

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The continued 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 September 14, 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 September 1, 2015, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – GRANT

Jenny Lampert, appeared with William Wells, to request authority to revise a grant application for State grand funding for up to six (6) new positions, under HEA 1006, providing funding beginning in November, 2015. After the current grant year, a second funding (larger) grant would be available in 2016.

RE: TRUE RX MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Mark Williams of True RX Management, provides medical prescription service for the County's Health Insurance coverage, reviewed with the Commissioners the prior use of the program, under which 86% of drugs are generic in use. 551 individuals are covered under the program, and annually 6,266 prescriptions were filled. He stated that the normal increase in drug costs is approximately 15%. The County's increase is doubled because of two prescriptions for a high-cost specialty drug which account for 31% of the expense. The Company suggests, to keep the plan's cost in line, to increase the copay on generic drugs (currently free) to \$10 per order. Mr. Williams also discussed the proposed use of a Canadian Drug program. He stated that currently the drugs may be seized at the borders, but that will probably be subject to future legislation.

RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANTS

Tammy Humbert, EMA Director, appeared to request Commissioners' appointment of a single person as signatory on EMA grant applications. It was determined that signature would be the same as Commissioners' officers: 1st President; 2nd Vice President; provided however, that all three Commissioners are to be made aware of application prior to request for signature.

RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE DRUG (HEALTH) PROGRAM

Pete Franzman and Mark Williams appeared to discuss medication costs to the County using Canadian RX Group. Franzman submitted an analysis comparing current costs to Canadian costs, for selected drugs. For those drugs available, there would be a 59.6% savings, and most of the savings would be in co-pays. Each employee would have the election as to whether or not he or she would use a mail service. It was acknowledged that as to any mailed drug there is no known quality difference. The Commissioners will consider the information provided and will discuss the Canadian RX program at the next Commissioners' meeting.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg appeared to submit his report of current Department projects:

Division Road Real Estate
Triaxle Truck Layover
Weed Control

Nothing new to report.
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Property at 716 E SR 164 has been mowed. A

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Meridian Road Tree Damage

formal complaint has not been received regarding property on South Old Huntingburg Road.

Owner of property on Meridian Road advised that trees damaged were planted under DNR Tree Stewardship Program and cost of replacement will be obtained.

Coop Chip Seal on CR 900 E
Schnellville Sealcoat Project

Nothing to report.

Work has gone very well and coating should be completed today. Rain prevented further work on the prior Friday. Line striping will be done tomorrow. Department is satisfied with the product and will review wear of surface.

RE: DRUG COURT SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIRECTOR

Judge McConnell appeared to report that the Drug Program has engaged Mike Denu as the new Drug Court Director, and it is now requested that, due to his prior experience, Denu should be granted 2 weeks of vacation during his first year. He currently has a 3 week vacation at current employment. The total payroll cost of the Drug Program is paid by the Program with no County contribution. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners granted a right to two weeks of vacation following January 1, 2016, based on the fact that two prior employees in Probation were granted two weeks of vacation in the first year of employment.

RE: TELL CITY WORKFORCE GRANT APPLICATION

Barbara Ewing, Mayor of Tell City, appeared to discuss a proposal of the City to apply for a \$250,000 OCRA Workforce grant for their community, using Perry County Development Corporation to initiate a workforce development program involving educating for employment, with 51% of those enrolled being from low income families. Question was presented as to whether any Dubois County agency would be involved in the same program. Nathan Held of Indiana Region 15 discussed the requirement for legal hearing on the grant application. Question exists whether such a hearing would be required in Dubois County and what agency would be required to conduct such hearing. Contact would be made of Dubois County agencies to determine if any were involved in the grant program. A resolution was submitted by Tell City for consideration.

RE: ELECTION PARKING

Bridgette Jarboe, County Clerk, appeared to state that General Election voting in the Courthouse requires a separate handicap voting parking space. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized one of the three current parking spaces on the west side of the Courthouse lawn, to be dedicated as exclusive handicap parking for Absentee Voting.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt reported as follows:

Kentucky Street (Holland)

All work done except concrete drive ways, backfill, final grading and final asphalt.

Bridge #147 (County Line)

Invoice received from CHA Consulting in the amount \$463.50 for design and plans. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the invoice and authorized changes.

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RE: SECURITY CENTER INMATE HEALTH CARE (IC 11-12-5-9)

The Auditor distributed to the Commissioners new Indiana statute relating to applications for Medicaid benefits for inmates. The Commissioners were requested to review the new law and information from Family and Social Services regarding application of the statute.

RE: HEALTH INSURANCE – STATE EMPLOYEES

The Commissioners again discussed the position of the County regarding health insurance for State employees, being Judges and Prosecutors. The Commissioners reviewed the costs of the plans. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners directed that State employees should be excluded from the County Health insurance program as of January 1, 2016. Attorney is to notify those involved regarding this decision.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners determined that future meetings of the Commissioners will be held on the following dates, all to be held at the Commissioners Room in the Courthouse Annex:

October 5, 2015 at 8:00 am and October 19, 2015 at 8:30 am

November 2, 2015 at 8:00 am and November 16, 2015 at 8:00 am

December 7, 2015 at 8:00 am and December 21, 2015 at 8:00 am