

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 15, 2017

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on May 15, 2017. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames and Nick Hostetter. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the May 1, 2017, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented.

RE: PROBATION OFFICE RENOVATION

Jennifer Lampert, Chief Probation Officer, appeared to again discuss the expansion of the Probation office into the area currently occupied by the Law Library. She explained the lack of need for the Law Library and the needs of her office. She explained the renovation requested and informed the Commissioners that estimates have been requested for the proposed work from three local construction companies and that two proposals have been received, with Jasper Lumber having the low proposal at \$35,810. The Commissioners expressed their consent with the project. Judge Verkamp was present and expressed his approval of the project. A limited number of the library books would be retained and placed in the current hallway. The remainder of the books could be declared surplus, along with the bookshelves, and either stored or disposed of. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the relocation of the law library, and acceptance of the Jasper Lumber Company proposal, all subject to appropriation of funding in the amount of \$40,000 and authorized filing of request to the County Council for \$40,000 for funding of the project.

RE: BRESCHER'S FIRST ADDITION

Phil Buehler, surveyor appeared to request approval of a proposed plat of Brescher's First Addition, in Madison Township, Section 20-T1S-R5W, which is located within the City of Jasper Plan Commission jurisdiction. The plat is filed on behalf of Mark and Diane Brescher, the owners. The City has previously approved the plat. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the plat as submitted.

RE: RASCHE'S FIRST ADDITION – COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

The plat of Rasche's First Addition was resubmitted with resolution of the access problems discussed at the May 1, 2017, Commissioners meeting. Plat with one lot is located in the NW quarter of Section 6-T1S-R3W in Columbia Township. On motion made and seconded, the Plat was approved as submitted.

RE: NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

County Surveyor Brosmer advised the Commissioners of a prior County discussion on attempts to place the County in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Act. The advantages and disadvantages of the Act were discussed. The cost of insurance in the flood plain was discussed. The duty and obligation of the compliance officer under NFIP was discussed. The Attorney submitted to the Commissioners a copy of a research paper which he had printed from the internet on the National Flood Insurance Program. It was determined that additional information should be obtained and discussions held with other Counties not utilizing zoning regulations.

RE: HUNTINGBURG CONSERVATION CLUB DAM

Emergency Management Director Tammy Humbert, Highway Engineer Wendholt, and Leah Jerger, Jade Jerger and Tim Jerger representing the Huntingburg Conservation Club, appeared to discuss the failure of the dam on the Club's Lake during recent flooding and to request that the County sponsor an application for a State grant to pay the cost of repair of the dam to satisfy the Federal and State requirements. County Road 100W is located on top of the dam. The cost of the repair project is estimated to be \$300,000 to \$600,000. The grant would require a 25% match, and the local match would be shared to some extent by the Club and the County, because of the location of the road. The Highway

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 15, 2017

Supervisor advised that the cost of relocation of the road (CR 100 W) would exceed the cost of the County's share for dam repair. The Club officers explained the importance of the Lake to the area. They explained a second grant for which the Club expects to apply. Because of road location, the County will have the major expense of road repair or relocation regardless of the Club keeping the Lake. To partner with the Club is estimated to save the County money. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that they would partner with the Club in seeking to obtain funding for dam repair.

RE: PATOKA RIVER LOG JAMS

Director Humbert appeared with Adam Connelly of the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss log jams in the Patoka River. One of the log jams is currently causing the lack of proper operation of the Corp's measuring station northeast of Jasper. There are approximately four additional log jams on the River in Dubois and Pike Counties. The one jam in question is located south of Coon Seitz Bridge, used for programing releases from the Patoka Lake Dam, which affects farm fields in Dubois County. Humbert stated that, as with the Huntingburg Conservation Club dam, in order to apply for grant assistance for jam removal, which would be the duty of the Patoka Conservancy District, a sponsorship by the County would be required.

RE: BIDS – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised for receipt of bids for 2017 road improvement projects, and proof of publication being presented, the following bids were received, opened, and read aloud.

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>CALCAR PAVING</u>	<u>E & B PAVING</u>	<u>J H RUDOLPH & CO</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
17-01 500 North	\$191,495.00	\$225,589.00	\$225,581.25	\$208,772.14
17-02 180 N & Irish Acres	63,638.50	79,414.50	84,649.50	71,574.25
17-03 Schuetter Road	73,085.50	82,015.00	91,951.00	83,769.85
17-04 1000 East	129,515.00	142,814.00	137,751.00	139,458.41
17-05 700 South	117,656.50	114,394.00	112,029.00	115,042.00
17-06 900 South	29,833.50	30,178.00	36,128.00	28,142.00

The bids were taken under advisement and were delivered to the Highway Clerk and Engineer to review.

