

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 3, 2019

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 June 3, 2019. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames, and Nick Hostetter. 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 May 20, 2019 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. Incomes for the month of May were as follows: Recorder \$18,757.79; Health Department \$22,043.39; Auditor \$50.00; Clerk \$33,785.30. 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: PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE STAFF REQUEST

Prosecutor Anthony Quinn appeared to request an additional support staff member for 2020. Data and statistics for 2019 will be provided. He will appear at a future meeting.

RE: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT TRUCK

Carla Striegel-Winner requested the consideration to purchase a vehicle in the 2020 budget to replace the 2007 F650 Truck. The truck is experiencing maintenance issues. The existing box is in fairly good condition and could be transferred to a new chassis. The vehicle is owned by the County Commissioners. She presented approximate costs from various vendors and would like to request \$85,000 in the 2020 budget. A motion was made to approve the request to add \$85,000 to the 2020 Cumulative Capital Development budget. The motion was seconded and carried.

RE: SCHEPERS PROPERTY UPDATE

Environmental Health Specialist Shawn Werner gave an update to the progress on the Schepers' property maintenance ordinance violation. Mr. Duane Schepers was also in attendance and was given instructions on how to demolish the building and septic system. The order to complete the cleanup was dated June 3, 2019. Pictures of the clean up process were presented. A motion was made to grant an extension of 30 days and to return to the first meeting in July with an update. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: GREENER PROPERTY UPDATE

Environmental Health Specialist Shawn Werner gave an update on the Greener/Kunkel property.

RE: TITLE IV-D SURPLUS PROPERTY

Deputy Prosecutor Bill Shaneyfelt presented a list of items and requested to declare them surplus. A motion was made to declare the items surplus after sending out pictures of the items to County departments. If no one wants the items after one week, the items may be disposed of. The motion was seconded and carried.

RE: TITLE IV-D PROPERTY LEASE

Commissioner Blessinger questioned if a lease was ever agreed to between the county and his office. The County Attorney was directed to prepare a lease.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM

Museum board members Judge William Weikert, Treasurer Mary Ann Smith, and President Amy Weyer appeared to request additional financial assistance in the amount of \$50,000 per year for a two-year period beginning with the 2020 budget to hire a full-time director. This request would be in addition to the \$10,000 current annual appropriation. Discussion was held. Consensus of the members was to table the issue and discuss at the next meeting.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY FAIR BANNER

Purdue Extension Director Jan Dugan requested permission to place a banner in the Courthouse lawn from July 10-21, 2019 to promote the County Fair. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried.

RE: DUMPSTER SITE STICKER PRICE

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg presented information on increasing the dumpster sticker price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 effective August 1, 2019. A motion was made to increase the sticker price as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Site Attendant Interviews – Interviews will be interviewing for the open position on Friday, June 7, 2019.

Additional Dumpster Boxes – Quotes have been received as follows:

Pyramid Equipment	\$11,160.00
Westfield Steel	\$16,050.48
Castlen Steel	\$23,652.00
Modern Welding	\$49,224.00

The award was given to the low quote from Pyramid Equipment.

Liquid Road Seal Coat – The sealcoat process begins today. Weather permitting, the process should be completed by the end of the week. Roads included are South Newton, Mendel Lane, Ladino Lane, Hayland Drive, and Countrywood Estates.

Chip Seal Projects – Chip and Seal projects will begin on Monday, June 10.

600 North – Following up on the request by Ruth Smith at the May 20 meeting, the site has been examined and repairs have been made.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

County Engineer Brent Wendholt submitted the following report of County Highway projects:

County Road 800 West Reconstruction – Construction is moving along smoothly. The new culverts are installed and have been filling all the fill sections. No major reporting issues.

County Road 100 West and Huntingburg Conservation Club Lake Dam – County Attorney Greg Schnarr has produced an agreement. A copy was presented for review. Huntingburg Conservation Club is reviewing.

Bridge #255 – The bridge beams have been torn out and demolished. With all the rain received, the water level rose and kept the Bridge Crew from getting the wall and footer out. The pile driving will be on hold until the water level recedes.

St. Anthony Road West Hill Slide – Nothing to report. The request for additional funds will be advertised for the Council meeting on June 24, 2019.

Highway Department District 1 Building – Waiting for the contractor to remove the building.

City of Huntingburg Railroad Overpass Project – An invoice was received from the City of Huntingburg in the amount of \$30.44 for the county share of an invoice from DLZ. A motion was made to approve the payment, was duly seconded, and carried.

Rock to Chip/Seal Conversion Program – A new policy #0603-19 was presented. A motion was made to implement the Policy for Dubois County Highway Department Gravel Road to Chip/Seal Road Conversion Program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Utilization reports were presented and found to be very low. Employees are not using the program. President Blessinger will contact Cairnstone for options.

RE: TITLE IV-D OFFICE LEASE

A discussion was held in regard to creating a lease with the IV-D Deputy Prosecutor. The County Attorney will work with the landowner Bill Shaneyfelt to prepare a lease agreement. Currently, there is no lawn service or cleaning service in the budget. These items will be addressed.

RE: HEALTH INSURANCE COBRA ADMINISTRATION

Auditor Morton presented issues with the current COBRA administrator. A new company, Infinisource, can provide the COBRA Administration at a lower cost per month. Currently, the County is paying \$3,045 annually.

Infinisource will cost \$1,755.20 annually. A motion was made to approve switching to Infinisource. The motion was seconded and approved.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS VEHICLE PURCHASE

Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf presented the need to purchase a new vehicle. A list of current vehicles was reviewed. The Community Corrections Board recommended purchasing a Dodge Charger. She presented quotes from two local dealers as follows:

Washington Chrysler	Dodge Charger	\$24,894
Sternberg Chrysler	Dodge Charger	\$25,954

The Chevrolet Silverado will be traded at a value of \$10,500. A motion was made to approve purchasing a vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$26,000 less the trade in value. The motion was seconded and carried.

RE: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Auditor Morton informed the members that Cairnstone Benefit Group is merging with Gallagher. The County should experience no changes due to the merging of the broker services.

The Commissioners decided not to change the employee health insurance premiums at this time.

The Employee Health screenings will be held in August.

RE: LOCAL COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

An agreement was presented to pay Gregory S. Schnarr of Rahman Law Office for services to be rendered as local counsel for the justice project. A motion was made to approve the agreement pending approval of funding by the County Council. The motion was seconded and carried.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. A public hearing for the Justice Study will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 3, 2019 at the Jasper City Hall in the Council Chambers. The next regular meeting will be on June 17, 2019, in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.