

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 7, 2016

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 March 7, 2016. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 Vollmer. Minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting 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 February, 2016 were as follows: Recorder \$14,379.36; Health Department \$18,597.12; Auditor \$135.00; Clerk \$39,242.71. 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: TRASH COURT – ASBELL (CASE#2015-1207)

Joey Asbell and Carla J. Striegel . Winner appeared regarding a Complaint filed on unlawful disposal of trash found on CR 175 E south of CR 600 N. The trash bag contained items from the Asbell household. The owner has trash hauled by commercial hauler, but hauler does not use the CR involved. Mr. Asbell affirmed that the trash was from their residence but did not know how it reached the site where located. Mr. Asbell acknowledged that it was his responsibility to properly dispose of the trash. After discussion and consideration, the Commissioners determined that the County should be reimbursed for its expenses, being \$145.70 and determined that to be assessed against Mr. Asbell.

RE: IRELAND SIDEWALKS – BRAD ECKERLE

Brad Eckerle appeared to seek approval for curb and gutter construction on County right of way of north of SR 56 in Ireland, west of CR 500 W. Some improvement and correction of storm sewers will also be required. The sidewalk will be at Ireland's expense and sewers will be at County expense. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved construction of the curb and sidewalk as shown on the plat presented to the meeting, including on County road right of way.

RE: AMBULANCE SERVICES

Susan Henke, Director of Ambulance Services, appeared to present a report of the Service's financial position for calendar year 2015. She reported that operating loss for the year was \$254,534, compared to budgeted loss of \$328,929. She also reported on operating expenses related to seven vehicles, which were \$29,453. She further discussed new equipment recommendations for 2016, including vehicles and medical equipment, which is projected at \$181,000 for equipment.

RE: JASPER COMMUNITY ARTS – CHALK WALK

Corinna Mack of Jasper Community Arts requested right to use Courthouse restrooms and grounds for annual Chalk Walk on June 4, 2016. On motion made and seconded, authority was granted.

RE: HAYSVILLE SIREN SYSTEM

Tammy Humbert, County EMA Director, appeared with John Fuhrman of Haysville Fire Department, to discuss replacement of the Haysville siren, which is not operating and is 54 years old. The cost would be

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\$26,336.40, of which all except \$1,000 is in the County Communications budget for siren replacement. According to Fuhrman, the Fire Department should be able to add the additional amount need of approximately \$1,000. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized in \$26,336.40 for purchase, with approximately \$1,000 of which should be paid by Haysville Fire Department.

RE: INDIANA HOMELAND SECURITY REPRESENTATION

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized a Resolution to Homeland Security authorizing the President of the Commissioners to represent the Commissioners / County with Homeland Security. This Resolution replaces %President+with the previously required name of the President.

RE: GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE – TIM BELL

Tim Bell of German American Insurance appeared to report on results of the Safety Committee operations. He submitted results of expenses and premiums since 2010. Premiums have reduced by \$58,000 while payroll has increased by over \$2,200,000. Reduction in claims have resulted from Safety Committee activities.

RE: ELECTION BOARD

The Dubois County Election Board appeared regarding consolidation of a number of election locations. A revised list of sites suggested at prior meeting was submitted. Question was raised as to the internet service now required at each voting location. Lengthy discussion was held on relocations, including Columbia, Harbison, and Jefferson Township. Future additional consolidation of sites was also discussed. The Commissioners requested that contact be made with Southeast Dubois County Schools regarding use of School facilities in Jefferson Township. The Board stated that lack of voting equipment prevents use of 2 Jefferson Township sites. The Commissioners and Board are to meet again March 21 to make a decision. The School Administration is searching for a solution to the location question.

