

SECOND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The second 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 February 19, 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, and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Minutes of the February 4, 2019, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Claims and Allowance Docket and Payroll Docket, payment of said items was authorized.

RE: BID OPENING – 800 WEST

It being 8:00 a.m., being the time advertised for receipt of bids for Phase II reconstruction of 800W, a sole bid from Knies Construction was received in the amount of \$75,975. The bid was taken under advisement.

RE: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

A discussion was held on the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT – 800 WEST

Darrell Lee, Joel Terwiske, and Raymond Schwenk appeared to discuss the progress on the reconstruction of 800W.

RE: HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Elmer Brames, Councilwoman Mary Beckman, Councilwoman Charmian Klem and Councilman Craig Greulich requested the creation of a new position, for a Human Resource professional. Discussion was held. A motion was made and seconded to create a Human Resource position under the Commissioners budget. The motion carried 2-1 with Blessinger being the dissenting vote.

RE: JAIL SURPLUS

Sheriff Kleinhalter presented a list of surplus items from the basement of the Security Center. Most items are not of any value. A motion was made and seconded to declare the items surplus. The motion carried. He was instructed to distribute pictures to County Departments in the event someone may need or want items.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Huntingburg Railroad Overpass – An invoice was received from the City of Huntingburg for the Construction Inspection by DLZ. The invoice is for \$334.82 which is 10% of the invoice. Upon motion, duly seconded, the invoice was approved for payment.

St. Anthony Road West (Hill Slide) – The road and hill slide are continuing to shift. The road has been closed and sealed off. Proposals were received from Cash Waggner & Associates, Patriot Engineering, and ATC Group Services to investigate the cause by doing soil borings. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal from Patriot Engineering for geotechnical engineering and investigation at a cost of \$13,000. The motion carried 2-1 with Brames being the dissenting vote.

Huntingburg Conservation Club and County Road 100 West – The Huntingburg Conservation Club presented a plan to correct the Spillway and Lake Dam. All will meet with the DNR on March 14, 2019. The plan will be formally submitted to the DNR to begin the review process.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Flood Gates 400 South – The gates are almost ready to be painted.

Right of Way Petition for CR 825W, 700S, 800W – Nothing to report.

600W Railroad Project – the initial commitment letter has not been received.

Road Usage Agreement Expiration - Sun Energy is operating the mine near Zoar Church on Old Road 64 north of the Holland. The current agreement #021809 is a 5-year agreement that expired on February 18, 2019 which

bonds Old Road 64 from SR 161 to the truck crossing located near Zoar Church. Sun Energy would like to extend the current agreement for an additional 5 years. The agreement is being prepared.

Road Usage Agreement Change – LS Power has requested a change to the current Road Usage agreement to name MYR Transmission Services as contractor that is responsible for fulfilling the bond. The agreement is being prepared and will be brought to a future meeting.

Pipeline Safety Program - Paradigm Liaison Services is hosting a Pipeline Safety Program on February 20, 2019 at the Huntingburg Event Center beginning at 7:30 a.m. Several highway employees will attend.

Bridge Truck Chassis – A 2012 Freightliner with a 90 day/25,000 mile engine component warranty has been located at a price of \$35,900. On motion and second, the purchase was approved unanimously.

Dubois County Tourism Stage – Dubois County Tourism is purchasing a stage that will be stored at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The Highway Department will haul the stage when needed.

RE: HIGHWAY BOOM MOWER BID OPENING

It being 10:00 a.m., being the time advertised for receipt of bids for a Boom Mower, a sole bid was received from Whayne Supply in the amount of \$58,096 with one-year warranty. The delivery time will be 8-10 weeks. A motion was made, duly seconded, to approve the purchase from Whayne Supply. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: 911 FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION

Director Janice Love and Assistant Director Jeana Mathies discussed the availability of a federal grant to be used for upgrades to Next Generation 911 technology. Updating the GIS data will be necessary before implementation. WTH is currently working on pricing for cleanup of the GIS data. A motion was made and seconded to support the application and letter of intent. The motion carried. This will be taken to the County Council on February 25, 2019.

RE: SHORT TERM DISABILITY

Laurel Seger and Marcia Talley, AFLAC, requested permission to obtain data to present an option for the County to provide Short Term Disability to all full-time employees. The consensus was to work with the Auditor's office to gather data and provide options at a future meeting.

RE: ARMED FORCES 5K

The Southern Indiana Leathernecks filed application for limited use of a portion of Old Huntingburg Road and County Road 100 South on May 18, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for the 15th Annual Armed Forces Walk and Run. On motion made and seconded, the application was approved.

RE: MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The Veteran's Council requested permission to use the West Side of the Courthouse grounds to hold the annual Memorial Day Service on May 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This would include use of the bathrooms. A motion and second was made to approve the use. The motion carried.

RE: COUNTY JAIL PROJECT – BOND COUNSEL PRESENTATION

Rick Hall of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP appeared to present information on his firm.

RE: INSURANCE PLAN OPEN ENROLLEMENT

Auditor Sandra L. Morton requested setting the Open Enrollment dates for the Health Insurance from November 1-15, 2019. The Commissioners agreed on the dates presented.

RE: 4-H and PARK BOARD LEASES

County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr gave an update on the status of the 4-H Council and Park Board Lease.

RE: GREENER PROPERTY

An update on the Greener Property was discussed. An enforcement order will be reissued by the Health Department with a deadline of April 1, 2019. If work is not completed by that date, the County will be hiring a company at the owner's expense.

RE: SICK LEAVE BANK COMMITTEE

Deputy Tim Lampert agreed to serve on the committee.

RE: WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hostetter has received responses from employees willing to serve on the committee and will plan to meet soon.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Commissioners will meet on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. and Monday, March 18, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., both meetings to be held in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.