

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 5, 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 August 5, 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, County Surveyor Kenneth Brosmer and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting of the Commissioners and the minutes of the July 15, 2019 Public Hearing of the Justice Study were approved as presented. Incomes for the month of July were as follows: Recorder \$21,693.63; Health Department \$21,292.37; Auditor \$100.00; Clerk \$37,223.79. 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: TRASH COURT UPDATE

Carla Striegel-Winner and Randy Boehm, representing the Dubois County Solid Waste Management District, gave an update on the Lemond Trash Court violation. Communication with the Lemond's has been limited and no fees have been paid to date. Shawn Werner, Health Department, also gave an update on the septic system of the property. They are also noncompliant. Both issues will be addressed at 10:00 a.m. on August 19, 2019.

RE: US IMAGING – RECORDER

Recorder Jackie McPherron requested permission to contract with US Imaging to digitally image deed books in the Records Library and to have access 24 hours per day over a short time period while doing their work. Security concerns need to be addressed before approval can be granted.

RE: AMBULANCE PURCHASE REQUEST

Ambulance Coordinator Suzan Henke appeared to request \$250,000 to purchase a new ambulance to replace the 2007 Ford E450. She presented maintenance costs on the current fleet. Discussion was held. A motion was made to approve the request to purchase an ambulance at a cost of \$250,000 pending Council approval, was duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

RE: HEALTH CARE CLINIC

President Blessinger reported on a meeting with Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center regarding providing a clinic for employees.

RE: TAX PAYMENT KIOSK

Treasurer Kitty Merkley provided information on a payment kiosk that could replace the current drop box in the Annex. Hoosier Hills Credit Union would provide the kiosk costs in exchange for a non-interest-bearing deposit of County funds. Merkley was directed to gather more information and return at a future meeting.

RE: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A discussion was held on the LifeSpring EAP program. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

RE: EMPLOYEE SICK BANK

Currently, the Auditor appointment to the Employee Sick Bank Committee is vacant due to the retirement of Sheryl Sendelweck. The new appointment will be Brooke Greenwell. Continuation of the program was discussed.

RE: WEED ORDINANCE COMPLAINT

Resident Doug Winchell appeared to request assistance with a weed issue at 7414 S Club Road. A complaint form was submitted to the Highway Department. Site visibility is a concern when exiting his driveway. Commissioner Hostetter and Highway Supervisor Berg have viewed the property. Discussion was held.

RE: ROAD GRADER BID OPENING

It being 9:45 a.m., the time advertised for receipt of bids on the Highway Department Road Grader, the following bids were received and read aloud:

ERB Equipment Company	\$269,755	Whayne Supply	\$277,727.62
Trade In	- 7,500		- 10,000.00
Total Cost	\$262,255		\$267,727.62

The bids were taken under advisement.

RE: PARK GRANT

Lisa Gehlhausen, Region 15 Planning Commission, gave a presentation on the status of the DNR grant process for expansion of park amenities. Discussion on potential challenges with legal descriptions and existing lease and amendments was held. Discussion was also held to place remaining park grounds into restricted use for parks and recreation in perpetuity. Future plans for access/public access will need to be addressed. The County Attorney Greg Schnarr, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer and Lisa Gehlhausen will meet to address the issues discussed.

RE: USI INSURANCE

Jacque Pentell, USI Insurance, presented information on brokerage services that USI can provide for Dubois County. Brian Garcia, Wellness for Life Medical, LLC, presented clinic services that could be provided to the County employees.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

600 West Railroad Crossing Update – Nothing to report.

Celestine Road North Repair – On Hold.

Interlocal Agreement with Orange County – An Interlocal Agreement has been sent to Orange County for review. A motion was made to approve the proposed Agreement with an addition to Section 1 to include “piece of equipment *or manpower* is being...” The motion was duly seconded and carried. A revised agreement will be sent to Orange County.

St Anthony Temporary Road Closure – The St. Anthony Fire Department is requesting a temporary road closure during the annual car show which will be held on August 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. They wish to close South Street from just east of St. John’s Street to just west of Cross Street. Also St. Joseph’s Street from just behind the American Legion to South Street. This closure is in the event of overflow for the Car Show. A motion was made to approve the road closure, was duly seconded and carried.

Ferdinand Dumpster Site Expansion - Plans for the expansion of the Ferdinand site are drawn and nearly final. Berg is meeting with the landowner on August 6 to work on the details. The plan includes the installation of a trash compactor and the repurposing of some boxes for recycling.

Sanitation Sticker Increase – Closeout audits were conducted on Wednesday July 31, 2019. All attendant accounts were properly zero balanced and closed. The stickers have been reissued to all attendants at the new price.

Advance Sticker Purchase Information – 2019 sticker sales information is as follows:

March \$22,620, April \$26,785, May \$26,064, June \$35,145 (June 2018 was \$25,516,) July \$57,714 (July 2018 was \$27,978.) Average monthly sales are normally in the \$25-26,000 range. It stands to reason that sales during the next several months are likely to be below average.

Chip Seal Projects – All projects are complete.

Continued Storm Recovery – Continuing to repair shoulders, slides, and washouts where heavy run off impacted the roads.

Budget Transfer of Funds – A request to transfer highway funding from Other Services Workman’s Compensation to Equipment Repair in the amount of \$22,000. A motion was made to approve the transfer, was duly seconded and carried.

Distressed Road Fund Report – the annual report of Distressed Road Funding was presented. A motion was made to approve the report, was duly seconded, and carried.

Weed Board Meeting – The Board will meet on August 6, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Bridge #255 – The North footer and ½ the wall has been constructed. Everything is moving along well now that the water has receded.

St. Anthony Road West Hill Slide – The hill slide has been excavated back and the drainage tile has been laid and properly backfilled with rock. Replacing dirt and properly compacting can take place. Proper compaction is essential to getting the road fixed properly.

Highway Department District 1 Building – The Contractor has the shell of the building up. The concrete for the sign shed has been poured for the sign shed. Now waiting on the Contractor to come back to finish.

City of Huntingburg Railroad Overpass Project – An invoice has been received in the amount of \$5,037.57 to cover missed invoices. There are questions and concerns. Engineer Wendholt will get further explanation from the City before recommending payment.

2019 Community Crossing Paving Projects – Project Update:

18-15	Industrial Park Drive	E&B Paving	Completed on July 1
18-16	1025 East	Calcar Paving	Completed on June 6
18-17	100 South & 650 West	Calcar Paving	Completed on July 10
18-18	550 South	J.H. Rudolph Paving	Completed on July 18

All projects are complete and waiting for the Community Crossing Grant funding from INDOT.

2019 MVH Paving Projects:

19-01	Town of Cuzco/ Cuzco Road South	Calcar Paving	Not Scheduled
19-02	450 West, 100 South & 350 West	Calcar Paving	Not Scheduled
19-04	150 North	Calcar Paving	Completed on July 11
19-06	325 East	Calcar Paving	Not Scheduled
19-07	350 West	Calcar Paving	Completed on July 13
19-10	W/L Cuzco Road South & 330 North	Calcar Paving	Not Scheduled
19-12	585 West	J.H. Rudolph	Not Scheduled
19-13	1000 South	J.H. Rudolph	Not Scheduled

RE: WTH - ELECTRONIC MAP DATA REQUEST

On motion duly made and seconded the Commissioners approved EDP Renewables North America LLC application requesting WTH/GIS electronic mapping for Dubois County. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: JUSTICE PROJECT

A discussion was held on the Justice project and potential delivery methods.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the Commissioners'/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex, beginning at 8:30 a.m.