

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**August 15, 2016**

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. EST on August 15, 2016. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Randall L. Fleck, and Elmer Brames. Also present were Deputy Auditor Sheryl Sendelweck, County Surveyor Kenneth L. Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney, Arthur C. Nordhoff. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck. Minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

**RE: CR 800 W**

Darryl Lee, a resident on CR 800 W, appeared to request status of improvement of C R 800 W in Madison and Patoka Townships, including removal of several hills. It was explained that CR 450 S is currently in process and must be completed before CR 800 W. Due to weather, 450 is being delayed, which would delay 800 W. Otherwise 800 W is scheduled to begin work in the Fall of 2017. Discussion was also held regarding use of culverts. Should weather continue to delay 450 S, 800 W will not begin until 2018.

**RE: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

Carla Striegel-Winner attended to advise that in 2015 the District drew only \$100,000 of its appropriated \$200,000, and will have to draw the extra \$100,000 during 2016, which would require an additional appropriation in 2016. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the additional appropriation of \$100,000, subject to Council approval.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHANGE ORDERS**

Supervisor Berg submitted the following change orders on Highway Department paving projects:

#16-07	CR 400 N / 500 W	(\$1,640.57)
#16-08	Dubois-Cuzco Rd. (extra wedge)	714.22
#16-01	Schnellville Rd.	\$ 4,634.08
#16-06	CR 400 E	\$12,527.42

On motion made and seconded, the change orders were approved.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Highway Department projects:

Security Gates	Materials delivered. Plans being made for installation.
Department Decals	On hold
Purdue Farm Road	Berg has contacted Sam Hyer of DNR, who has advised that the request should be made of INDOT. At this time, INDOT is not responding to requests. Both State agencies have been advised that bill for 2015 has not been paid, and the County will not provide road service this coming winter.
CR 625 S	Co-op paving plan to be used to improve road and Clara Fleck will work on petition. Current rate is \$7.00 per running foot.
Jail Sinkhole	Sinkhole is result of bad joint in current pipe. Will require removal of dirt above break, repair of the break and fill with rock. Estimated cost is \$10,500. The actual condition of the pipe at the point of break will not be known until ground removal. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized work to correct the problem. Due to emergency status from

CR 450 S

the damage, the proposal will be accepted without additional proposals.

Have attempted to complete the reconstruction of 450 S, but weather may delay project until late September, which is too late for paving. Propose encumbering funds to allow completion of road next year. With this delay, it was determined that no advancement could be made in schedule for C R 550 W in Madison township.

St. Anthony Parish Run

On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized shared use of road route on October 9 from 7:50 to 9:00 a.m. for St. Anthony Parish Run. Road is 450 S from Ohio Street to St. Anthony Rd. W, and on St. Anthony Rd. W.

### **RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current engineering projects:

2017 Phase IIA Bridge Inspection

On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized additional appropriation of \$5,056 from Cum Bridge, subject to Council approval.

Bridge #147

Bridge crew has installed retaining walls. Contractor has started work on end bents.

Claims

On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved payment of the following claims:

American Contracting, Bridge 147 \$131,900  
City of Huntingburg, Overpass  
\$ 746 and \$1,585.55.

C R 400 W / Farbest Foods

County Bridge #82 needs cleaning out on C R 400 W. Work will be done by County after crops are removed. Farbest Foods will clean out ditch which bridge services.

Intern

College intern is off school each Tuesday and Thursday. Request right to hire him 9 hours each day for 2 days per week. Funds are in budget. On motion made and seconded, authority granted.

Engineer Laptop – GIS

Engineer requests permission to obtain additional GIS viewer on new laptop at initial cost of \$400 plus \$72 annual fee. On motion made and seconded, permission granted.

### **RE: PROBATION DEPARTMENT EXPANSION**

Jennifer Lampert appeared to request possible use of the law library as an additional space for the Probation Department. The space would be adequate for these offices. The Commissioner authorized her to seek proposals for the work to construct office space. The excess books and possibly book shelves may be stored at the County Museum. Museum will be consulted to determine if space is available. Fourteen bookcases would be retained.

### **RE: 9-11 COMMEMORATIVE RIDE**

Jerry Hisel appeared to request use of the Courthouse grounds and restrooms for use at a ceremony honoring police, fire and ambulances at the 9-11 event. The ride would be throughout the County using bikes and jeeps. Use would include front porch on the east side. Date would be 9-11-16. On motion made and seconded, the use of the porch was approved, and use of restrooms was conditioned upon arrangements with Courthouse custodian. Hours would be from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**RE: TRI-CAP DAY CARE PROJECT**

Lisa Gehlhausen, Indiana Region 15, appeared to discuss the federal block grant to allow a local day care project under the Public Facilities Program. It was stated that notice of this hearing was published as required by law. The day care center would be located in Huntingburg and would consist of 4 classrooms and would be based on \$617,000 in funds, of which \$117,000 would be local and \$500,000 would be federal grant. Currently 60 individuals are involved in Jasper classes in 4 classrooms, of which 2 will remain in Jasper. Four will be located in Huntingburg. Funding for the construction would be run through County financial records. A principal cause of the change is change in federal requirements requiring extended classroom hours. The Head Start Program is not authorized to charge for participating low and moderate income children. This being advertised as a public hearing, no member of the public was present to comment on the project. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners expressed approval of the program and authorized submission of the letter for the project.

**RE: FERDINAND FOLK FEST FONDO**

Kevin Manley appeared to request use of County roads for a recreational ride on September 17 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized use of the roads as shown on a map filed with the County Highway Department.

**RE: SJCA ENGINEERS**

Michael Stevenson appeared to inform the Commissioners that he represents SJCA Engineers of Evansville and requested that his firm be considered for future County projects.

**RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sheriff Lampert appeared to submit a monthly Sheriff's Department report. 92 inmates are housed at the Center as of today. The County currently has approximately 200 individuals on the sex-registry list.

It was reported that the Sheriff's Department is not in favor of installing a desk on the first floor of the Courthouse, because security officers should be moving around the Courthouse, and having screen open to public view is not advisable. The issue will return to the Security Committee.

**RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE – FIREMAN DUTY**

Discussion as to whether an individual on fire call should be able to receive compensation from both County and Fire Department. Also question as to total time during calendar year which employee may be absent for fire duty. It was the opinion of the Commissioners that 20 hours would be adequate. The attorney is to check Indiana statutes regarding double pay.

**RE: SURPLUS RADIO EQUIPMENT**

It was reported that a second company has submitted a proposal to purchase the surplus radio equipment owned by the County for a price of \$5,280. This compares to \$750 previously offered by another company. The Commissioners were advised that the County's communication consultant is of the opinion that \$5,280 is an acceptable price. On motion made and seconded, the offer of \$5,280 was accepted and sale of surplus equipment was authorized.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

Future meetings of the Commissioners will be as follows:

September 6 and September 19	8 a.m.
October 3	8 a.m.
October 17	8:30 a.m., following a 7:30 a.m. meeting of the Dubois County Solid Waste Board.