

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 20, 2016

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 June 20, 2016. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randy Fleck and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, 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 June 6, 2016, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT – 2017 BUDGET

Carla Striegel-Winner appeared to submit the proposed budget for 2017 as approved by the Solid Waste District Board. For the record, she reviewed her recommendation that District employees be paid on the same pay level as other County employees. She also advised concerning increases in fees to items collected by the District. The budget was approved as presented on motion made and seconded.

RE: OLDER AMERICAN CENTER – 2017 BUDGET

Carie Dick, Director of the Dubois County Older American Center, appeared to request continuation of the County support of \$25,000 for the Center. She said the current participation is about the same as last year, although percentage of County resident participation is increasing, while City percentage has decreased. Average participation is approximately 2,000 per month. The total budget is \$231,000 for 2016, of which \$25,000 is County.

RE: TRI-CAP 2017 BUDGET

Becky Beckman, Tri-Cap, appeared to request continuation of the County contribution of \$5,000 towards the total budget of \$68,335. The Tri-Cap organization is composed of Dubois, Pike, and Warrick Counties. She described the many services provided by Tri-Cap. On motion made and seconded, the \$5,000 support was approved.

RE: BROSMER LAND SURVEYING - REPLAT

Brad Eckerle appeared to request re-plat of Lots 7, 8, and 9 in Northview Estates. The purpose of the re-plat is to eliminate side utility easements and create a new easement in the center of Lot #8. Once former Lot #8 is divided, a new easement would be located down the middle of Lot #8. The Commissioners expressed concerns that a separate residence be constructed on each one-half lot. Documents are to be prepared by Brosmer Land Surveying to prevent this double construction.

RE: COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Pete Franzman, Franzman Insurance, appeared to advise the Commissioners of the status of current expenses under current SIHO Insurance coverage. He stated that the plan has an average of 45 single and 149 family participants. He explained that the County is currently receiving a 40% discount through Patoka Valley Network. Franzman stated our fixed costs are low, and questioned whether larger cost reductions could be possible.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SOIL & WATER – 2017 BUDGET

Judi Brown, Dubois County Soil & Water District, appeared to submit a proposed 2017 budget. The 2017 budget is the same as the previous year, except for adding a comp time line item due to new federal overtime requirements. On motion made and seconded, the proposed budget was approved.

RE: BRIDGE INSPECTION – SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved Supplemental Agreement #2 with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for additional County bridge inspections required by INDOT.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Highway Department projects, as follows:

Security Gates	Total cost of gates and fences will run \$15,000. Additional appropriation will be requested.
Purdue Road	Letter to the State for funding approved..
Additional Appropriations	Department requests the following additional Appropriations:
	Repairs: Bldg. & Grounds \$15,000
	Bituminous – Walnut Ridge \$15,312
	Bituminous – Deer Trail \$17,511
	Cum Cap – Equipment \$80,000

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Department Mechanic	On motion made and seconded, all were approved, pending Council approval. Mechanic has left County service and vacancy exists. Request authority to advertise for replacement. Will take applications until July 1. Permission to advertise granted.
Deer Trail Improvement	Property owners must bring approximately .25 mile up to County standards, which should be done shortly. Road will then be placed in County inventory and bond money will be used to chip and seal the road.
Weed Complaints	Whoderville area property has been mowed, even though letter was not delivered. The cut weeds at Whoderville have not been collected, and new grass is growing through the weeds. If the lawn is not currently in compliance, then a new letter should be delivered by the Sheriff's Dept. Complaints have also been received on two Cuzco properties.
Liquid Road Sealing	All 2016 projects are completed. Most are in the Ireland area. Discussion was held on the status of Ireland sidewalk project.
SB 67 Fund Plan	The Highway staff has prepared a plan for use of SB 67 funds, as discussed by the Commissioners at prior meeting, and plan is approved as prepared. A copy of the plan will be submitted to the County Council.
Chip/Seal Paving	The Highway Supervisor submitted a list of the status of chip seal projects, patching projects, and intended paving projects for the balance of 2016.

RE: SOUTHERN HILLS – 2017 BUDGET

Joe Kimmel of Southern Hills appeared to explain services provided locally. Over 100 individuals provide services through the Dubois County office. Kimmel explained additional funding from State and Federal sources. Approximately 1,600 individuals receive services through the local office. The office also provides service to assist individuals to receive all available State and Federal funds. Funding from Dubois County is established by the State with no local control, and is normally approximately 2.6%.

