

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 20, 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 December 20, 2010. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Janet L. Sendelweck, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, and Highway Engineer Jason T. Heile, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck. Minutes of December 6, 2010, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Highway Supervisor reported on Department activities during the ice storm last week. He discussed hours worked by employees, current conditions of roads and knowledge gained from the experience. Also discussed were the following items:

Unimin Road Usage Agreement

Negotiations continue

CR 1200 S Project

No change since last report. Neighbors are in process of raising funds and Spencer County still must make commitment.

JH Rudolph Material Bids

Reported receipt of notice from JH Rudolph of increased rates charged hereafter on Hot Asphaltic Concrete and Bituminous Materials Cold Mix furnished under annual bids.

RE: ORDINANCE #2010-06: FREEZE – THAW OF COUNTY ROADS

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the Commissioners adopted Ordinance #2010-06, placing weight restrictions on County Road usage at 10 ton gross loads for period from January 15, 2011 to April 15, 2011, which Ordinance is as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. To prevent damage caused by excess weight on County Roads during periods of freeze and thaw, the Commissioners hereby establish a 10 ton gross load (weight) limit on all motor vehicles operated on County Roads within Dubois County, Indiana during the period from January 15, 2011 through April 15, 2011. Jasper 3rd Avenue from Jasper city limits south to S.R. 162 is exempt from this Ordinance.
2. Operation of a motor vehicle on any County Road in violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class C infraction, as defined by I.C. 34-6-2-85 and I.C. 34-28-5-4.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted: December 20, 2010

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Heile reports as to the following projects:

Bridge #146

Delayed due to weather

CR 450 S

Met with property owner regarding use of cul-de-sac; will be surveyed and report back

Tax Sale – Oil Lease

Affidavit was filed in 2006 to terminate lease and will discuss with County Assessor

Bridge Inspection

Has been submitted to State for approval

Holland Kentucky Street

Plans for stage one will be submitted to State for review

Road has been maintained by County but is not listed on Highway Inventory. The Commissioners granted authority to add .21 miles of CR 100 S to Road Inventory

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CLAIMS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of the following claims submitted by the Highway Department:

- 1) CLR for \$16,320 for services rendered on Bridge 146;
- 2) Butler Fairmen & Seufert for \$11,457.50 for services completed on annual Bridge Inspection;
- 3) Beam Longest & Neff for \$12,501 for services completed on Holland’s Kentucky Street;
- 4) City of Huntingburg for \$117,610.35 for reimbursement of County share of work completed on CR 400 W improvements

RE: KATHY KERN – CLAIM

The County Auditor submitted a mileage claim from Kathy Kern for mileage from the County Health Department to the Courthouse on those days on which she begins work at the Health Annex and then proceeds to the Courthouse. The Health Department is on the route between the employee’s residence and the Courthouse. Based on this fact and the fact that no other employee is paid mileage for such trips, the Commissioners, on motion duly made and seconded, denied the claim.

RE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

Janet Schnell, representing the County Substance Abuse Council, appeared to submit a copy of the Comprehensive Community Plan as prepared for the period beginning August 2010 for calendar year 2011-2012 funding. The Plan has been approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The Plan will be submitted to the County Council for approval. The Commissioners approved the Plan.

RE: APPOINTMENT – HUNTINGBURG LIBRARY BOARD

Based on notice of vacancy submitted by the Huntingburg Library Director as to a Library Board member, on motion duly made and seconded, Carolyn A. Brewer was appointed to fill the vacancy.

RE: SUPERIOR COURT – TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

Judge McConnell appeared to advise that due to retirement of an employee in the Court’s probation department, he is requesting authority to engage, on a temporary basis, a proposed new employee for purpose of training the new employee by the retiring employee. The temporary position, for an approximate 30 day period, has been previously approved by the County Council. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioner approved and created the temporary position for training purposes.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The Commissioners confirmed future Commissioners’ meetings as being at 9:00 am on:

- January 4, 2011, regular meeting,
- January 24, 2011, continued meeting,
- February 7, 2011, regular meeting,
- February 22, 2011, continued meeting

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER

On motion duly made and seconded, and on recommendation on the Highway Clerk, the Commissioners authorized the following transfer of appropriations within the Department’s Sanitation accounts:

From: Forms	\$600	
To: Gas, Oil, Diesel		\$600

RE: RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tim Bell, representing the County's insurance company for workman's compensation coverage, appeared to advise the Commissioners of the success of the Risk Management programs being conducted by the County. Attendance by County employees has run between 40% to 60%. Because of lower compensation claims, the County's premium rate has been reduced from a 1.31 rate factor to a 1.14 rate. The County Auditor suggested awarding an attendance award based on drawing. It was determined that attendance should be mandatory.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

J.P. Weisheit appeared to submit the proposed grant application of Community Corrections for the 2012-2013 Department of Corrections operating grant. After discussion, the Commissioners on motion duly made and seconded, approved filing of the application and authorized a letter recommending the plan and grant.

RE: WORKMAN'S COMP REFUND

Tim Bell submitted a refund of \$6913 on the County's Workman's Compensation Insurance Coverage.