The south road is near completed. Project will then move to north lane. BLN has submitted
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Huntingburg Overpass

Paving Project
Bridge 147 (CR 1200 S)

Supplement Agreement for extra pay in amount projected extra service. BLN has been notified that increase is unacceptable. State has advised that extra compensation is not acceptable. BLN has also submitted invoice for \$20,082 for extra services performed. Engineer has requested breakdown of time spent and Commissioners delayed approval pending receipt of requested information. DLZ submits 2 invoices for \$115.00 and for \$3,831.84 for County share of services. On motion duly made and seconded, invoice approved and payment authorized. Status report made on the 19 paving projects. CHA, engineers, presents contract to complete plans and specs for \$45,245. Price is slightly higher and explanation given. On motion duly made and seconded, the proposal was approved.

RE: EMA RADIO EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a list on noncompliant radio equipment over 15 years of age no longer in use and having no value. On motion duly made, the Commissioners approved disposal of the listed equipment, being of no value.

RE: MICRO VOTE – ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a renewal of the Annual Maintenance Agreement with Micro Vote for maintenance of election equipment, at an annual cost of \$12,000 per year.

RE: EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTION

The Commissioners again discussed with the County Auditor the policy of withholding of voluntary deductions from employee payroll, and policy on comp time benefits.

RE: CR 500 W

David Ring appeared to request that repairs be made on CR 500 W in Southern Dubois County west of the Airport.

RE: JUNK CONTROL ORDINANCE (2004-01)

The Attorney reported that, after review of the Junk Control Ordinance, it was determined that the Ordinance applies to violations along both State and County roads.