

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 15, 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 8:00 a.m. (EST) on June 15, 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 2, 2015, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: SOLID WASTE – TRASH COURT

The Solid Waste Director and Highway Supervisor reported that all costs related to the Case #2013-02 had been paid in full, in the amount of \$643.28. On motion duly made and seconded, the Case was dismissed.

RE: SOLID WASTE – 2016 WAGE SCALE

Director Striegel. Winner submitted the proposed wage scale for the District for 2016. The full budget had been approved by the District Board. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the wage scale, as proposed, subject to Council approval.

RE: TRI-CAP 2016 BUDGET

Becky Beckman appeared to submit the proposed Tri-Cap Budget for 2016, being \$66,279. She requested that the County continue its annual \$5,000 contribution.

RE: EMS BUDGET

Suzan Henke, County EMS Director, appeared to submit the 2016 EMS Budget, requesting a total of \$774,358, being a reduction of \$27,507 from 2015. The total excludes \$105,268 of 2015 additional appropriations, but includes an \$8,500 increase in insurance, and includes a net of \$499,226 for hospital subsidy.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Fuel Pumps
Part-Time Summer Help
Solar Sources

CR Surface Seal

No report
Department is still looking for second worker.
Still in process for renewal Agreement for use on CR 700 W continued use.

Contractor has agreed to include sand in mix for surface seal. The bids came in below estimate. The addition of sand would increase cost by 9.8%, which would still be below estimated project cost. On motion duly made and seconded, the increase was authorized for sand addition. The Contract has also agreed to do the Schnellville Town road, which was not included in the original bid, at the same per foot basis as the original bids. The cost would be \$5,366. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the additional project.

Chip/Seal Overlays and Patching

The Supervisor submitted to the Commissioners a list of overlay and patching for 2015 Summer schedule.

RE: 2016 OLDER AMERICAN CENTER BUDGET

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Carie Dick appeared to submit 2016 Budget for Older American Center. Participation in 2014 has increased by 4,000 individuals, to 24,480. For a proposed Budget of \$231,000, the Center requests County contribution of \$30,000. Of 10,511 activities, participation in 2015 to date is 4581 from City 2,159 from County. 2015 contribution is \$25,000.

RE: 2016 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET

Brenda Sermersheim appeared to submit the County Soil and Water Conservation Budget for 2016, showing total expense of \$134,846, of which \$131,196 is wages. There is a vacancy in the Project Manager position, which is part-time.

RE: 2016 4-H BUDGET

Bret Collignon appeared to present the 2016 4-H Budget. The request for the Budget is \$160,000. Discussion included added insurance expense, and cost of improvements and bleachers (both portable and permanent). Lengthy discussion was held on proposed new grandstands and cost of roof.

RE: 911 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Janice Love requested that the following equipment, which is old and no longer used, be declared unusable surplus: Dell Monitor, Okidata Printer and Panasonic typewriter. On motion duly made and seconded, the items were approved and surplus and disposal was authorized.

RE: 911 BUDGET

Janice Love submitted two Budgets: 911 Statewide Budget in the amount of \$599,430, and General Budget in the amount of \$354,220. She explained and discussed the proposed substantial increase in maintenance costs.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Brent Wendholt, Highway Engineer, submitted the following reports on projects:

Kentucky Street (Holland)	Projected schedule of work to be completed distributed.
Bridge #5	Beams and deck set June 9 thru June 11. Should open June 17 to public.
Asphalt Paving Projects	Schedule of projects submitted
Project 475 E	Unknown deterioration of road bed now requires substantial added work than requested in bid. The cost overrun could run as much as 13% over bid, which exceeds State maximum. It was determined that the County Department should do any upgrade required to bring cost increase down 10%.
Mill Street Wetland	Area in Pike County is available as proposed conservation easement site to exchange for the Mill Street wetland area. Engineer is to discuss with the City of Jasper.

RE: ASSESSOR EMPLOYEES – GRADE LEVEL CERTIFICATION

The Commissioners confirmed that the stipend paid to Assessor Employees who have attained Assessment Level II certification will be subject to PERF benefits.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT 2016 BUDGET

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Sheriff Lampert appeared to discuss the 2016 Budget. He explained that the change in Courthouse security responsibility will transfer expenses from Commissioner's Budget to the Sheriff's Budget, and will require 2 Courthouse officers to comply with all jail service officer requirements, at a cost of \$80,000, \$51,000 of which would be removed from Commissioner's Budget. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized transfer of security officer from Commissioner's Budget to Sheriff's Budget, and to authorize one additional Courthouse security officer as recommended by State Courthouse Inspection. The Sheriff also reviewed with the Commissioners several new Indiana statutes effective July 1, 2015.

RE: SIRS 2016 BUDGET

Kelly Mitchell submitted the SIRS Budget for 2016. The request is for \$37,000. Kelly described the services offered, the user retention rate and public satisfaction, and the goal of SIRS to place individuals into jobs according to capacity and ability. She also described the transportation services provided to County residents, youth services, therapy and in-home direct support.

RE: SOUTHERN HILLS 2016 BUDGET

Budget previously submitted. Largest activity is in Dubois County of the 5 counties covered. Over \$5,000,000 of services are provided in Dubois County.

RE: HUNTINGBURG PROJECT

Mayor Spinner appeared to report on the Huntingburg Overpass Project, and that approval of the project from INDOT is expected in July, which will be followed by a public hearing. He also discussed the Senior Living Project at the former Huntingburg Hospital and the relocation of Huntingburg Street Department, which would provide Community Safe Room and Training facility. Size of facilities would be based upon the area served. County EMA is participating in this planning. A FEMA hearing will be held this week on this project.

RE: STATE GRANT FOR AREA COMMUNICATIONS

Gary Fritz advised the Commissioners that Dubois EMA has received a \$20,000 federal grant for use by 5 local police and fire departments for replacement of radio equipment. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the receipt of the grant.

RE: RIDE SOLUTIONS 2016 BUDGET

Becky Guthrie reported that the program currently has 12 drivers who provided 34,739 trips during 2014 in Dubois County. 2016 funding from federal agencies has been cut. Request is for \$12,000 for 2016, rather than the \$9,500 received in 2015. Fee for a town trip is \$4.00, and the County trip is \$8.00 (round trip). Services are provided in 10 Southern Indiana Counties.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG – TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING

Jim McFaul (V.U.) and Ed Cole (D.C. Strong) appeared to discuss truck driver training on the 4-H grounds. Park Board and 4-H Council have both approved. Area used would be gravel roads and parking area. Up to 2 vehicles could be involved for up to 8 weeks. Use would be coordinated with Highway Department paving. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the project, subject to Attorney approval of contract and non-liability of County for vehicles stored on grounds.

RE: UNKNOWN PROPERTIES – TREASURER

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Chad Blessinger, Treasurer, wanted Commissioners to know sites within County for which owners are not known. The lands are not being taxed and could result in possible future income if owners are identified. The problems in researching ownership was discussed. Treasurer was authorized to identify larger tracts and send letters.

RE: IRELAND IMPROVEMENTS

Brad Eckerle appeared representing the Ireland St. Patrick's Committee regarding the construction of sidewalks along the west side of CR 500 W. The sidewalk would be partially on and partially off County road right of way. There would be storm water problems and right of way problems which must be considered. Several questions regarding future maintenance costs must be discussed.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meeting of the Commissioners will be held at the Courthouse Annex on the following dates and times:

July 6 and July 20, 2015, at 8:00 am;

August 3, 2015, at 8:00 am;

August 17, 2015, at 8:30 am, with the Solid Waste Board to meet at 7:30 am.