

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 6, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on October 6, 2008. Present were Commissioners John G. Burger, Randall L. Fleck and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Clerk Ann T. Messmer and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Burger. Minutes of the September 22, 2008, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of September, 2008, were as follows: Recorder \$15,635.91; Health Department \$18,125.85; Auditor \$217.00; Clerk \$49,200.19. Claims against the County were examined and those found to be just, due and owing were allowed and those found to be not due and owing were disallowed, all as more fully set forth in the Claims and Allowance Docket of the County.

RE: TERRY HOFFMAN'S FIRST ADDITION – BOONE TOWNSHIP

Phil Buehler of Brosmer Surveying appeared with Terry L. Hoffman, to submit a proposed plat for the Terry Hoffman's First Addition in the SW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 5 West in Boone Township, consisting of 5.42 acres, with four lots along County Road 425 North. Proof of publication was submitted. After review, on motion duly made and seconded, the plat was approved as submitted.

RE: HEALTH INSURANCE

Pete Franzman representing Franzman Insurance and Mary Beth Hurst from SIHO, appeared to submit additional information regarding the history during the prior year regarding the County's employee health insurance program and to review the various coverages under the plan. They informed the Commissioners that the use of Patoka Valley Healthcare has resulted in substantial savings for the County and its employees. Several changes were discussed which would increase employee benefits and suggested the change of drug coverage to the CVS program. The reinsurance cost increase for 2009 would be 2%, which is substantially less than being experienced by other employers. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved renewal of the reinsurance program and approved the updated wellness program, effective January 1, 2009.

RE: SMITHVILLE PHONE COMPANY – EASEMENT

Rick Peppers, representing Smithville Phone Company, appeared to request permission to install buried optic cable on Old Huntingburg Road from County Road 400S on the north side of Huntingburg to Kimball Road southwest of Jasper, (County Road 100S). The majority of the cable will be installed by the bore process. The Highway Supervisor requested information as to location of each service box. On motion duly made and seconded, permission was granted subject to construction approval by the Supervisor.

RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Mary Miller, Emergency Management Agency Director, submitted a proposed Agreement for the 2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant for 800 MHz radio purchases in the amount of \$311,878.80. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved and signed.

RE: PORTERSVILLE BRIDGE – PIER REMOVAL

The Highway Supervisor submitted a proposal for removal of the center pier for the old Portersville Bridge. Sole proposal was from CLR, Inc. of Vincennes in the amount of \$66,150. The Commissioners referred the same to the Highway Engineer for review.

RE: COUNTY ROAD 1100 EAST

The Commissioners received proposals for machine use with operator on improvement of County Road 1100E, advertised to be received and opened at 10:00 a.m., and notice being read and proof of publication be submitted, the following proposals were opened in public:

Scott J. Knies Excavating	Not Signed
Lechner's Inc.	\$96.00 per hour

There being only one acceptable bid before the Commissioners, the bid of Lechner's Inc. was accepted.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg reported as follows: PORTERSVILLE BRIDGE (waiting for NRCS application process); ELL CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (completed); RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS (program delayed due to burn ban); STATE ROAD 56 AND COUNTY ROAD 350 WEST (INDOT plans left turn lane on State Road 56); AIRPORT WORK (JH Rudolph will do paving at Airport, road bond will be posted on County Road 900S and Airport Road); ROAD SALT (received 227 tons from Morton Salt); TRI-COUNTY PAVING (notice has been received of price decrease on materials furnished under annual bid).

RE: CLAIM – KENNETH C. GIESLER

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment, conditioned upon filing of State approved form, a letter claim filed by Kenneth C. Giesler for damages to an automobile resulted from unmarked road work in the amount of \$100.00.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHANGE ORDERS

Highway Clerk Messmer submitted the following change orders:

2008-13	Convent Road	J. H. Rudolph & Company	- \$	92.61
2008-08	County Road 175E	Calcar Quarries	- \$	175.00
	Portersville Bridge - repair flood damage	Gohmann Asphalt	+ \$	62,427.42

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

RE: CLAIM – EARTH SOURCES, INC.

Highway Clerk Messmer submitted a claim from Earth Sources, Inc. for \$4,560 for services rendered on wetland mitigation for the Mill Street project. On motion duly made and seconded, the claim was approved and payment authorized.

RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – I-69 CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission submitted a proposed contract for services under the transportation planning grant related with the I-69 project. Cost of the service is \$2,500. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and executed the Contract.

RE: SUPERIOR COURT – PROBATION OFFICE

Judge McConnell appeared to report that as previously authorized, an additional probation employee has been engaged and office space is required, which will be provided by dividing an existing probation office. The expected cost will not exceed \$5,000 but is expected to be lower due to use of surplus furniture, files and room dividers. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the dividing of the office and use of funds, subject to approval of County Council.

RE: SECURITY CENTER – EQUIPMENT REPAIR

Sheriff Tanner reported on repair of equipment at the Security Center. The Sheriff also submitted a report on the number of meals being served at the Security Center.

RE: 4-H FAIRGROUNDS – ROOF REPLACEMENTS

It being the time advertised for receipt of bids on replacement of roofs on six buildings located at the 4-H Fairgrounds, the following bids were received and opened in public:

Wehr Construction & Masonry	\$123,365.84
Blitz Builders, Inc.	\$115,850.00
Knepp Builders	\$117,000.00
Streicher Construction, Inc.	\$109,000.00
Jasper Lumber Company	\$126,705.00
Daviess County Metal Sales, Inc.	\$ 95,770.87

Two bids were received after the opening of bids and were rejected. The bids were referred to representatives of the 4-H Council for review. The representatives after review reported that the Daviess County Metal Sales was the lowest and best bid and complied with all specifications. On motion duly made and seconded, the bid of Daviess County Metal Sales was accepted.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

As previously announced, the continued October meeting will be held on October 20, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The Commissioners established the regular November meeting for November 3, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. with the continued meeting to be held on November 17, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex.

RE: FIRE BAN

Based on dry conditions within the County due to lack of rain, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners reaffirmed a ban of all outside fires within Dubois County.