

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 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 October 5 & 6, 2015, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: HUNTINGBURG DRAINAGE CONCERN

The Board discussed a request from City of Huntingburg regarding opening of ditch outside the City boundary. Brosmer will check on fact as to whether any affected ditch is a public ditch under County jurisdiction.

RE: EMERGENCY PERFORMANCE GRANT

Gary Fritz appeared to discuss the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program and the process for approval by the County under the E-Signature process. The Commissioners have previously authorized the CommissionersqPresident to approve under the process, but subject to the remaining two Commissioners being copied on all matters presented for signature. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

RE: LIBRARY BOARD

The Auditor reported that she had been advised by the President of the Contractual Library Board that Clyde Melton has announced his intent to resign from the Board. No written resignation has been received to date even though requested.

RE: YARGER ENGINEERING – GIS

Yarger Engineering is preparing a detour route on SR 64 in Huntingburg, for construction of a sewer line and has requested access to GIS data for that project. The Commissioners authorized the release of information to the extent required for the subject Huntingburg project.

RE: CUPID DASH RUN – FEBRUARY 13, 2016

Request has been made for holding of Cupid Dash, a run to be held in Southwest Jasper, including Jasper Huntingburg Road and CR 100 S on February 13, 2016. On motion duly made and seconded, the authorization to use the subject roadways was granted, subject to posting of proper signs.

RE: RESTRICTED GIS

The Auditor reported that HEA 1371 (36-1-8.5-4.5) allows certain public officials to request to their home address to be restricted from the County GIS System. The County Attorney is to prepare necessary Ordinance.

RE: VACATION DAYS – CARRYOVER

The Auditor questioned whether an earned vacation day when working 12 hours, and later used when working a shorter time or longer time period would be based on the length of time representing a day when earned or on the length of day when used. As previously stated by the Commissioners, it was their determination that the length of day would be that of the day on which used.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS RESTROOM

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Jerry Gramelspacher appeared to discuss a proposal to remodel a restroom in Dorm #1 of the Community Corrections building. Dorm #2 restroom was repaired last year at a cost of \$74,000 and caused no disruption in the Center operation. This year's project would be smaller and cost less. The need for the repair is as great as last year's project. County Council funding approval would be needed. On motion duly made and seconded, the project was approved and authority was granted to request \$63,000 from the County Council.

RE: UNSOLD TAX SALE PROPERTIES

The Highway Engineer having previously submitted his inspection report of the various sites, the Commissioners took the sites under consideration and determined that the following sites have environmental problems and are not acceptable to the County for ownership:

The Gerrick Family Trust (Oil & Gas) - 19-00-52-000-224.701-004

Acadian Energy LLC (Oil & Gas) - 19-00-52-000-000.701-011

Ronald C. and Karen A. Ellis (Bldg Condition) . 19-09-25-204-301.000-015

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of current Highway Department projects:

Dump Truck and Bed Hoist Bids

The Supervisor reported that while the October 5, 2015 Ruxer bid is the lowest bid received, the original bid does not meet specifications. However, Ruxer has subsequently submitted a revised equipment proposal which is also questioned as to meeting the spec standards. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners rejected the Ruxer original bid as not meeting specs as well as the subsequent voluntary modification, and accepted the bid of Truck Centers, which is the lowest qualified bid.

Dump Bodies

On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners also accepted the sole bid on dump bodies, being that of Elpers Truck, which meets specs.

Division Road

No report

Excavator Replacement

Current excavator is 10 years old and has high maintenance and repair cost. To replace, an additional appropriation would be required. On motion duly made and seconded, the purchase was approved, subject to Council approval.

Pass QB Project

Surface complete . painting of stripes is required.

Sermersheim Pipe Removal (Ireland)

Sander Bros will remove and replace residence pipe at owner's expense.

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Sanitation Site Leases	Ferdinand and Pine Ridge sites leases will expire this year. Pine Ridge extension renewal has not been returned. Ferdinand site, owned by Albert Dilger, has agreed to a 5 year extension at \$400 per year. On motion made and seconded, the Dilger renewal was approved.
Huntingburg Dumpster Site Attendant	Past attendant has passed away. The vacancy will be filled with Joe Schmutzler, who is on the current floater list. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners have approved employment of Schmutzler as attendant.
Purdue Bridge Conference	On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the Supervisor and Engineer to attend the Purdue one day Bridge conference.
Water Supply, Highway Garage	Operation of Brine maker cannot be satisfied with current water supply from Dubois Water at the Highway Garage. There is question whether a larger meter or an additional tap is required. Supervisor will return with more facts.
School Traffic	Supervisor reported that traffic is backing up at Ireland School and on Sunset Road at Huntingburg Elementary School. Either turn lanes or change in school schedule is required to correct problem.

RE: SOUTHRIDGE BAND BOOSTER 5K RUN

Craig Taylor, representing Southridge Band Boosters, appeared to request closing of Sunset Street from US 231 to CR 400 W on October 24, 2015, for holding of 5K. On motion made and seconded, the approval was given and road closed from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current projects:

Kentucky Street (Holland)	Conducted pre final walk through, with 6 items on punch list to be corrected by the contractor.
Bridge #147 (County Line)	Will have preliminary field check to lay out bridge. This will be followed by final plans and bid process.
Huntingburg Overpass	Invoice from DLZ for engineering for \$4,733.45 presented, and on motion made and seconded, payment approved. Public has expressed concerns regarding

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alignment of area roadways and expected traffic problems.

Huntingburg Drainage Study

Drainage study completed to eliminate flooding in new Kerstiens Addition on the NW side of Huntingburg. Commissioners to review.

Conferences

Engineer will attend ADA / Title VI Workshop in Vincennes on October 20 and the County Bridge Conference at Purdue on October 21.