RE: 4-H COUNCIL – 2017 BUDGET

Kathy Wagner, Dubois County 4-H, appeared with 4-H Treasurer, Jake Memmer, to discuss a proposed 2017 budget. Of a prior budget total of \$275,000, \$140,000 is contributed by the County. There will be a required change in wages due to Federal regulations, and some budget changes will be required. On motion made and seconded, the \$140,000 contribution was approved.

RE: 911 BUDGET

Janice Love submitted two budgets: Statewide 911 and County General budgets. The Department intends to move one dispatcher from County General to the Statewide 911 budget, at least for 2017. The Statewide 911 budget is proposed to be \$655,390.48, and the County General budget would be \$348,510.48. On motion made and seconded, the budgets were approved.

The 911 Director submitted a list of old equipment owned by the Department, which is no longer required and is surplus and should be disposed of as having no value. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved disposal of the listed items as scrap.

The Director advised that the 911 Advisory Board approved changing from the current card medical assist program to a tablet software program, at a cost of \$2,684, which could be covered from the current budget. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the change of systems and expenditure of funds.

RE: SIRS 2017 BUDGET

Kelly Mitchell appeared on behalf of SIRS to explain the SIRS programs in Dubois County. 134 individuals receive full services within the County; 43,470 hours of services are provided; 11,538 one-way trips were provided by the transportation services; 110 children between the ages of 0 and 3 years are receiving in-

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home services. Local payroll in 2015 is \$894,406. The Dubois County appropriation for 2016 was \$37,000, and that is again requested for 2017. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved \$37,000 in funding.

RE: SECURITY MUTUAL LIFE

The County Auditor advised that Security Mutual Life has requested authority to sell life insurance to employees using payroll deduction. The Commissioners determined that, for administrative purposes, additional companies should not be added at this time.

RE: COUNTY CREDIT CARDS

The Auditor discussed with the Commissioners the number of credit cards listed to individual County offices. Four Staples cards are currently known to the Auditor. For control purposes, a large number of credit cards is not favored, and the Commissioners requested the Auditor to determine the number of cards actually issued.

RE: SECURITY CENTER – 2017 BUDGET

Sheriff Lampert appeared to discuss the Security Center budget for 2017. He reviewed the various unknowns: insurance based on the number of commitments; whether there will be an increase in jail size, etc. He discussed the extra duties being performed by the Chief Deputy without just compensation; the fact that the Sheriff will by State law receive a 3.1% raise; the fact that the Chief Deputy is exempt from Department of Labor regulations and therefore receives no overtime benefits. The Sheriff stated that the set-up under State and Federal laws are unfair. The 2017 budget is the same as 2016, except for the Sheriff and Chief Deputy salaries.

RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – 2017 BUDGET

Suzan Henke submitted a proposed increase in rates for services provided by the Department, with the increase being the same as increased by Memorial Hospital.

As to the budget, revenue in 2017 is projected at \$4,126,867, an increase of \$109,320. With increased expenses and deductions, the net income is projected to be (\$746,832). Due to lack of qualified employees, the overtime will continue to increase. The requested hospital subsidy is \$599,262, as compared to \$657,858 in 2016, and \$702,565 in 2015. The replacement of an ambulance during 2017 would be treated as an additional appropriation. On motion made and seconded, the budget was approved as presented.

RE: OCRA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Classes will begin in July and will be handled through Ivy Tech at Tell City, and will include students from SE Dubois and SW Dubois County Schools. The initial program will consist of 140 hours, plus additional hours if desired and qualified. Lee Chestnut and Alvin Evans presented the current status.

RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – HOLIDAY PAY

The Auditor questioned the policy for part-time Security Center cooks who work on holidays. They are currently receiving holiday pay as well as their pay. The Auditor requested that a written policy be done to address this situation.

RE: 4-H/PARK SUPERINTENDENT

The Park Superintendent has been considered salaried. The Auditor advised the Commissioners that this position needs to be reviewed to determine whether this should be a non-exempt position.

RE: RIVER GAUGE

The Commissioners discussed the need for a second Patoka River gauge in Dubois County, and if so, the location in the western part of the County based upon where small streams and creeks enter the river. A question also exists as to the source of funding for the annual maintenance costs.

RE: NEXT MEETINGS

The future meetings of the Commissioners will be held on

July 5, 2016, July 18, 2016 8:00 a.m.

August 1, 2016 8:00 a.m.

August 15, 2016 8:30 a.m.

The Solid Waste District Board will meet on August 15, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.