

**REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 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 9:00 a.m. (EST) on September 1, 2015. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Lawrence M. Vollmer and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathy 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 August, 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 August, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$14,576.53; Health Department \$18,481.47; Auditor \$75.00; Clerk \$45,645.32. 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: STAFF SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Elmer Brames reported on committee meeting regarding employee relations. As a result of various discussions, it was determined that the committee would recommend that an employee satisfaction survey and wage study should be performed. John Siebert had volunteered to provide his services for these purposes. Job descriptions would also be under consideration, based upon the results of the survey. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the staff satisfaction survey.

**RE: PATOKA RIVER WATER GAUGE**

Surveyor Brosmer submitted to the Commissioners a plat of proposed Patoka River Water Gauge site along Division Road in Section 31-1S-5W, in Madison Township. The Gramelspacher Family has agreed to donate a .093 acre tract for the purpose. The attorney will prepare a deed and Highway Supervisor will contact Corps of Engineers about construction of the gauge.

The Commissioners also discussed the proposed cleaning of Gramelspacher Ditch in Madison Township. The cost of hauling dirt taken from the Ditch could make the cost of the project prohibitive. Further meetings with State and Federal officials will take place to seek a solution.

**RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT CARPET**

Custodian Scott Hopf appeared to submit two proposals for replacement of carpet at the Health Department, as follows:

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| Boeckman Furniture | \$30,239.00 |
| Carpet Warehouse   | \$29,976.50 |

The Commissioners reviewed the proposals and determined the best proposal to be that of Boeckman Furniture, based on other indirect costs discussed in the estimates. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the proposal of Boeckman Furniture.

**RE: COURTHOUSE REROOFING**

Custodian Hopf also submitted a proposed contract for reroofing of the Courthouse, as provided by the successful bidder, Cochran Exteriors, LLC. The Commissioners approved the contract, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

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**RE: SHERIFF LAMPERT – BUDGET**

Sheriff Lampert appeared to object to amount budgeted for his Department, as compared with that of Community Corrections, and other County Departments. He submitted a proposed budget for his Department and compared the amounts with other Departments. He stated that a comparison of the various Departments shows that wage proposed to be paid at Community Corrections is not in line with other employees. Reference was made to Indiana Statute which states that Community Corrections wages are to be comparable with other County employees. The Sheriff stated that, in his opinion, the proposed increase for the Director of Community Corrections would throw the entire County wage structure out of line, with individuals having greater responsibilities but having lower compensation. The Sheriff acknowledged that his proposed budget of Sheriff's Department is too late for 2016.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR**

Judge McConnell and members of the hiring committee of Community Corrections appeared to request Commissioners approval of William Wells as Director of the Community Corrections Department. The committee informed the Commissioners of the reasons why Wells was chosen from the 5 applicants for the position. The composition of the Drug program and responsibilities and duties of Wells in that office were compared and discussed, and his work history was reviewed. The approval of a Director of Community Corrections employment by the Commissioners is required by State statute. The County Council has approved the proposed wage as recommended by the selection committee. Discussion also was held concerning the pay structure for the prior acting Director of the Department. After discussion by each Commissioners regarding their opinion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved employment of Wells on a vote of two in favor and one opposed.

**RE: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE – JUDGE PROSECUTOR**

Prosecutor Quinn appeared to discuss the desire of the Judges and Prosecutor and Deputy to continue to be covered under County Health Insurance plan. The cost to the four employees of State insurance would be greater and the coverage would be poorer. It was proposed that the Prosecutor submit figures which would indicate the increase in cost of being under the State plan.

**RE: SCHNELLVILLE ROAD TREATMENT**

Tom Martin of PMS, a division of Asphalt Materials, appeared to discuss delays in the paving of County roads by his Company. The sealing of the Schnellville area roads will not be completed before the Town celebration. Therefore PMS agrees to cancel its contract on the Schnellville area roads and allow the work to be performed by County employees using a Liquid Road+ product, at a cost of \$48,000, including equipment rental and materials. This cost is slightly higher than the bid but the product gives a better coverage. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized termination of the PMS portion of contract for Schnellville and completion of the project using a Seal Master product.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted the following report of current engineering projects:

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| Kentucky Street                  | Invoice received from Vectren for utility relocation in amount of \$29,853. On motion made and seconded, invoice approved and payment authorized.                                    |
| Bridge 147 (County Line)         | Have received report from Bridge Design on planning. Survey completed, caring completed, superstructure design to be done in early September. Plan to have bids receipt by November. |
| Rail Road Crossing (Huntingburg) | Invoice received from Huntingburg for engineering work by Norfolk Southern for \$1,000 as County share. On motion made and seconded, invoice approved and payment authorized.        |
| Kellerville Road Culvert         | Project should be completed today.   |

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report as to Highway Department projects:

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| Triaxle Truck                | No report.   |
| Equipment Appropriation      | Council has approved additional \$170,000 for 4 single axle trucks. Bids to be received October 5.   |
| Weed Control Ordinance       | Complaints received on property at 716 E SR 164, at entrance to Whoderville. Property was on tax sale. A second complaint was received on property at 265 S old Huntingburg Road, which property is in Bankruptcy.                 |
| Invasive Species (Weeds)     | Instruction will be held at VU on control of invasive species of weeds. Will be on September 3 at 7:00 pm.   |
| Chip/Seal Overlay & Patching | All projects completed.  |
| St. Anthony Parish Walk      | On request of Joni Wagner, for closing CR 450 S from Ohio St to St Anthony West for St Anthony Parish Walk/Run on October 11 from 9:45 am to 11:15 am. On motion duly made and seconded, Road was closed. Parish to install signs. |

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CR 900 E Chip/Seal

Don Humbert has requested chip/seal for .2 miles south of current pavement on share basis.

CR 450 S

Plan is being made for chip/seal of CR 450 S. Road will be widened and prepped. \$50,000 set aside for project in 2016.

**RE: CHANGE ORDER – FAIRGROUNDS**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a change order of (\$107.39) on the 4-H Fairground project (#15-19).

**RE: MERIDIAN ROAD – TREE DAMAGE**

Roadside brush mowing may have caused damage to small trees along Meridian Road. Question as to whether trees are on or off County right-of-way. Supervisor to investigate.

**RE: TAX SALE**

The County Auditor distributed a list of tracts which did not sell at tax sale. The Highway Engineer will inspect the property to insure that no environmental problem exists on any property.

**RE: TUSA CONSULTING SERVICES – INVOICE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approve and authorized payment of an invoice from TUSA Consulting Services II, LLC for \$1,950 for services on paging system.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Commissioners have set the future Commissioners meetings:

Sept. 14 at 8:00 am

October 5 at 8:00 am & October 19 @ 8:30 am

November 2 at 8:00 am & November 16 at 8:00 am