

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 7, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on May 7, 2018. Present were Commissioners Nick Hostetter, Chad A. Blessinger and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was opened for business by President Hostetter. Minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of April, 2018 were as follows: Recorder \$21,772.63; Health Department \$27,761.74; Auditor \$58.00; Clerk \$ No Report Submitted for March and April . 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. On motion duly made and seconded, payroll docket was approved.

RE: MARY RASCHE EXEMPTION – MARION TOWNSHIP

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, appeared on behalf of Mary Rasche, to request a family farm exemption under the County Subdivision Ordinance for her daughter, Sandra Hemmerlein, for a 6.095 acre tract in the SW quarter NW quarter of Section 27-T1S-R4W in Marion Township. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the request for exemption was granted.

RE: ROSE RIDGE SUBDIVISION PLAT – JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, appeared on behalf of the Helen Buechler Testamentary Trust, to file a proposed plat for Rose Ridge Subdivision in the SE quarter NW quarter of Section 16-T25-R4W in Jackson Township, consisting of two lots on 4.850 acres. After review and approved by the Highway Engineer, the Commissioners approved the plat as submitted.

RE: SLIPPERY RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION PLAT – FERDINAND TOWNSHIP

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, appeared representing Donald and Linda Wendholt, to submit a plat for Slippery Ridge Estates, in the SW quarter NE quarter and SE quarter NW quarter, both in Section 10-T3S-R4W in Ferdinand Township. The plat consists of two lots from a 10.010 acre tract. The 10.010 acre tract included in the plat includes a .403 acre parcel, which is located in both quarter-quarter and, by survey, ownership of which is assigned to an adjacent owner, but is included in public road right-of-way. On motion made and seconded, the plat was approved as submitted and the overlap was waived since included in public right-of-way.

RE: MARK AND KAREN EISENHUT EXCEPTION – COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

Mark Eisenhut appeared with request for family farm exemption in SE quarter of Section 22-T1N-3W, consisting of two acres. The lot is to be used for residence for the petitioner's daughter. On motion made and seconded, the exemption was granted.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY TOURISM

Kevin Manley, Director of Dubois County Tourism, appeared to update the Commissioners on the various projects developed and operated by his office, and of the benefits enjoyed by the County, including visitor sales and expenditures, resulting in income to the Dubois County businesses and residents. He also explained that profits from various projects in the amount of \$142,000 have been distributed to various community charitable projects. Manley explained the attempt to combine activities with other adjacent Counties. He also listed activities which are planned to take place this summer and fall relating to the 200th Anniversary, as well as projects proposed in 2019.

RE: COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC

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Commissioner Blessinger informed the Commissioners that he had been contacted by and met with a representative of the "Coalition Against Bigger Trucks" regarding proposed legislation.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Donna Oeding, Director of the County Health Department, reported to the Commissioners regarding bids received for the purchase of two vehicles for use by the Department, the lowest being a Chevrolet from Uebelhor & Son and a Ford from Sternberg Ford. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved purchase of the two vehicles being the lowest bids. The County Council had previously appropriated funds for the purchases. The auto insurance thereon will be paid through the Commissioners' budget.

The Director also discussed a residential structure which is vacant and in possible violation of County Dilapidated Building Ordinance. The owner refuses County access to the property. Under the State statute, a Court order for inspection will be required, which would require legal representation. The County Attorney is unable to be involved in the case; therefore, the Commissioners discussed the source of funding expenses for various violations of County Ordinances. The Commissioners determined that initially the funds required will be paid with \$1,000 from the Commissioners' Operating Fund, but that long term expenses would be funded by a newly created Ordinance Enforcement fund.

RE: CUZCO-NORTON ROAD PETITION – COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

Dan Knies appeared to request improvement of County Road 750N, south of Cuzco Norton Road in Columbia Township, from railroad tracks east to County line, in Section 25-1N-3W, being a rock County road. The Highway Supervisor described the area and the funding process, including the fact that normally a five year funding delay usually would occur. A discussion followed as to procedure followed in allocating funding for improvement of rock roads to paved roads. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the petition and road dedication and directed that the project be placed on the list for improvement as funds are available.

RE: SAINT HENRY ANNUAL RUN/WALK

Chris Lindauer appeared to request partial closure of public roads in the Town of Saint Henry for the Saint Henry Annual 4-mile Run/Walk, on June 9, 2018 from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The run begins at Bungalow Bar on CR 1100S, to CR 200W, to CR 1000S, to CR 100W, to CR 1100S. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved partial closing of the subject roads at the stated time.

RE: HIGHWAY SANITATION TRUCK BIDS

It being 10:00 am, the time advertised for receipt of bids for purchase of a replacement Sanitation Truck for the Highway Department, the following bids were opened and read to the public:

Compactor	Pyramid Equipment	\$69,169.00
Chassis	Sternberg Truck	\$69,628.52 Net
	Truck Centers	\$69,129.00 Net

The Commissioners took the bids under advisement and referred to the Supervisor.

