

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2010

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on January 19, 2010. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Janet L. Sendelweck; County Surveyor, Kenneth L. Brosmer; Highway Supervisor, Steven L. Berg; Highway Engineer Jason T. Heile, 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 January 4, 2010, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: JASPER LIBRARY

Dr. Karen Gray MD, a Commissioner appointment to the Jasper Library Board, appeared to report on the current status of the Jasper Library building project. She submitted architect's drawings and financial data regarding the various projects being considered, and reported on the Board's meeting with the Jasper City Council.

RE: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Mary Beth Hurst, representing SIHO, appeared to describe the contents of a proposed amendment to the employee health insurance plan. Based upon the explanation, on motion duly made and seconded, the amendment was approved.

Deputy Auditor, Sheryl Sendelweck appeared to discuss the resolution of problems involving the change over of drug coverage. Hurst stated that the current drug provider is not the preferred provider for SIHO and therefore the resolution must be administrated by the County, not by SIHO. Sheryl stated that a number of problems have resulted from the changeover.

RE: BRIDGE INSPECTION

The Highway Engineer advised the Commissioners that a revised proposed contract from the BFS Engineering firm, reduces the proposed fee by \$11,810. The County is responsible for 20% of the engineering fee. Brent Roberts appeared to discuss the bridge inspection process and the types of bridges being reviewed and rated. The revised proposed contract would be at an average cost of \$906 per bridge for the 163 bridges in Dubois County. A review of costs in other Counties was made, and the proposed cost quoted was in line with other Counties. The County Engineer stated that an additional appropriation will be required to allow approval of the proposed contract and that the average price increase is approximately 5 ½%. Roberts stated that because of several bridge failures around the nation, a more detailed inspection is being required to comply with State and Federal standards.

RE: COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP VOTING LOCATION

County Clerk Hopf advised the Commissioners that with recent construction improvements, the Nicholson Valley Church will now satisfy voter requirements and has been recommended by the Trustee as being near the center of the Township. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the relocation of Columbia Township Voting location to the Church.

RE: ELECTION SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioner approved renewal of the Microvote Election Management System License Agreement, at a cost of \$9500 per year.

RE: PROPERTY TAX CAP

Jim Meyer of Holland appeared to discuss the proposed legislation calling for a constitutional amendment to require a cap on property taxes. He questioned how the local governments would be affected and to what extent the local governments would find it necessary to cut services. It was also stated that if the cap system is adopted, taxpayers will no longer be treated equally.

RE: DEERWOOD LAKE ADDITION

Phil Buehler appeared to discuss an area known as Deerwood Lake in Harbison Township. The area is a closed or gated community which has never been platted. The area has been previously approved by the City of Jasper as exempt from Zoning Code. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that the lots in the area were declared "Lots of Record" and are exempt from the Subdivision Ordinance due to the fact that the area was established prior to 1950.

RE: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Communications Director Janice Love and Sheriff Terry Tanner appeared to discuss the need for supplements to the new County Employee Handbook to reflect differences in their procedures from the current handbook. The Commissioners will review the proposals from Communications, Sheriff and Corrections and discuss at later date. The Commissioners discussed leave of absence procedures in those Departments.

RE: COMMUNICATIONS SURPLUS PROPERTY

Janice Love advised the Commissioners that a number of computer items have been replaced and are no longer required by the Communication Department. She submitted a list of items to the County Auditor. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners declared the items listed as surplus, and instructed that they be delivered to the Solid Waste Director for disposal.

RE: TED SCHNELL – FAMILY FARM EXCEPTION

Ken Brosmer, representing Ted Schnell, submitted a request for family farm exemption for a 6 acre tract in the SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 16-T2S-R3W in Jefferson Township for Jason Schnell, who is involved in the Schnell Farm operation. On motion duly made and seconded, the exception was granted.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE SUZANN BARRON

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners granted a three month extended leave of absence to Suzann Barron, an employee at the County Corrections Center, due to medical condition.

RE: SECURITY CENTER

The Commissioners granted the Sheriff permission to send requests for proposals for engineer firms for Security Center upgrade.

RE: DUBOIS LIBRARY

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved a Sub-Recipient Agreement for CDBG Funded Projects with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for funding of the construction of the Dubois Library project, in the grant amount of \$500,000.

RE: SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

Nathan Held, representing Indiana 15 Regional Plan Commission, submitted to the Commissioners Semi-Annual Reports on financing of the Dubois Stormwater Project and on the Dubois Library Preliminary Plan project.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM – MARGARET J. WAGNER

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Margaret J. Wagner to fill the Board position on the Dubois County Museum vacated by the resignation of the prior Board member Ken Brosmer.

