

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on December 7, 2020. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger and Nick Hostetter. Elmer Brames was present via teleconference. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the November 16, 2020 and November 23, 2020 meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. Incomes for the month of November were as follows: Recorder \$27,753.39; Health Department \$38,363.95; Auditor \$50.00; Clerk \$26,756.21. Income for the month of October was submitted by the Health Department as \$30,856.33. 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: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg presented the following report of Highway projects:

Solar Sources White Stallion News – White Stallion has filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. The CR 800 West project bid totaled \$315,841.50 which included Solar Sources 100% responsibility of the project cost from SR 56 to CR 450 North which is \$40,887, then a 50/50 cost share for the balance which should be near \$137,477.25. Solar Sources cost should be about \$178,364.25. According to the contract, Solar Sources paid half of the invoice in November and the balance is due at the time of invoice for the entire reimbursement. The final invoice has not been received.

### **RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt presented the following report of Highway projects:

Ferdinand Road East (INDOT) – INDOT will be painting the Interstate Bridges next year and they have requested permission to restrict traffic on Ferdinand Road East. They will have a flagger there to control traffic. He reviewed the information, which appears acceptable. A motion was made to approve a temporary road restriction, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **RE: TAX SALE ISSUES**

Attorney Greg Schnarr requested permission to have a title search on the TSP Property, LLC real estate. A motion was made to approve the expense from the Commissioner budget, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

A resident requested access to a property in Woodland Hills Subdivision. Dubois County owns a small parcel and will investigate further with the County Surveyor. No action was taken.

### **RE: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN PROJECT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

County Attorney Schnarr presented an Interlocal Agreement for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan between Dubois County, Indiana, the City of Jasper, and the City of Huntingburg. A motion was made to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **RE: COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS**

The Commissioner appointments for 2021 were reviewed and will be finalized at the next meeting.

### **RE: SUNSET VIEW PLAT RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION**

Phil Buehler, representing M & M Investment Group, requested acceptance of a right of way dedication for Sunset Drive for the Sunset View Subdivision. A motion was made to accept the request and was duly seconded. The motion carried 2-0. Elmer Brames abstained.

### **RE: HEALTH INSURANCE**

Mark Shrack, Gallagher Health Services, presented the Unified Group Services 12 Month Review for the health insurance plan year from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020.

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Angie Pfaff presented the Business Associate Agreement and Consulting Agreement for approval. Upon review by the County Attorney, a change was recommended on the jurisdiction to be changed from Illinois to Indiana. A motion was made to permit the Commissioner President to sign when complete, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

HR Generalist Markie Rhodes presented changes to the EAP program with Life Spring Health Systems for 2021. An Agreement was presented for approval at a cost of \$1.53 per employee per month. A motion was made to approve the Agreement, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM**

HR Generalist Markie Rhodes presented the True Scripts Prescription Program Agreement effective January 1, 2021. A motion was made to approve the agreement, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: 2021 WELLNESS SCREENINGS**

HR Generalist Markie Rhodes requested moving the 2021 wellness screenings to June 2021 to enable employees the ability to work toward the wellness goals and targets. Consensus to approve the change was given.

**RE: JUSTICE FACILITY FINANCING**

Commissioner Blessinger provided information from the financial advisor Baker Tilley on the LIT-CR tax for the proposed Justice Facility.

**RE: HIGHWAY ANNUAL MATERIAL BID AWARDS**

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg presented recommendations for the Annual Material Bids opened at the previous meeting. A motion to approve the recommendations was made, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Item 1. Aluminized Steel Pipe

Awarded to Metal Culverts and CivilCon as backup.

Item 2. Polyethylene Pipe Smooth Interior

Awarded to Southern Indiana Supply Truckload or Less.

Item 3. Geotextile

Awarded to Southern Indiana Supply.

Item 4. Ready-Mixed Concrete

Awarded to Central Concrete and IMI dependent on order size and availability.

Item 5. Bituminous

Awarded to Asphalt Materials.

Item 6. Hot Asphaltic Concrete

Awarded to JH Rudolph and Cave Quarries based on area of need.

Item 7. Cold Mix

Awarded to JH Rudolph and Cave Quarries based on area of need.

Item 8. Stone from Quarry

Awarded to Cave Quarries and Mulzer Crushed Stone based on price and area of need.

Item 9. Stone, Stockpile and Spread on Roads – Delivered by vendors.

Awarded to Cave Quarries and Mulzer Crushed Stone based on lowest price and area of need.

**RE: RESOLUTION #2020-12**

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2020-12 Authorizing the Granting of Funds to the Dubois County Solid Waste Management District in the amount of \$4,272.13. A motion was made to approve the Resolution, was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The Resolution will be presented to the County Council on December 14, 2020.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF FUNDS TO  
THE DUBOIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Dubois County Solid Waste Management District (“Solid Waste Management District”) serves as the solid waste management district for Dubois County, State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Management District is in need of additional funding to assist with and offset the costs associated with additions and modifications to its existing facilities, along the costs associated with providing personal protection equipment (PPE) in response to the necessary expenditures directly incurred to the Solid Waste Management District with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 13-21-3-18, provides in part that the executive of a county located in a district may, with the approval of the fiscal body of the county grant or loan public money to the district; and establish procedures for awarding grants; and for the repayment of loans.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Dubois County and the County Council of Dubois County, Indiana (collectively “County of Dubois”) have authorized a grant to the Solid Waste Management District in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two and Thirteen cents (\$4,272.13).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DUBOIS COUNTY AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DUBOIS COUNTY as follows:

Section 1. That the County of Dubois, State of Indiana is hereby authorized to grant to the Solid Waste Management District, sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two and Thirteen cents (\$4,272.13).

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana, and its approval by the Dubois County Council.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of December, 2020 by the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana.

**RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT CANOPY**

Administrative Director Shawn Werner presented a Contract Modification (change order) for an outside electrical outlet to be added at a cost of \$947. A motion was made to approve the change order, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR VACATION TIME**

Administrative Director Shawn Werner requested permission to carry over unused vacation days from 2020 to be used in January 2021 per the County Employee Handbook. Approval was granted.

**RE: HEALTH COVID-19 PART TIME NURSES**

Administrative Director Shawn Werner requested approval to create two part-time temporary COVID-19 nurse positions in 2021 to continue the work of the current COVID-19 nurse position which expires December 31, 2020. A motion was made to create two temporary part time positions for one year at \$17.50 per hour not to exceed \$31,000 pending County Council approval. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COVID-19 EXPENSES**

EMA Director Tammy Humbert presented expenses incurred by the Dubois County Community Corrections during the COVID-19 pandemic. Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf was present via teleconference. The Commissary expenses were \$10,930.70 for PPE supplies, cleaners, etc. Project Income expenses were \$15,369.95 for participant GPS monitoring. A discussion was held. A motion was made to approve the Commissary expenses in the

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amount of \$10,930.70. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The GPS monitoring expenses will be discussed at the next meeting.

**RE: LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION**

A Declaration to extend the current Commissioners' Emergency Declarations dated March 17, 2020; March 23, 2020; April 6, 2020; May 4, 2020; June 1, 2020; June 15, 2020; July 6, 2020; August 3, 2020; August 17, 2020; September 8, 2020; October 5, 2020; November 2, 2020 was presented to remain in effect at this time and will expire on January 4, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET, but its effectiveness may be shortened or extended by act of the Commissioners. A motion was made to approve the Extension, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**Local Disaster Emergency Declaration Extension**

**WHEREAS**, the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe respiratory illness that has rapidly spread to more than 60 countries in the world, including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02, declaring a public health emergency for the coronavirus disease, and has issued subsequent Executive Orders related thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the outbreak, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) determined that COVID-19 presents a serious health threat and currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, coughs and fever, and home quarantine when they may have been exposed to a communicable disease from those who are healthy in order to STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Executive Order requires coordination across federal, state and local governments, first responders, private organizations and the entire healthcare structure in Indiana and activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of the state, local and interjurisdictional emergency plans of all counties in Indiana; and

**NOW**, therefore, we, the Dubois County Board of Commissioners, declare that a local disaster emergency continues to exist in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 (formerly Indiana Code 10-4-1-23).

All public offices and employees of Dubois County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of laws, regulations, and directives—state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services, in executing emergency operation plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

The Dubois County Health Officer is authorized to issue orders to forbid public gatherings and implement other measures when considered necessary to prevent or minimize the spreading of the COVID-19.

The Commissioners may make, amend and rescind orders, rules and regulations necessary for emergency management purposes and to supplement carrying out the emergency management laws that are not inconsistent with orders, rules or regulations adopted by the governor or by a state agency exercising a power delegated to it by the governor, the emergency management program and emergency operation plan of Dubois County, and any such orders, rules and regulations have the full force and effect of law when filed in the office of the Clerk of Dubois County.

This declaration is an extension of the Commissioners' March 17, 2020 Declaration, March 23, 2020 Declaration, April 6, 2020 Declaration, May 4, 2020 Declaration, June 1, 2020 Declaration, June 15, 2020 Declaration, July 6, 2020 Declaration, August 3, 2020 Declaration, August 17, 2020 Declaration, September 8, 2020 Declaration, October 5, 2020 Declaration, November 2, 2020 Declaration, and in conjunction with the Governor's Executive Orders 20-02, 20-17, 20-25, 20-30, 20-34, 20-38, 20-41, 20-44, 20-47, 20-49 continues to be in effect at this time and will expire on January 4, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET, but its effectiveness may be shortened or extended by act of the Commissioners.

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In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand as of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

**RE: JUSTICE PROJECT**

Commissioner Blessinger opened discussion on the possibility of adding the Judicial Center Component back into the entire project. A discussion was held. It was decided to put the item on the next agenda.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CORONAVIRUS GRANT**

Commissioner Blessinger presented information on the Community Corrections Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant awarded by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for 2021. A motion was made to give Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf permission to sign the grant documents, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.