

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 16, 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 8:30 a.m. (EST) on March 16, 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 March 2, 2015, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: JASPER KIDS DAY – JUNE 6, 2015

Kira Patton, representing Forever Family appeared to request use of Jasper 12th Avenue, Old Huntingburg Road south of 12th Avenue, and CR 100 S for holding of the annual Forever 5K race, on September 19. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized use, but not closing, of said roads on September 19, with organizer to provide security for traffic using the roads.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Department projects:

Flooded Roadway	Currently 20 County Roads are flooded, with 3 from White River and 17 from Patoka River. Patoka Lake is at 538.88 feet, being summer pool.
2015 Paving	Paving list has been narrowed down, with a cost of \$1,484,592 for hot mix paving, \$425,499 for surface treatment and \$31,676 for patch work. Currently, road pavements are very soft due to freeze-thaw. Patch work will increase as a result. Berg believes that \$800,000 of additional appropriation will be required.
Additional Appropriation	At the request of the Supervisor, on motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the additional appropriations as follows: \$10,000 in road paint, \$150,000 in stone, \$200,000 in bituminous material, \$500,000 in paving and \$20,000 in equipment, with funding to be for MVH fund. Additionally, \$150,000 in Local Road fund for bituminous material for treatment.
Road Funding Day	Commissioners will attend State Road Funding Day in Indianapolis on March 17.
Sanitation Audit	Department is currently working on its annual audit for site attendants, and 2 new attendant floaters are required.
Open Driver Position	The Supervisor reported that a driver position is open in District #1. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized advertising of notice for the position.
Equipment Rotation	The Supervisor is scheduled to appear before the Council on March 30 regarding funding the \$200,000 required to purchase 3 mowing tractors.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Wendholt submitted the following report on projects:

Kentucky Street (Holland)	Has been informed by INDOT that supplemental work is
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required of BLN and additional fee is required but Engineer still believes that fee is excessive, being \$21,900 net after reduction of Row Engineering fee by \$33,900. Commissioners authorized Engineer to negotiate with BLN. INDOT will require that an inspector must be on site during construction, and a supplemental agreement will be required with some engineer for this.

Huntingburg Overpass

Invoice submitted by Huntingburg for \$1,535.34 for consulting service by DLZ on Huntingburg Overpass. On motion made and seconded, the claim was approved and payment authorized.

CR 490 W

Complaint has been received of flooding on CR 490 W, south of CR 150 N. While the flooding on road is minor, the flooding on adjacent lots is major. The under road culvert is small but to increase the size of the pipe would flood the real estate on the other side of the road. To construct a road ditch would be very expensive and would create a very deep ditch to run along CR 490 W and CR 150 N. An alternative would be to run a pipe through Keusch property to the west. The problem is that all work would be done on private property and require easements.

RE: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved use of the Courthouse lawn and east porch on May 7, 2015, for National Day of Prayer activities at 6:00 pm.

RE: GROW SOUTHWEST, INDIANA

Jim Heck, Director, appeared to invite attendance at an elected officials luncheon at Evansville on April 7. He also advised that the two Dubois County cities and County are scheduled to appoint a representative to the Grow Southwest Board. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved Mayor Spinner to represent Dubois County.

RE: HUNTINGBURG EMS STATION

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a Lease for the remodeled ambulance station at Huntingburg.

RE: TRI-CAP REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners proclaimed April 7, 2015 as the Day of Recognition in Dubois County for service provided by senior volunteers in Dubois County. This request was made by Tri-Cap.

RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to advise that due to use of the 800 MHZ/VHF band radio system, the Department has three alternatives:

Upgrade current radios	\$4,860
Upgrade current plus new added radios for VP radio	\$6,890
All new radios for both bands	\$48,030
An alternate would be to upgrade base control with trunking option	\$3,800

The City of Jasper will use dual band radios and the State Police will use only the 800 MHZ band. Fire Departments will continue to use VHF. The 800 band has problem in operating in hilly areas like Dubois County.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized 911 to purchase the upgrade base control for \$3,800, and authorized the Sheriff's Department to adopt either the \$4,800 or the \$6,890 option, depending upon the system adopted by the City of Jasper, and authorized the Sheriff to request additional appropriation from the County Council.

The Sheriff also submitted his report of monthly activities at the Security Center.

RE: JASPER CHALK WALK- JUNE 6, 2015

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted Jasper Community Arts right to use the Courthouse lawn and restroom on June 6, 2015, from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm, for use on the Chalk Walk program, with rain date on June 13, 2015.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The Board set the following dates for Commissioners meetings:

April 6 and April 20 at 8:00 am

May 4 at 8:00 am

May 18 at 8:30 am (after Solid Waste Meeting).