

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 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 June 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 May 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 May, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$13,009.45; Health Department \$16,880.76; Auditor \$87.00; Clerk \$32,077.79. 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: ORDINANCE VIOLATION – TRASH DISPOSAL (CARRICO)

This being the time set for hearing on Complaint filed by the Solid Waste District, there appeared Carla J. Striegel. Winner and Angie Carrico, the Solid Waste Director and charged person, respectively, and each party was placed under oath. The Director advised the Commissioners of the facts related to 2 separate alleged trash disposals, including the 7 bags dropped, the locations and times, and the items located in the drop bags. Mrs. Carrico described the normal procedure for delivery of trash to the Huntingburg Collection site. The 2 dumps occurred 2 weeks apart. She described the various individuals who disposed of trash from her residence: herself, her spouse, her son and a neighbor. The Director reported that the cost involved in clean-up and processing the case was \$214.82. From the facts, which were undisputed, the Commissioners determined that the trash was intentionally dumped. Based upon the evidence, it was determined that a violation of Ordinance had occurred. Under the theory that each person is responsible for proper disposal of their own trash, it was the determination of the Commissioners that a fine \$50.00 per dump plus \$214.82, for a total of \$314.82 should be levied, and on motion duly made and seconded, a fine of \$314.82 was assessed against the property owner, Angie Carrico, payment to be made in installments over 6 months.

RE: CASS TOWNSHIP – COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Jim Meyer, Trustee of Cass Township, appeared to request improvement of current rock roads in Cass Township, especially roads which currently serve cemeteries; including CR 850 W, CR 800 W, CR 1075 W, CR 775 W. The Commissioners explained that written dedication of road easement must be received before a road improvement will be considered.

RE: 2015 STRASSENFEST

Andrea Hedinger, representing the Jasper Strassenfest Committee, appeared to request the following County Courthouse uses during the Fest on July 29 thru August 2: Use of basement restrooms; hanging of banners and garland; placement of information booth in SW corner, with temporary phone for emergency use; placement of temporary utility pole for electricity on west stage; installment of temporary speakers; use of west side porch; permission to rope off north and east steps during opening ceremonies; and permission to erect

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temporary sign in area of fountain. On motion made and seconded, the requests were granted on the condition that all expenses related by the uses are covered by the committee.

RE: DILGER FARM – ORDINANCE EXEMPTION

Gregg Schnarr appeared on behalf of George Dilger to request a farm exemption for a 5 acre tract on which Daniel Dilger desires to build a residence. Daniel is involved in the farm operation. On motion duly made and seconded, the transfer of 5 acres was approved, subject to file of formal request.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg reported on the following current Highway Department projects:

Fuel Dispenser Pumps	The Supervisor requested authority to use the extra funds remaining after the tractor purchase for purchase of replacement pumps. The cost of pumps would be \$16,414 plus transportation. On motion duly made and seconded, the purchase was approved.
Summer Help	The Supervisor reported that the part-time Summer workers will be Gary Smith and Cory Buchta. They will mainly be involved in weed spraying and road painting.
RR Crossing Markers	At the request of the Highway Supervisor, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the transfer of \$2500 from %geotextiles+to %paint+ accounts for installing RR Crossing markers at four locations.
IACHES Conference	The Commissioners granted the Supervisor and Engineer permission to attend the IACHES conference on June 3-5.
Additional Paving Projects	The Supervisor reported that due to lower bids being received on paving projects than expected, there will be some extra funds available for additional paving projects, as follows: 1.3 Miles on Santine Road; CR 725 N to be chip/seal due to heavy traffic; CR 620 W for .25 miles; CR 675 S east of Club Road from gravel to chip/seal. The additional cost would be \$168,413. On motion duly made and seconded, the projects were approved.
New Road Upgrade Planning	The Supervisor reported that the Department is beginning planning for upgrade of gravel roads to chip/seal. It has been previously determined that \$50,000 would be used for that purpose. Roads being considered, after current work on CR 675 S, would be CR 450 S from 650 W to 800 W; CR 800 W from CR 350 S to current pavement.
2015 Paving	This seasons paving will begin June 15.
Celestine Street Fest	Request has been made for temporary closing of the following Celestine streets on June 27 and 28: St. Charles from Celestine Rd N to New Orleans St, thence south on New Orleans to SR 164, from 4:00 pm on June 26 until noon on June 28. On motion made and seconded, the closings were authorized, conditioned on sign posting.

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Frontier Claim

Frontier has filed claim for damage to two buried cables. On motion made and seconded, the claim was approved for payment of actual damage.

