

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 16, 2018

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on July 16, 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 July 2, 2018, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Claims and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Docket.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER

Megan Durlauf, Director of Community Corrections, appeared to discuss proposed revisions at the Community Corrections building, including rearranging of the case worker offices to move one doorway, dividing joint office into two offices, for safety and confidentiality purposes. She also discussed proposals received for the work to be done. A drawing of the proposed changes was discussed. Commissioner Blessinger stated that the Advisory Board was in favor of the changes. On motion made and seconded, the changes were approved as presented. Also discussed was the addition of a window between the holding section and reception area so that individuals would not pass into the public area. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the purchase of a glass window from Keusch Glass for \$2,500 and the building renovations by Seufert Construction for \$24,475.

RE: IRISH ROAD BOWLING

Janet Schitter, representing St. Patrick's Celebration, appeared to submit a proposed route for the Irish Road Bowling project on County Road 700W and 500N in Madison Township, on September 15, 2018 beginning at 1:00 p.m. On motion made and seconded, the route was approved for limited road closing under the condition that proper signage was used.

RE: TRI-COUNTY YMCA

Mike Steffe, Director of Tri-County YMCA at Ferdinand, appeared to describe the current status of Tri-County which was founded in 2004. The organization has 2500 members, of which 72% are from Dubois County. The organization has after school and summer activities for area students, and has free and reduced meals for students during the summer. They provide student and adult exercise programs. The organization operates with six full-time and 130 part-time and volunteer personnel. Youth activity participation does not require membership. Approximately 5000 individuals are served per year. He encouraged the YMCA to be included as part of the Regional Stellar Communities program.

RE: TAX COMPENSATION LITIGATION

Commissioner Blessinger reported that the County has joined the class-action "Payment in Lieu of Tax" (PILT) litigation against the Federal Government for compensation on road improvement projects. Legal costs will be deducted from any proceedings payable to the County, if any.

RE: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR

It was reported that the part-time position of County Weights and Measures Inspector, is vacant. The method of giving notice of the vacancy to the public was discussed. The Commissioners will prepare such a notice of vacancy. The State will be involved with instructions to the inspector and records of prior inspections are available to assist the replacement.

RE: REBEKAH ATKINS

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Rebekah Atkins appeared to advise the Commissioners that she believes she is involved in several lawsuits in Dubois County involving other people using her identity and that the records are sealed. The Clerk has informed Ms. Atkins that no lawsuits in the local Court involve Rebekah Atkins. The Commissioners informed Ms. Atkins that to the best of their knowledge, they are not involved with any legal proceedings with Ms. Atkins.

Atkins also complained that the County Health Department will not open their birth records for her inspection. The County Attorney advised that the County Health Department employees will not allow her to inspect the County birth records based on the fact that confidential records are mixed with non-confidential records and the Department employees are searching the records based on information furnished by Ms. Atkins and are finding nothing. Other people are also asking for information and being refused. The Commissioners advised they will use due process to look into the matter.

RE: CAIRSTONE – EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mark Shrack, representing Cairnstone, the County Health Insurance consultant, appeared to file with the Commissioners a Report of Claim Experience of the County. He stated that the County is running at 77% of aggregate claims, which is very favorable for the County. There have been \$1,518,667 expected claims. The current year claims are running lower than the prior year claims. Cairnstone will be going to market for our renewal in August. Cairnstone proposes to conduct health improvements for diabetes during next year to reduce claims and the program was discussed. The cost is \$55 per month per participating member suffering from diabetes. The cost is paid by the employer, but brings reductions in claims within one or two years. Nancy Wilson stated that a number of Dubois County employers are currently attempting to have the County designated as a "Healthy County". Other programs for 2019 would be tobacco free insurance incentives and premium reduction for program participation. COBRA rates for 2019 are also important for the County for budget purposes, and will be effective November 1. Suggestion was also made that several other TPA's be introduced to the Commissioners to present data to the County. SIHO will be granted the final opportunity to present information to the Commissioners.

RE: TRUE SCRIPTS

Nathan Gabhart representing True Scripts, appeared to present a six month report on the County's prescription costs. For January through June, 2018, the plan cost per member per month is \$67.92, a decrease from \$69.56 for the same time period in 2017. The plan cost for this six month period is \$228,202. A detailed review of data as to prescription use, consisting of 17 pages of data were reviewed and distributed to Commissioners.

