

SECOND REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2021

The second regular meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on August 16, 2021. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Nick Hostetter and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, Highway Supervisor Steve Berg and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger.

Minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. 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:

Request for Temporary Use and Closure of the Road – The Schnellville Community Club will host the Schnellville Derby 4-mile Country Run/Walk on Sunday September 19, 2021 during the Community Picnic and have requested use of the roads along the route beginning at the Schnellville Community Club on Market Street, moving east to CR 800 East and turning right to the Schnellville Road, then left and continue down the "Mill Hill" and turn south on Schnell Road where they travel north back to the Schnellville Road. From that point, they will turn east then turn north on Elm Street to the finish line. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Road Grader Training – Road grader training session will take place on August 18 & 19, 2021. Scheduled field work will take place on Ell Creek Road which is north of the Co-Op at Phoenix Drive through the intersection of Voelkel Road. This road will be closed between noon and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

CR 720 East Improvement Status – Road widening and stone base application are continuing. Hopefully the project will be completed soon and Chip Seal work can resume on or around August 30, 2021.

Second Round of Aspen Application – Plans to begin the final seal coat projects on Monday, August 23, 2021 weather permitting. The target roads include Club Road from SR 64 South to the Ferdinand Town Limits, CR 825 South from Club Road to SR 162 Airport Road from 900 South near the terminal office, south and west to US 231, Holland Road Southwest from 720 West to 1000 South, and Santine Road from St. Anthony Road North to SR 164 near Celestine. There will be no anticipated closures during the work; however, minor delays will be expected as all areas will encounter one-lane traffic patrolled by a pace truck that will move traffic thru the work zones.

Road Striping Today – With the completion of paving on CR 575 East and Ellsworth Road, striping of the roads will resume. Shoulder stone will then be applied following the painting.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

2022 to 2025 Countywide Bridge Inspection – The Contract for INDOT-LPA Agreement for Reimbursement of 80% of the Consultant Bridge Inspection Contract was presented. A motion was made to approve the contract, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Bridge Crew Aluminum Forms – The Engineer has met with a Representative and should receive a quote soon.

2021 HAC Paving Projects – CCMG Projects

C&R Construction, Inc. – An update was provided on the following:

21-01	Jasper-Dubois Road	Began on 8-13-2021
21-02	Division Road	Not yet Scheduled
21-03	575 East	Completed on 8-5-2021
21-09	Ellsworth Road	Completed on 8-12-2021
21-10	420 S, 170 E, 430 S	Not yet Scheduled
21-11	630 S, 400 W	Not yet Scheduled

Calcar Paving, Inc.

21-07	600 West	Not yet Scheduled
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E&B Paving, Inc.

21-08	Ackerman Road	Not yet Scheduled
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RE: PSC TOWER LEASE

Wayne Blake, PSC, presented a new Tower Lease Agreement for space on the Dubois County Sheriff's Radio Tower located at 255 Brucke Strasse, Jasper. The agreement shall become effective on October 19, 2021 which is the date as of which it is executed and shall remain in effect for a period of 24 months. A motion was made to approve the Lease, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: WHITE STALLION BANKRUPTCY

County Attorney Greg Schnarr presented an update on the White Stallion Bankruptcy status.

RE: CRISIS CONNECTION

Executive Director Paula Rasche and Educator Renee Williams of Crisis Connection presented information on the programs provided by Crisis Connection. Programming in the schools provides two age

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and developmentally appropriate lessons to classrooms using standardized Scripts and PowerPoint presentations which include information and fun and engaging videos, games, and activities for students using the Monique Burr Foundation Prevention Education Programs for students in grades Kindergarten through 8.

RE: MATRIX COMPUTER CONTRACT

Commissioner Blessinger reported he had met with Rob Wildman of Matrix Integration to discuss the computer consultant contract which will expire in November 2021. A discussion was held.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT

A motion was made to appoint Chris Tretter of Ferdinand, Indiana, to the fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term of Michael P. Weyer which ends on July 12, 2021. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Commissioner Blessinger provided an update on the construction project at the Security Center and Community Corrections.

RE: SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Dave Bottorff, Director of Association of Indiana Counties, and Dianna Webb, Nationwide Retirement Solutions, presented a \$1,000 scholarship award to Dylan Hopf, son of Custodian Scott Hopf and Deputy Auditor Chris Hopf.

RE: HOOSIERS ENDURING LEGACY PROGRAM (HELP)

Commissioner Blessinger provided an update on the new Hoosiers Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for strategic planning in the County. HELP is designed for local units of government to optimize their Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Commissioner Hostetter provided an update on the Regional Sewer District Study.

RE: PATOKA WATERSHED SUPPORT

Commissioner Brames requested support for the Patoka Lake Watershed Committee's Section 319 Grant Application. A motion was made to support the Patoka Lake Watershed Committee in their attempt to reduce nonpoint source pollution in the Patoka Lake Watershed by providing education on water quality issues and promoting watershed protection through lake cleanup events, signage and other educational materials. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: WAGE CLASSIFICATION

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter requested adding wage classifications in the MPOLE class for employees in the Sheriff Department that have taken on more duties and responsibilities. A motion was made to approve the following wage classifications: Sergeant Instructor/Detective - MPOLE III and Deputy Instructor – MPOLE II, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: COVID-19 MEMORIAL

Committee Chairman Chris Waltz and Beth Waltz presented information on the COVID-19 Memorial to be placed on the Courthouse lawn and sought approval to begin the process to seek funding. A discussion was held. The current design and location was discussed. A motion was made to approve the general design presented, to place it on the Southeast lawn of the Courthouse and that taxpayer money will not be used to fund the initial construction. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: KIDS DAY COURTHOUSE USE

Kaylyn Sendelweck requested use of the Courthouse Facilities for the Annual Kid's Day to be held on September 18, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Jasper Downtown Merchants. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on September 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.