Solar Sources . Highway Bonds

Bonds have expired or are near expiration in Boone Township. Discussion was held that all should be renewed and the question for future consideration is when CR 450 N should be repaved, which will depend on when the road bed settles.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – BUDGET

Jenny Fuhs, Director of Community Corrections, appeared to submit a proposed Budget for 2016. She explained various budget items, including wages and program breakdowns. The budget is based on \$556,818 of grant income, \$509,000 of user fees, and \$22,775 of misc. incomes, for a total budget of \$1,088,593. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the budget, which had previously been approved by the County Council.

RE: PARK BOARD – ROAD PAVING

Park Board President Jason Schmitt appeared to report that the County Council had approved \$125,000 for Park road improvement. He stated that additionally the Park Board has \$25,000 available for the project. The 4-H Board will also contribute funds towards the paving project. Both the Park Board and Council appropriations must be advertised. The Commissioners discussed when the paving project will take place in order that the Park may be closed during that period, which will probably occur in September. The Park Board is currently working on its 5 year master plan.

RE: FAMILY FARM EXEMPTION – ALLEN MEHRINGER

Phil Buehler, Surveyor, appeared for Matthew Hochgesang to request a family farm exemption for a 5.331 acre tract served off of CR 125 E on property currently owned by Allen Mehringer. Hochgesang assists in operation of the Mehringer farm and is the son-in-law of Mehringer. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the requested exemption.

RE: PUBLIC DITCH WORK

County Surveyor Brosmer reported on recent inspection made by regulatory personnel relating to proposed work on public ditches currently under consideration.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BIDS

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised for receipt of bids for road improvements, in the form of rejuvenating of road surface seal, the following bids were received, all submitted by Pavement Maintenance System LLC of Inlay City, Michigan, with work to start within 30 days and to be completed within 10 days thereof:

Project	Amount
15-12 1100 South	\$29,264.93
15-13 Jasper-Dubois Road	\$38,504.87
15-14 Town on Schnellville	\$7,068.25
15-15 Northwest Suburban Sub.	\$9,208.90
15-16 600 West	\$8,889.00

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No other bids were received. The Commissioners took the bids under advisement for review by the County Engineer.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Lampert submitted a report of Department activities during the prior two months and regarding Security Center data. He reported the need for new water heater and heating unit. He reported that as part of the Courthouse security system the two assigned security officers may be assigned to the Sheriff's Department. He stated that Glenn Sanders, Chief Assistant Jailer, will retire on August 1 of this year. Kelli Faulkenberg will replace Sanders as Assistant Chief Jailer.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted the following report regarding Department projects:

Kentucky Street (Holland)	Storm drain infrastructure being added on south half of project at this time. Soil stabilization will follow.
County Bridge #5	Concrete beams removed and abatements being prepared for new bridge.
Asphalt Patchwork	Two major patch projects are CR 250 N and CR 400 W. Requests have been made from 3 contractors to perform work, which will be under \$25,000.
Edit Plan	Engineer submits proposed final draft of 3 year EDIT plan. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the Plan, subject to Council approval.
Mill Street Wetland Mitigation	Conservation Easement prepared and being reviewed. U.S. Fish and Wildlife has located 10 acres of real-estate which may be acquired for U.S. Fish and Wildlife to be substituted as exchange for County future responsibility on Mill Street Wetland area.
Missing Traffic Analyzer	A current analyzer in use on a public road appears to have broken loose and has been lost, and is below insurance deductibility of \$5,000. Brent proposes to purchase 3 new analyzers, to be paid from County bridge fund. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the purchase of three new items with payment from the bridge fund.
Road Rejuvenation Bids	On recommendation of the Highway Engineer and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted all bids received earlier in the day for 5 road rejuvenation projects.

RE: EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PREMIUM DEDUCTION

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved change in County policy for premium deductions for employee insurance. Beginning January 1, 2016, the deduction from employee paychecks will be made 12 times per year, from the first check of each month.

RE: COMMUNITY SECURITY CENTER

On motion duly made, the Commissioners authorized WBDC to hold its corn-hole project on the security center west lawn.

RE: AMBULANCE INSURANCE

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The Auditor reported on discussion with a representative of the County insurance carrier as to who should carry liability insurance for the drivers of the County Ambulances. The drivers are employees of Memorial Hospital.

RE: AUDITOR COMPUTER SERVICE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved renewal of the annual Redaction Service and Support Agreement with CSI-Computer Systems, Inc.

RE: SURPLUS ITEMS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and declared as surplus a number of electronic items contained on a list of such items and authorized disposal of the items as junk.

RE: CONTINUED JUNE MEETING

The second meeting in June for the Commissioners will be held on June 15, 2015, beginning at 8:00 am. The Solid Waste Board will meet at 7:30 am prior to the Commissioners meeting.