RE: NATIONWIDE INSURANCE

Nationwide Insurance has proposed changes in the Employee Deferred Comp plan. Information was distributed to the Commissioners and County Attorney for review and decision at the August 6, 2018 meeting.

RE: CASA

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners declared as surplus and of no value a printer, and authorized disposal of the item held by the CASA office.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of current Department projects:

Paving Project Change Orders – Supervisor submitted change order increases on Project 17-15 on CR 350S, 375S and 75W for \$859.79 and on Project 18-02 on Highland Estates and Ellsworth Road for \$914.04, both caused by increased materials used.

Distressed Road Fund – Report submitted showing balance of \$511,929.20 as of August 13, 2018. On motion made and seconded, report approved.

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Boom Mower Purchase – Mower previously bid on February 20, 2018 for \$54,327.50 which is working well and additional mower is needed. Prior low bid was \$4,000 lower than next low bid. On motion made and seconded, the purchase of the second mower at same price was approved for the sum of \$54,327.50.

Durapatcher Purchase – A 1997 Durapatcher needs replacement. Emission changes will occur after August 6th and new type of engine will be required at a higher cost and operating cost will be higher. Because of this, Supervisor requests authority to accept bids on August 6th. Funds are available. Permission given for authority to receive bids.

St. Anthony Car Show – St. Anthony Fire Department is requesting temporary road closing from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm on August 18, 2018, of South Street from St. John Street to Cross Street and of St. Joseph Street from American Legion to South Street for the Annual Car Show. On motion made seconded, permission for closures granted.

Sealcoating – Work has started in Town of Dubois and should be completed in several days. Whoderville streets will follow.

Chip Seal Progress – Work is progressing in St. Anthony and Birdseye area this week. Base repair is needed in some areas, which are being skipped but will be done later after repairs are complete.

County Road 990 East – The property owner is requesting the County to gravel the current dirt road which does not meet County standards. Commissioner Blessinger discussed the road with the owner and offered to discuss dedication of road. The Commissioners discussed that the County would add rock if proper dedication was filed, but questioned whether this would open a possibility of establishing a precedent. It was the opinion of two Commissioners that the Commissioners should not create this precedent without additional consideration.

J.H. Rudolph Escalation Increase – J.H. Rudolph has requested an increase on 2018 highway paving Bid Items 6 and 7, based on material cost increases for an 11% increase on Asphaltic and 1% increase on Cold Mix. This increase would be as provided in the bid specifications and the corrections of the increase are checked by the Supervisor. The increase was approved.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Railroad Overpass – Invoice received from city of Huntingburg for County's share of expenses in the amount of \$4,087.60. On motion made and seconded, payment was approved.

Paving Projects – Report made on status of various projects related to the 2018 highway paving program, both Community Crossing and Highway Funded.

RE: FLAG LOWERING

Commissioner Blessinger submitted a proposed resolution with regard to flag lowering following the death of current or former full-time elected County officials. The same will be discussed at the August 6, 2018 meeting.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG

Commissioner Brames reported on the recent Dubois Strong meeting, dealing with Mid-States Corridor. Orange County has expressed an interest to possibly belonging to the RDA Committee. The location of the proposed highway could include an Orange County area. Also discussed was presentation of the annual budget.

RE: SECURITY CENTER

It was the belief of the Commissioners that the Security Center project should continue to go forth without unnecessary delay. The over-population of the jail continues. The need for additional data is necessary before a detailed study can be started and the determination of needs is important.

RE: COUNTY PARK

Commissioner Brames reported on the recent meeting of the County Park Board discussing future use and improvement of the County Park adjacent to the 4-H Park. Drawings of the various proposals were presented. Additional campsites and restrooms are immediate needs.

RE: PATOKA WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Commissioner Brames reported on actions taken at a recent Patoka Water and Sewer District Board meeting. Included were facility expansion and sewer improvements in the County Park area.

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RE: SECURITY CENTER SITE

Commissioner Hostetter reported that a 2.13 acre tract southeast of the Security Center is currently listed for sale.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners will meet on Monday, August 6, 2018, and Monday, August 20, 2018. Both meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex.