

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2021

The regular monthly 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 July 6, 2021. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger and Nick Hostetter. Commissioner Elmer Brames was absent. 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 June 21, 2021 meeting of the Commissioners had been previously distributed to the Commissioners and were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of June 2021 were as follows: Recorder \$26,884.22; Health Department \$16,619.44; Auditor \$154.00; Clerk \$32,993.32. 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: PARK LAND AND WATER GRANT BID

County Attorney Schnarr presented the bids received for the Dubois County Park improvements. A motion was made to reject all bids received, was duly seconded and carried. Park Board President Christine Prior discussed possible fundraising efforts which would enable the project to continue. The Land and Water Grant will expire July 2023.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Highway Department Lost Revenue – Lost Revenue estimates were presented based on Fiscal Recovery Fund guidelines. Should American Rescue Plan funding be received, the funds would be used for paving projects.

Bridge Crew Aluminum Forms – The Bridge Crew currently uses wooden forms for all the concrete work when building bridges and boxes. Each 4' x 8' currently costs around \$140 and lasts typically 2-3 years. The Crew carries approximately 30 forms on the trailer plus filler forms. Due to the high costs of the wooden forms, the department would like to purchase aluminum forms for longevity purposes as well as holding a true shape. Consensus was to support the idea and to gather more information on the costs.

DocuSign Ordinance/Resolutions – After speaking with another County, Wendholt is working with County Attorney Schnarr on preparing either a Resolution or Ordinance.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Staffing – Applications for the open position of District #3 excavator operator and District #2 driver have been received. Interviews will be held next week.

Chip Seal Overlays and Repairs – The chip seal crew has been very productive. They are finishing with Crystal Road North and are moving to 900 East in Columbia Township.

Weed Board Meeting – The Weed Board will meet on July 21, 2021 at the Highway Garage beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Highway 2022 Budget – The 2022 proposed budget was reviewed. Consensus was to support the budget as presented.

RE: 2022 EMS AMBULANCE BUDGET

EMS Coordinator Ryan Young presented the 2022 EMS Ambulance budget. Young requested the creation of a Coordinator Assistant. The Assistant has worked with claims and inventory but was not compensated previously. A motion was made to approve the creation of the position, was duly seconded and carried. The position will be classified as COMOT II. The Commissioners took the budget under advisement to review the subsidy request.

RE: VANDALISM AND DRUG ACTIVITY CONCERNS

Joseph Bajzath, Jasper Loft resident, appeared to present concerns of vandalism and drug activity occurring at the location. Chief Deputy Chris Faulkenberg and Detective Jesus Monarrez will work with Jasper Police Department to assist the residents.

RE: AN ISLAND, LLC COMPUTER SUPPORT

Anjan and Balaji Kashyab, Director and Owner, presented information on the computer information and technology services provided by An Island, LLC located in Tell City, Indiana. No action was taken.

RE: GOV OS

AJ Lamm, Inside Sales Representative, appeared via Zoom to present information on GOV OS, a company that specializes in helping governments on their digital transformation journey. The GovOS Studio converts the paper-based or PDF-driven processes into online services that can be completed, eSigned, and submitted from any device. The GovOS Studio automates the entire form workflow and even handles the

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storage & the management of the completed forms. The approximate cost would be \$6,500. No action was taken.

RE: NEVER AGAIN LEGISLATION

Dr. Richard Moss, MD discussed Never Again Legislation for Dubois County - the mask mandate, school closings, and social distancing. He also requested the consideration of declaring Dubois County a sanctuary with emphasis on the first and second amendments. He discussed a Red County – Red State Initiative to protect our rights.

RE: SURPLUS ITEMS

Auditor Morton presented a list of surplus items which are no longer in use by the Departments. The list included 15 wooden chairs which will be retained. A motion was made to declare the items surplus as listed except for the 15 chairs, was duly seconded and carried.

RE: COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Auditor Morton presented the annual Covered Bridge Certification for 2021. A motion was made to approve the certification, was duly seconded and carried. Dubois County does not have a Covered Bridge.

RE: 2022 COMMISSIONER BUDGET

The 2022 Commissioner Budget was discussed.

RE: DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

The next department head meeting will be held on August 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. to be led by Commissioner Hostetter. The meeting will be held in the Annex Conference Room.

RE: READI GRANT

Discussion was held on the possibility of being listed as a secondary member of Southwest Indiana Development Corporation (SWIDC) as well as a primary member of Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI). No action was taken.

RE: CHILD PROTECTION TEAM APPOINTMENT

The Commissioners have chosen Autaumn Gogel as the appointment to the Dubois County Child Protection Team to represent the County Executive to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Blessinger. A motion was made to approve the appointment, was duly seconded and carried. The term will expire on December 31, 2021.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting will be held on July 19, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.