RE: ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile submitted his report of his Department activities, as follows:

Dubois County Park	IDEM has extended until February 1, the time to file require paperwork on County Park sewage system.
Dubois Stormwater	Project has been subject to kick-off meeting and funding application due by April 30

RE: HIGHWAY COMPUTER PURCHASE

The Highway Engineer submitted proposals for replacement computer equipment:

DLT Solutions	\$3484.78 for purchase of Autocad Civil system
Matrix	\$2725.80 for purchase of computer, monitor and printer required for operation of Autocad system

The Commissioners authorized the purchases.

RE: POLICY #0305-07

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted an amendment to Policy #0305-7 relating to bonding of County Roads to be torn out and subsequently replaced.

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The purpose of this amendment to the original policy is to set a standard amount for bonds on County roads being temporarily closed and torn out due to the loss of the roads original base and surface. These bonding amounts assure the base and surface will be put back in place. Bonding amount shall be as follows:

\$275,000.00 per mile for each mile of asphalt road reconstruction
\$175,000.00 per mile for each mile of chip seal road reconstruction
\$125,000.00 per mile for each mile of gravel road reconstruction

RE: JASPER WOOD PRODUCTS

Based upon receipt of Phase I and Phase II reports showing the Jasper Wood Products real estate to be free of hazardous materials except in acceptable limits, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the County to receive title to said real estate as tax – sale property and to request the Circuit Court to order issue of deed.

RE: 2010 HOURLY EQUIPMENT RATES

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized the following hourly rate for use of County Highway equipment, as approved by the Highway Supervisor and with labor to be charged as an additional charge:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Dump Truck	35.00
Dump Truck with Snow Plow	45.00
Dump Truck with Spreader	40.00
Dump Truck with Durapatcher (plus materials)	70.00
Tri-Axle Truck	65.00
Sign Truck with Boom/Bucket	50.00
Grader	50.00
Excavator (Hyundai 200)	70.00
Excavator (Cat 313, Hyundai 130)	60.00
Wheel Loader	45.00
Wheel Loader with Sweeper	55.00
Brushcutter	45.00
Pickup Truck with Sprayer (Chemicals not included)	40.00
Pickup Truck with Paint Striper (Paint and Beads not included)	60.00
Roller	30.00
Bridge Truck with Welder	35.00
Air Compressor	15.00
Air Hammer	5.00
Chain Saw	8.00
Water Pump	8.00

RE: SANITATION STICKERS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the purchase of sanitation stickers from Bohnert Advertising at the rate of \$3722.45 for 200,000 stickers.

RE: MAPLE RIDGE ESTATES

On recommendation of the Highway Supervisor and his report that all construction has been satisfactorily completed, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted into the County highway system all roads in the Maple Ridge Estates Subdivision, including Makena Road and Jacob Lane.

RE: HIGHWAY POLICIES #0721-03 AND #0721-04

On recommendation of the Highway Supervisor and on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners amended the following Department Policies to reflect increases in costs:

Policy #0721-03	\$1.90 per running foot for dust control on County roads;
Policy #0721-04	\$5.00 per running foot for Co-op chip and seal projects.

RE: PERF WORKSHOP

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized all Highway Department employees to attend an informational session on PERF to be held in Jasper on February 11, 2010.

RE: ROAD USAGE AGREEMENT

The Highway Supervisor submitted and the Commissioner discussed a proposed Road Usage Agreement with Solar Sources on CR 580 N and CR 700 W.

RE: ROOMSTORE FURNITURE COMMON STOCK

The County Auditor advised the Commissioners that as a result of Bankruptcy and failure to pay property taxes, the County has received from the Bankruptcy Court 17 shares of common stock for Roomstore Furniture. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners directed the sale of the common stock with proceeds to be treated as tax receipts.

RE: IRELAND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SITE

The Highway Supervisor advised the Commissioners that the lease on the Ireland Solid Waste Collection site will expire in May of 2010. Commissioner Vollmer will contact the Parish Council regarding a renewal.

RE: CLAIM – DOGWOOD ANIMAL CLINIC

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of claim from Dogwood Animal Clinic for \$68.45 for services rendered to one dog delivered to the Clinic by the Sheriff's Department.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The February regular monthly meeting of the Commissioners will be held on February 1, 2010 with a continued meeting to be held on February 16, 2010, both beginning at 9:00 am and both will be held at the Courthouse Annex in the Commissioners' Room.