RE: COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Members of the Communication Committee appears to report on a training video which was recently provided to the County by Kimball International. The video relates to public relations and communications. It also deals with employee health and employee relations and workplace changes and pressures. It is recommended that all employees of the County should view the video. The Commissioners will view the video and consider at the next meeting.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lampert and Kelli Faulkenberg, Jailer, appeared to discuss the new FSSA Agreement on required Medicaid coverage for prisoners. The advantages and disadvantages of participation of the State Medicaid program were discussed. The Sheriff reported that most of the larger Counties in the State have not joined into the FSSA Agreement to date. The Sheriff will report back as to whether any progress has been made to change the Agreement as submitted by other counties. The Sheriff also submitted to the Commissioners his monthly report of Security Center operations.

RE: 911 COMMUNICATIONS

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Janice Love, Communications Director, appeared to report on rental increases on the radio towers used for 911 operations. Love also discussed current proposals for update of the 911 CAD/Hardware system. The proposed price is \$17,169.47, which would require Council approval for the \$17,169.47, and based on conditions could go as high as \$20,000. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized up to \$20,000, subject to Council funding.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Division Road	No report
Conservancy District, River Level	No report
Garage Repair	County Council has reviewed and approved additional appropriation, but State response has not been received.
Annual Operations	Submit 2015 financial report. Commissioners to review for approval at later meeting.
Sanitation Stickers	Proposals received for printing of 300,000 stickers, as follows: Waste Zero \$4,890.00 CG Promotions \$7,634.45 Woods \$13,375.00
	The Commissioners accepted the low bid of Waste Zero.
2016 Paving Plan	Berg submitted plan of proposed paving plan and projected cost. Expected cuts in State funding will require cuts in projects. Other sources of funding were studied, along with other methods of reducing road construction expenses. Possible use of EDIT funds was discussed. Also various road repair delays were considered. Berg discussed possible delays in replacement of highway equipment in 2016. Unknown is the possibility of any additional funds which the Legislature may give before adjournment.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

County Engineer Wendholt submitted the following engineering reports:

%Stop Ahead+Sign in Ireland	Placement on the sidewalk of the %Stop Ahead+ sign on CR 500 W. On motion made and seconded, removal of the sign was approved, which is no longer needed due to addition of traffic lights at the SR 56 intersection.
Butler Fairman and Seufert Claim - Bridge Inspection	The Engineer submitted an invoice from Butler Fairman and Seufert for \$3,610.50 for work done on Phase 2 of the Bridge Inspection Contract. Payment approved.
CHA Consulting Claim	The Engineer submitted an invoice from CHA Consulting for \$1,985 for services thru 1-29-16. On recommendation by the Engineer, the claim was approved and payment was authorized.
Bridge #147 Bids	The Engineer reported that after review of construction bids received on Bridge #147, it has

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been determined that the lowest and best bid was that of American Contracting and Services Inc. for \$262,795. On recommendation of the Engineer, the bid was accepted and contract to be submitted.

RE: OPEN ENROLLMENT DATE – HEALTH INSURANCE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners set November 14, 2016 through December 16, as open enrollment for health insurance plan.

RE: PSC NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The Auditor submitted to the Commissioners a proposed renewal of an existing 10 year Ordinance granting Perry Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative, for Franchise for distribution system for television (CATV). The Commissioners took the Ordinance under advisement to consider the franchise agreement.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG SERVICES AGREEMENT

On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Agreement for Professional Area Development Services with Dubois Strong. The funding had been previously approved by the County Council.

RE: WTH DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

As requested by the City of Jasper, the Commissioners considered a Data Exchange Agreement for GIS data with the City. The Commissioners directed the Auditor to discuss with City representatives the layers of data which is to be shared and any conditions of such data exchange.

RE: STATE INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM

The Auditor submitted to the Commissioners the Policy Statement submitted by the State Board of Accounts to the County regarding Internal Control Systems required by the State for County use. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved use of the State system.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The Commissioners had determined that their second meeting for the month will be held on March 21, 2016 beginning at 8:30 am. The Solid Waste Management District will meet earlier on that date beginning at 7:30 am.