

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 17, 2011

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 October 17, 2011. Present were Commissioners Lawrence M. Vollmer, Doug M. Uebelhor, and Randall L. Fleck. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, 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 Vollmer. Minutes of October 3, 2011, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: WORK – ONE – JIM HECK

Jim Heck, representing Work One, appeared to request that the Commissioners attend the Work – One annual meeting on October 28, 2011 at 9:30 am at VU in Vincennes. He also reported that due to reduced funding, the County will, beginning in January 2012, share a representative with one or several counties. He also stated that with both City mayors in Dubois County changing after this Fall's election, the County will be required to appoint a replacement chief executive representative representing municipalities to the Work One Board.

RE: JASPER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Nancy Eckerle, representing Jasper Chamber of Commerce, appeared to request the Commissioners to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 21 at 8:00 am. She also wished to state her objection to removal of the two trees on the west Courthouse lawn. She was advised that the trees were creating a root problem for pipes and the fountain.

RE: COUNTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tim Bell of German American Insurance, and the Auditor and Deputy Auditor Sendelweck, appeared to discuss implementing an employee assistance program for County employees. Under the program, the County would engage Solutions of Columbus Indiana to provide assistance in solving problems that interfere with job and living experiences. The purpose is to increase job performance, reduce absenteeism, reductions of medical expenses and worker's compensation claims. The cost would be \$3,222.00 per year. The program includes a phone service and supervisor training. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners agreed to enter the program beginning January 1, 2012, for a period of one year with review after the end of one year, to be paid from the medical account.

RE: DRIVE WAY PERMIT – ROBERT BRIDDELL

Phil Ahrens appeared on behalf of Robert Briddell and Kristi Ahrens requesting a private drive on CR 585 W south of SR 64. The Highway Engineer advised that the location does not satisfy normal sight distance requirements. After discussion regarding concerns as to use of the entrance for commercial (including agricultural) purposes on this property and adjacent real estate, on motion duly made and subject to receipt of liability waiver, the Commissioners approved the permit on the condition that the same not be used for commercial purposes, including berry fields on adjacent real estate.

RE: ENGINEER'S REPORT – SECURITY CENTER

Highway Engineer Heile reported on the current condition of the Security Center parking lot. He estimated that 40% of the lot is in need of or will shortly be in need of repair or replacement. It was installed in 1990. A portion of the problem is under ground water and needs underground drains. The estimated cost of underground work is \$50,000 and surface repair is \$75,000. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the project, subject to approval by the County Council, and recommended the appropriation of \$150,000 for funding.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved an additional appropriation of \$250,000 of Public Road Fund for Little Sandy Coal Co project, and authorized advertisement of appropriation, all subject to the County Council approval.

RE: LIEBERMAN TECHNOLOGIES – SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to report that Lieberman Technologies had agreed to changes requested and had submitted a revised agreement. Agreement approved and signed.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted reports on the following road projects:

State Aid (Feb 28 Storm)	No new report
Weed Ordinance Violation	Land owner has been contacted
Beaver Lake Dam	Most spoils will go to adjacent property owners. County will accept some of the spoils.
Guardrail Request on 225 N	Recommends extending current guardrail by 150 ft, with owner to pay for material and County to provide labor. Commissioners approved extension.
Collection Site, Haysville	Have not heard back on lease renewal request
Jasper Collection Site	Tom Wessel will retire from site after 5 years, Bob Bieker is proposed for replacement – Commissioners approve. Interviews have been held for replacement Sanitation site floater, with three persons interviewed. Propose Charles Kolb, Rita Bieker and Norm Krieg as floaters. Commissioners approve.
Motorgrader Repair	1993 Champion motor grader is need of engine replacement. Quotes have been received. Lot quote is from Cummins Diesel for \$6,250. Approved.
Indiana 811 Sign	State IURC has requested to place sign on west Highway Garage fence on SR 162 regarding “Call before you Dig.” There are a number of other locations within the County where signs will be located. The Commissioners granted permission for IURC (government unit) to install banner.
Annual material Bids	Ad will be run for receipt of annual material bids for 2012 on December 5.

RE: COURTHOUSE TREES

Scott Hopf, Courthouse Custodian, appeared to advise that roots from the two trees on west lawn are coming to surface, are in sewer pipes, and are in danger of getting to fountain. Three bids have been requested for tree removal, with two received as follows:

Tree Pro	\$1,950
Team Tree, Inc	\$1,200

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved removal of the two trees by Team Tree, Inc.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT

Jason Heile, Highway Engineer, reported on Engineering projects as follows:

Dubois Stormwater	Installation of pipes to begin today. Completion dated of project: March 12, 2012.
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Bridge #140
Bridge #244
ADA Transition Plan

Deck poured, will be open by Friday
Will close this bridge October 24, 2011 for replacement.
Attended INDOT seminar on ADA Plan requirements, which applies to all agencies with over 50 employees. Federal funds are tied to preparation of ADA transition plan. Plan includes ADA Coordinator, review of facilities, and plan for correction of noncompliance. Plan should be prepared by December 31, 2012.

RE: RESOLUTION – 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COURTHOUSE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners unanimously adopted the following resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Dubois County Courthouse:

WHEREAS, October 14, 2011, is the 100th Anniversary of the date of dedication of the Dubois County Courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, said Courthouse is the fourth in a line of Dubois County Courthouses used to administer the official business of Dubois County since the establishment of this County in 1818.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana, does hereby acknowledge and commemorate the dedication of the current Courthouse on October 14, 1911, and therefore be it Resolved that this Board of Commissioners does now determine that October 15, 2011 shall be designated as a special date on which the government agencies of Dubois County shall recognize the Courthouse building which has served the needs of the County, its citizens and public officials, and further to recognize and express the application of the Board of Commissioners to those citizens of Dubois County, and their elected officials, who demonstrated the foresight to provide this County with a grand structure which has well served this County for the past 100 years and which can be expected to continue to satisfy the needs of our County for the extended future.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2011.

RE: OCTOBER CLAIMS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the County Auditor to review and pay claims outstanding on November 2, 2011, and to report a list of such claims to the Commissioners on November 7, 2011, being the Commissioners next meeting. This is necessary because of the lateness of the regular November meeting.

RE: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETINGS

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners established the following future meetings:

- November 7, 2011 (after Solid Waste Meeting);
- November 21, 2011, Continued Meeting;
- December 5, 2011 (after Solid Waste Meeting);
- December 19, 2011, continued meeting.

All meeting beginning at 9:00 am at the Courthouse Annex.

RE: ORDINANCE VIOLATION – TRASH DISPOSAL

The Commissioners thereupon entered into Commissioners Court for purpose of hearing a complaint filed by the Director of the County Solid Waste District based upon trash found along CR 175 E containing the names of William Heberer, Burgess Heberer, Kimberly Crays, and Kim Jahn. William and Kimberly appear in person, and based upon testimony, the Commissioners found that said parties should not be held responsible for the unlawful trash disposal, and their case was taken under advisement. Based upon the testimony, Josh Heberer was determined to be in violation of the

County Trash Disposal Ordinance and he was assessed a penalty of \$250.00 and 16 hours of community service under supervision of Community Corrections.