

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 4, 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 May 4, 2015. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Lawrence M. Vollmer and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton, 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 April 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 April, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$14,776.42; Health Department \$27,884.98; Auditor \$54.00; Clerk \$36,915.93. 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: COURTHOUSE ROOF

Scott Hopf, Courthouse Custodian, appeared to discuss the roof replacement on the Courthouse. A copy of a roof spec previously used has been reviewed and comments were made. Joe Helming will also review the specs and Scott will report back his comments.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

County Highway Supervisor Berg reported on the current projects at the Department, as follows:

Driver Position	Berg reported that Don Lueken began work on May 4 as driver in District #1.
Assistant Supervisor	Tim Lynch has completed the toxicology class and is beginning his duties as Assistant Supervisor, replacing Larry Betz, who retired as of April 30.
Highway Paving	The Supervisor reported that he will appear before the County Council this afternoon for the funding of 2015 paving projects. He submitted to the Commissioners a list of proposed projects for 2015, conditioned upon funding allowed by the Council. The Commissioners also discussed the project requested by the 4-H Council for replacement of the 4-H grandstand. The Supervisor requested that for paving rock roadway, he would request the Commissioners to establish a specific amount for each year to be spent on new chip/seal construction. The Commissioners had lengthy discussion concerning paving of unimproved Roads. The Commissioners established the amount to be used annually for rock road improvement at \$50,000.
Summer Help	The Supervisor reported that due to the work taking place this Summer, the Department is requesting an additional person for the Summer and the Department is requesting additional \$7,000. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized an additional \$7,000, subject to County Council approval.

RE: CR 800 W

Darrell and Rosella Lee and three area property owners submitted to the Commissioners a petition for improvement of a rock road in Madison and Patoka Townships. The road includes the crossing of the Patoka River and is subject to flooding. Several of the hills are subject to wash loading and a substantial amount of rock

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has been washed away. The Commissioners informed the petitioners of lack of funds and that the project may be improved in installments. The petition included the signatures of all property owners. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the petition. The petitioners stated that they had previously signed a prior petition which was for a greater length of roadway.

RE: LEON THEWES

Jeff Huls of Dubois County Title Company appeared to request an exception for Leon and Donna M. Thewes for a residence under construction when the County Subdivision Ordinance was adopted. On motion duly made and seconded, the Thewes residence was granted an exception so that the residence can be sold under the %existing structure+exception.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

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

Kentucky Street . Holland

Construction is currently underway at Kentucky and 5th Streets. Paving, curb and gutters are currently in process at the intersection.

Claim . Butler Fairman and Seufert

Invoice for Bridge inspection by Butler Fairman and Seufert for \$282.16. On motion made and seconded, claim approved and payment authorized.

Driveway/Road Ditch Pipes

The Department discussed the work and time spent on work on driveways and road-side ditches. The Department does not have time to do such work on a timely basis and other necessary projects are not being completed timely. It is recommended that a new policy should require the property owner to obtain outside contractors to perform work. The Engineer was instructed to submit a proposed written policy.

Three Year EDIT Plan

The Engineer submitted a proposed three year plan for Economic Development Income Tax, as required by State law. Additional draft will be submitted when completed.

RE: CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL REPORT

The Deputy Auditor submitted to the Commissioners the proposed Annual Report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction reporting trust funds held in the amount of \$53,413.27. On motion duly made and seconded, the Report was approved.

RE: SURPLUS FAX MACHINE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved disposal of a fax machine stored on the third floor previously used by the County Election Board. The machine is surplus and of no value.

RE: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners set the open-enrollment period for employee health insurance for this year from November 16 to December 16, 2015.

RE: EMPLOYEE COLLIN COOK

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On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized County Employee Collin Cook, an employee of the 9-1-1 Center, to receive a six month extended leave for health purposes.

RE: STORM WARNINGS

Tammy Humbert, director of County Emergency Management, appeared to explain the new procedure being followed by the County on testing of the warning system on the first of each month, except in the City of Jasper. Each warning location is now being observed at the time tested.

RE: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT BIDS

It being 10:00 am, being the time advertised for receipt of bids for purchase by the Highway Department of three mowing tractors, the following bids were received:

Hutson	Base Bid #1	Model 6120	\$203,717.94
		Trade-in	<u>54,000.00</u>
			\$149,717.94
		Weight Adjustment	<u>7,972.80</u>
			\$141,745.14
	#2	Model 6115	\$193,672.80
		Trade-in	<u>54,000.00</u>
			\$139,672.80
		Weight Adjustment	<u>7,972.80</u>
			\$131,700.00
Hopf Equipment	Base Bid		\$175,143.00
		Trade-in	<u>66,000.00</u>
			\$109,143.00
		Weight Adjustment	<u>7,972.80</u>
			\$141,745.14
Blesch Bros	Base Bid		\$168,835.00
		Trade-in	<u>31,500.00</u>
			\$137,335.00
		Weight Adjustment	<u>4,700.00</u>
			\$132,635.00

The bids were taken under advisement and the bids were available for inspection.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings of the Commissioners will be as follows:

May 18, 2015 at 8:30 am (Solid Waste Board will meet at 7:30 am)

June 2, 2015 at 8:00 am

June 15, 2015 at 8:00 am

Meeting to be held at the Courthouse Annex.