RE: COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Commissioners continued discussion of the proposed Subdivision Ordinance. The review was made on a paragraph by paragraph format. Revisions included adding possible use of designees to the Review Committee, removed the square foot requirement for residential structures, removed the two acre requirement on penalization under Section 13 (c), and discussed restrictions which are required for property which receive exemptions under Section 14 to prevent

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construction of residential structures on exempted tracts and a discussion regarding agricultural exceptions. Changes will be made to ordinance draft and resubmitted by the Engineer.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to advise the Commissioners that "Judge", a Sheriff's Department K9 dog, has a health problem and is no longer capable of service. On recommendation of the Sheriff, the Commissioners declared "Judge" as surplus County property. In Judge's best interest, after seven years of service to the County, ownership was conveyed to his handler, Deputy Brad Kendall, for his future care.

The Sheriff distributed his monthly report of Department activities and statistics since the last monthly report. Discussion was held regarding housing of County prisoners in other Counties and the costs related thereto. He reported on Deputies' activities, kitchen equipment improvement, new deputies and personnel in training. The Sheriff reported that Jeff Maudlin of Jasper has devoted countless hours of volunteer services at the jail relating to counseling, skills and education and has recently passed away. He stated it is proper that he be recognized for his service.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current engineering projects at the Highway Department as follows:

Huntingburg Railroad Overpass – Invoice received from DLZ for \$3634.92 as County portion for services. Claim approved and payment authorized.

Culvert Replacement #PA3E4112-0.311 - Culvert is in place and head walls are in process. Completion within next 10 days.

Bridge Inspection – Claim received from American Structure Point for \$29,158.42 for Phase 1 of 2018-2021 Countywide Bridge Inspection. On motion made and seconded, claim approved and payment authorized.

2018 Paving Projects – Round 2 project list ready for bids, which will be received on June 18, 2018.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of current Department projects as follows:

Sanitation Truck – One bid for compactor which is in compliance and acceptable. Two chassis bids, the Truck Center bid is low by \$499.52, but has no guarantee as to delivery date, even by end of 2018, therefore unacceptable because of need for truck. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the Pyramid bid, rejected the Truck Center's bid and accepted the Sternberg bid based on availability.

Open Positions – Due to retirements, there will be several open positions to be filled and interviews will be held shortly. One retirement will be in a foreman's position and could cause some changes in several positions.

Dixie Lane – Developer Randy Berg has constructed new road intersecting Saint Anthony Road West, being 580 feet long, which complies with County requirements. A check for \$8,703.16 has been submitted for paving and signage, which will be held by the County for development bond for completion of road construction when three lots are sold. Additional expense beyond the bond amount will be covered by County. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted Dixie Lane into County Road inventory.

Private Road Addresses – Problems are being experienced by addressing residential structures which are on private roads, but accessed from other public or private roads. Private road signs are outside County jurisdiction and the numbering system has misled emergency vehicles when on private roads based on nearby public roads.

Transfer of Appropriations – Based on recent order for sanitation stickers, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved transfer of \$500 from Dumpster Sites into Recycling Expenses to cover the excess sticker cost.

Sanitation Sticker Purchase – Four quotes were requested for purchase of 300,000 stickers, with two responses: \$7455.41 from Waste Zero and \$10,800 from Rydin Decal. The purchase from the low proposal was approved.

Property Maintenance – Highway and Solid Waste personnel have visited local sites and letters will be issued to owners to clean up site before public work is performed, at owner's expense.

Highway Mowing – The County will begin mowing along County Roads beginning May 14, 2018. New boom mower will assist in this process. Repair sealing of winter damage on various roads will also be performed.

Wage Study Compensation Adjustments – Job classifications and approved wage ranges for various jobs were discussed. In an attempt to correct several underpaid positions, several changes in classifications are

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recommended. The Commissioners approved a change in classifications from LTC5 to LTC6 for position in question, being mechanic's classification.

RE: SCHOOL FUND REPORT

The Commissioners executed the Annual Report of condition of the School Fund for the County for the period ending April 30, 2018. The Report is filed with State Board of Education.

RE: SIHO ASSOCIATES AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS

The Commissioners approved and executed the Business Associate Agreement between the County and Southeastern Health Operations Inc., SIHO, dated November 1, 2017, and an Administrative Services Agreement with SIHO Insurance Services.

RE: GIS AGREEMENT - CITY OF JASPER

The Commissioners approved and executed a GIS Data Exchange Agreement with the City of Jasper.

RE: DIVISION ROAD REAL ESTATE SALE

The County Attorney reported to the Commissioners that after several conversations with the bidder for the County real estate on Division Road, the bidder did not increase their bid to the minimum appraised average value. After discussion, the Attorney was directed to contact the bidder to offer sale at the minimum price of \$15,255.00 being 90% of Fair Market Value.

RE: MIDSTATE CORRIDOR REPORT

Commissioner Brames discussed with the Commissioners the recent meeting of the Regional Development Authority regarding funding required for the Midstate Corridor, both preliminary studies and construction, and the source of those funds. The environmental study will be the first step which will require local funding.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex, beginning at 8:30 a.m.