

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 18, 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 May 18, 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 4, 2015, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: MURRY'S SUBDIVISION – MADISON TOWNSHIP

Dave Mills appeared to submit a proposed plat of Murry's Subdivison, a subdivision in Madison Township, consisting of 3.321 acres in the NW q of the NW q of Section 29-T1S-R5W on the east side of CR 500 W. Question was presented as to whether the area was within Zone Jurisdiction of the City of Jasper. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined, subject to approval of the City of Jasper (if required), the plat was approved.

RE: ST. HENRY COMMUNITY CLUB – 4 MILE RUN

Chris Lindauer, representing St. Henry Community Club, appeared to request closing of four County Roads on June 13, 2015 for the holding of the St. Henry 4 mile Run/Walk, from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. Requested closed are: CR 1100 S from CR 100 W to 200 W; CR 200 W from CR 1000 S to 1100 S; CR 1000 S from CR 100 W to 200 W; and CR 100 W from CR 1000 S to 1100 S. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized closing of said roads on the condition that security be placed at each intersection and that proper signs be installed.

RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg appeared and submitted the following report of Department activities:

Fuel Dispenser Pump

Department again had breakdown on gas dispenser pump. The pumps were purchased in 1991 and repair parts are no longer available. The cost of replacement pumps would be a total of approximately \$18,000. Due to the lack of normal pumps, which are used by a number of County Departments, the Commissioners authorized the purchase of the replacement pumps and related items and labor, without requirement of bids or proposals, but with approval of the County Council. The replacement will be required as quickly as possible due to current road improvement activity by the Department and the use by the other County Departments, including Sheriff.

Equipment Bids

The Supervisor reported on equipment bids received at the last Commissioners meeting being:

Hutson	Model 6115 M	\$139,672.80
	6120 M	\$149,717.94
Blesch Equipment	TS6	\$137,335.00
Hopf Equipment	Farmall 120A	\$109,413.00

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the bid of Hopf Equipment.

Part-Time Summer Help

The Supervisor advised that he has advertised for the summer part-time help.

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Department Workload	Work at the Department is behind schedule due to all of the local rain. Base repair of roads is approximately 65% complete. Chip and seal should begin about June 8.
Patoka Lake and River Status	No County roads are now closed. Lake level is 540.73 feet, and River level is 8.72 feet.
Common Construction Wage	Statute has been adopted to repeal the Indiana requirement for Common Construction Wage establishment.

RE: 2016 COURTHOUSE CLOSING

For purpose of establishment of 2016 budget and wage schedule, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the 2016 Schedule of Courthouse closing dates and pay schedule.

RE: FUNDING FOR REPAIR OF WARNING SYSTEM

In response to a request from the County Council, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that funding for the repair of County Warning System should come from EDIT funds.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current Department Engineering projects:

County Road Drive Permits	Presented the application and regulations for installing of private drive way pipes and structures. After review and questions, on motion duly made and seconded, the proposed documents as amended were approved.
Economic Development Income Tax Plan	The Engineer submitted to the Commissioners a revised plan for use of revenue received from the County Economic Development Income Tax Funds during years 2015, 2016 and 2017, in the amount of \$11,090,000. Several suggestions were made for revisions of the plan which would reduce the total expenditure.
Kentucky Street (Holland)	The Kentucky Street intersection with 5 th Street has been reopened and milling work on south Kentucky has started. Storm sewer installation is about to begin.
BLN Claim	The Engineer reported that BLN has filed a claim for \$8,590.85 for engineering services on Kentucky Street. On motion made and seconded, claim approved.

RE: ASPHALT PAVING BIDS

The time for receipt of bids for 2015 Highway paving projects having passed, the bids received were opened in public and read to those attending, as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

After review of the bids by Highway Dept. staff and inspection by bidders, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the lowest bid on each of the 11 paving projects, as follows:

Contract 15-01 Kellerville Road	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$260,425.00
Contract 15-02 Dubois . Cuzco Road	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$197,152.00
Contract 15-03 400 E	Calcar Paving Inc.	\$98,231.00
Contract 15-04 Weisheit Drive	Calcar Paving Inc.	\$24,740.00
Contract 15-05 St. Anthony Road W	Calcar Paving Inc.	\$62,145.00

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Contract 15-06 720 E and Dubois Rd SE	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$106,429.80
Contract 15-07 Old Road 64	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$120,200.90
Contract 15-08 Ferdinand Rd NW and Sunset Dr.	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$185,419.20
Contract 15-09 475 E	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$74,935.90
Contract 15-10 Patoka Road	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$96,959.65
Contract 15-11 720 W	J.H. Rudolph & Co. Inc.	\$85,302.00

RE: JAMESTOWN ESTATES SUBDIVISION – CASS TOWNSHIP

Phil Buehler, surveyor, appeared to submit plans for proposed subdivision, Jamestown Estates, consisting of 5 lots on 10.00 acre tract on Holland Road East, in the SE q of the SW q of Section 21-T3S-R5W in Cass Township. The west side of Lot #1 would also be on CR 375 W. Questions were asked concerning certain covenants. The owners James A. Gogel, was also present. On motion duly made and seconded, the plat was approved.

RE: LISA HOPF – DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURE FOR TAX APPEAL

Lisa Hopf appeared to question the procedure to follow regarding failure of the County to grant a property tax credit on her new residence. A timely application for the credit and petition for correction of error had been filed, and approval of the appeal was denied by the Assessor and Auditor. This denial causes the Board of Appeals to review the petition, which normally follows the findings of the two elected officials. Mrs. Hopf is present to request a review of local procedures followed and whether the local officials understand the procedures for appeals. This includes the fact that Dubois County only requires 2 signatures whereas the form allows three signatures. Also Mrs. Hopf states that a form for credit exemption had been filed and that no trace or copy of the form now seems to exist. She stated that she was also informed that an appeal would do no good because the Appeals Board always follows the Assessor and Auditor. Mrs. Hopf was assured that this is not true.

RE: 4-H FAIR GRANDSTAND

Bret Collignon, President of the 4-H Council, appeared to discuss the need for a replacement Grandstand at the 4-H Park. The County Council has advised that the project was originally included in the Council's plans and that funds were available for this year. The total of \$1,200,000 might be available for the project. Collignon presented a list of estimated construction and costs. There was discussion as to the need of a Grandstand roof. Discussion was also held on the road repaving project, which is estimated to have a cost of \$150,000. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved replacement of the Grandstand, subject to Council approval.

RE: COMMUNICATION UPGRADE

Gary Fritz from County EMA appeared to report that all data and documents required for the County Radio Systems Upgrade has been received. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the contract and authorized President Fleck to execute the contract and various documents related thereto.

RE: JUNE MEETINGS

Meetings of the Commissioners in June are set for June 2, 2015 (Tuesday) beginning at 8:00 am and June 15, 2015 (Monday) beginning at 8:00 am. The Solid Waste Board will have a meeting on June 15, 2015 beginning at 7:30 am, relating to the 2016 District budget.