RE: USI CONSULTING

Jacque Pentell, USI Consulting, attended to discuss the County's medical insurance coverage and to request consideration of USI services in the future. She submitted a Memorandum regarding Prescription Drugs from non-US Countries, as prepared by their Company. She described the network of services and 16 USI employees ready to provide services to Dubois County. Each of these individuals are experts in their field, including a compliance attorney and a Wellness Director, that would be provided for employee benefits. The Company's representatives are pro-active in assisting the County and its employees. Pentell and Auditor Hopf described to the Commissioners the consequences which would result from a change in the insurance programs and the difference in compensation for various programs was also discussed.

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 15, 2017

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to present his report of the Security Center and Department activities. Average admissions at the jail were 3-4 per day with an average daily population nearing 90. He discussed the disadvantages of contracting out the kitchen services. When dry weather occurs, the parking lot will be repainted. The Sheriff discussed prisoner recreation requirements and the drainage problem on the hill adjacent to the jail. The advantages of the current nursing program were discussed. There were 68 prisoner transports during the prior month.

Commissioner Blessinger discussed the prior request of the Sheriff for an administrative assistant with removal of a part-time employee. The Sheriff restated his request for both the full-time assistant without loss of the part-time person which he stated is required for effective operation of the Security Center. Commissioner Brames stated his doubt as to whether there is justification for addition of both one full-time and retention of one part-time employee. Commissioner Hostetter stated that it was his belief that the \$9,000 cost of the part-time position, considering the job which is performed, is too important to be lost and should not be eliminated. Commissioner Blessinger stated that as originally requested, he believes there is support for the new full-time position, but that he was not in favor of retaining the part-time position. After further discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined to create the full-time position of Sheriff Department administrative assistant and that the current part-time clerical position shall continue until the current holder of the position terminates, or until funding for said position ceases. Commissioner Blessinger voted in opposition to the motion.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Storm Recovery – Numerous culverts, bridges and roads have been cleared and repaired since the flood 16 days ago. Two roads remain closed, 100 W and 325 E. The Department's estimate of damage to County roads and infrastructure is \$439,229.47.

Kurt Schurz County Road 825 West – No new report as Mr. Schurz has been unable to work on project.

Glass Recycling – Recycling by public is improving. Vendor has agreed to again pick up glass.

County Road 100 West – Road remains closed at the Huntingburg Conservation Club. Two pipes are being used to keep lake level down. Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the work done by various County Departments during the flood periods, and for assistance from Jasper and Huntingburg.

Self-Propelled Broom – County is seeking to purchase a self-propelled broom which will be used in various Department projects. The cost of used equipment is \$30,000, which is included in the budget. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the purchase of the used self-propelled broom.

Jail Sink Hole – The drain at the top of the hill at jail level is too small to handle the amount of water involved. Plan to construct concrete collection basin at top of hill. Proposals have been requested from a local contractor.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current engineering projects as follows:

Huntingburg Railroad Overpass – DLZ submits invoice for work on Overpass for \$13.30. On motion made and seconded, invoice approved, payment authorized.

County Road Prioritization Booklets – List of road prioritization completed and list distributed.

Paving Update – List of current status of paving projects distributed.

Road Paving Bids – The following is the result of being the low bid on paving projects:

17-01	500 North	Calcar Paving	\$191,495.00
17-02	180 N & Irish Acres	Calcar Paving	63,638.50
17-03	Schuetter Road	Calcar Paving	73,085.50
17-04	1000 East	Calcar Paving	129,515.00
17-05	700 South	JH Rudolph	112,029.00
17-06	900 South	Calcar Paving	29,833.50

On motion duly made and seconded, the above bids were accepted.

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 15, 2017

RE: COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT COMPENSATION

In compliance with IC 36-2-6-8 and in compliance with direction from the State Board of Accounts, the salary of the President of the Commissioners was reduced, effective immediately, to the same as that currently established for and paid to the remaining two Commissioners.

RE: CYBER INSURANCE

The Commissioners, having reviewed the cyber insurance coverage offered by two companies for such internet protection, on motion duly made and seconded, accepted the proposal from Travelers Insurance for \$1,000,000 of coverage for an annual premium of \$6,277.

RE: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners expressed their intent and support of establishment of a Regional Development Authority for purposes of area highway development under SEA 128-2017.

RE: WEBSITE - REVIZE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized execution of an Agreement with REVIZE for preparation of a County Website for the sum of \$16,480. The Agreement is subject to approval of funding by the County Council. Additional funding will be needed for website design and pictures, for a total of \$20,000 to be requested.

RE: JAIL STUDY

The Commissioners discussed progress being made in obtaining proposals for a study of the County jail facility. Information is still being received from the three engineering firms proposing to provide services. The Commissioners will delay action pending receipt of all proposals and consideration of the fees submitted, services proposed, and evaluation of prior projects performed.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners will meet on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 8:00 a.m., and Monday, June 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., both meetings to be held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex.