

REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 2, 2023

The 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 October 2, 2023. Present were Commissioner Chad A. Blessinger, Commissioner Nick Hostetter and Commissioner Serice Stenftenagel. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, Highway Superintendent 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 September 18, 2023 meeting of the Commissioners had been previously distributed to the Commissioners and were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of September 2023 were as follows: Recorder: \$15,420.99; Health Department: \$33,507.06; Auditor: \$20.00; Clerk: \$30,206.45. 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: CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk’s monthly reports for July and August 2023 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

White Stallion Status – A meeting was held between Bond Representative Michael Costello and the DNR. The DNR listed items of concern that were to be completed during reclamation which includes the Portersville Road West. Talks are still in process. Concerns were expressed about County involvement in the discussions. Consensus was for County Attorney Schnarr and Berg to reach out to the bankruptcy attorney.

Transfer of Appropriation – Berg requested a transfer of appropriation due to a shortage of road paint this season. One paving project remains on CR 1100 South from Ferdinand Industrial Road to US 231. A transfer of \$2,500 from MVH Geotextile to Restricted Paint. A motion was made to approve the transfer, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Site Attendant Retiring – Jim Leistner, hired November 2020, has retired. He was the site attendant at Haysville. Interviews will be held for a replacement.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER’S REPORT

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

Safe Streets for All (Action Plan) – The Council is scheduled to approve an additional appropriation for the County match.

2023 HAC Paving Projects –

2022-2 CCMG

Portersville Road / Town of Portersville	Completed on May 24 th
23-01 100 E, 420 N, & 520 N	Completed on June 14 th
23-02 550 W & 450 West	Completed on June 19 th & 20 th
23-03 300 N & 325 E	Completed on August 1 st
23-04 Celestine Road North	Completed on September 8 th
23-05 500 E & Town of St. Marks	Completed on July 7 th

2023-1 CCMG

Kellerville Rd & 1100 South	Kellerville Rd completed on September 14 th
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Paving Projects Change Orders - Wendholt presented two Change Orders for paving projects completed during the summer as follows:

- 3rd Avenue (SR. 162 to Jasper City Limits) This was a quoted project, which was shortened to stay away from under the pavement loops that control the traffic lights at the Intersection with SR 162. This is a decrease of \$38,428.56.
- Project 23-04 (Celestine Road North, St. Mary’s Street & New Orleans Street) -This was an increase of \$1.50 (0.02 tons over on the W/L.)

A motion was made to approve the change orders as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

15th Street Bridge – Wendholt discussed changes to the federal regulations on bridges and water flow. The City of Jasper is the lead agency on this project.

RE: ORDINANCE 2023-14

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County Attorney Schnarr presented amending the Fair Housing Ordinance 1994-4. A motion was made to approve the Ordinance as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2023-14

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DUBOIS COUNTY'S
FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE 1994-4**

**(Amending Title IX: General Regulations; Chapter 94:
Fair Housing of the Dubois County Code)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana, has adopted an Ordinance related to Fair Housing, in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1968, The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Indiana Code 22-9.5-1, et Seq., and the same are codified in the Dubois County Code at Title IX: General Regulations; Chapter 94: Fair Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now find that it is in the best interests of Dubois County and its citizens to amend Title IX: General Regulations; Chapter 94: Fair Housing of the Dubois County Code with the following additions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DUBOIS, STATE OF INDIANA:

Section 1. That Section 9 of Dubois County Ordinance 1994-4 (Dubois County Code § 94.06) titled "Exemptions" shall be reaffirmed and recodified as Section 10 of Dubois County Ordinance 1994-4 (Dubois County Code § 94.07 "Exemptions").

Section 2. That Section 10 of Dubois County Ordinance 1994-4 (Dubois County Code § 94.07) titled "Administrative Enforcement of Ordinance" shall be reaffirmed and recodified as Section 11 of Dubois County Ordinance 1994-4 (Dubois County Code § 94.08 "Enforcement").

Section 3. The following language shall be inserted and adopted as the new Section 9 of Dubois County Ordinance 1994-4 (Dubois County Code § 94.06 "Equal Access to Housing HUD Programs") and titled "Equal Access to Housing HUD Programs".

"Equal Access to Housing HUD Programs:

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5.403 and 24 CFR Part 574.3 the definition of "family" is revised to include families regardless of the actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of its members."

Section 4. Prior Ordinances. All ordinances and/or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Separability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereunder.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana, and completion of any other legal requirements, all in the manner as provided by law.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of October, 2023 by the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana.

RE: RESOLUTION 2023-15

Jenny Mathies, Indiana 15 Regional Planning, presented Resolution 2023-15, a Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. The Resolution authorizes the submittal of the CDBG H.E.L.P. grant application.

A motion was made to give President Blessinger permission to authorize and submit the application on behalf of the County. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2023-15, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2023-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG HELP GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

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WHEREAS, the Dubois County Commissioners, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits: and

WHEREAS, The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low-and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Dubois County Commissioners, Indiana have conducted public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low-and moderate-income residents:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Dubois County Commissioners, Indiana that:

1. The Commissioners President is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the completion of a Hoosiers Enduring Legacy Program project to benefit the County of Dubois and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. The Dubois County Commissioners, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds derived from American Rescue Plan (ARP) as matching funds for said program, such commitment to contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the Dubois County Commissioners, Indiana this 2nd day of October 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

RE: CLERK FACEBOOK PAGE

County Clerk Amy Kippenbrock submitted a request to open a Facebook page for the Clerk's office. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: SURPLUS - COMPUTERS

Commissioner Blessinger opened discussion on what to do with excess computers and whether to sell the items to employees. Currently, items are erased and either destroyed or recycled. After discussion, the consensus was to continue with the current policy.

RE: SURPLUS ITEMS

Auditor Morton presented a list of vacuum cleaners that are no longer in service and need to be declared surplus/junk. A motion was made to approve disposal of the items, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: PART TIME IOCS PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER

Community Corrections Director Wyatt Madden requested the creation of a part-time IOCS Pretrial Services Officer funded by a grant from the Indiana Office of Court Services. The position would begin January 1, 2024, work 20 hours per week with the wage classification of PAT III. A motion was made to approve the position as presented, pending Council approval, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – BUILDING PROJECT

Community Corrections Director Wyatt Madden gave a brief update on the Community Corrections building project.

RE: OPERATION GREENLIGHT

Auditor Morton provided information on Operation Green Light for Veterans to be held from November 6-12, 2023. A motion was made to approve the request to participate in the program, was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The Courthouse and Annex will shine green lights on the building to let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

RE: HOOSIER SOLAR

President Blessinger reported on a meeting with Hoosier Solar.

RE: AMERICAN LEGAL

County Attorney Schnarr presented a quote to update the Code of Ordinances and to reduce the number of hardcopies received from 15 to 5. The maximum cost of the updates would be \$1,540. A motion was made to approve the quote as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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RE: REDACTION SERVICES & SUPPORT AGREEMENT

County Attorney Schnarr presented a Redaction Services and Support Agreement for the Recorder's office from CSI – Computer Systems, Inc. The four-year agreement will cost \$3,315 per year. A motion was made to approve the Agreement as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: MEETING RECESS

President Blessinger called the meeting into recess at 9:00 a.m. to conduct Trash Court.

RE: TRASH COURT – SEITZ PROPERTY

Commissioner Blessinger called the Trash Court proceedings to order at 9:00 a.m.

Case 2021-1012-P

Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Randy Boehm and Kent Seitz were in attendance. SWMD Director Carla Striegel-Winner was present via telephone. Enforcement Officer Boehm presented new photos taken of the Seitz property earlier in the day which were reviewed. Mr. Seitz provided a quote received to have the roof replaced. A lean-to will be constructed to cover the vehicle.

After considering the exhibits presented, it was determined that Seitz has taken substantial steps to abate the concerns about the property; however, further progress is still needed. The Solid Waste Management District obtained four bids to clean the property. The quotes were rendered moot and were rejected. A motion was made to set another hearing on November 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., Mr. Seitz is to have the lean-to constructed and to continue working towards bringing the property into compliance. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: TRASH COURT – RAISOR PROPERTY

Auditor Morton provided an update on Case 2022-1017-P against Andrew Raisor. The fine of \$300 assessed to Mr. Raisor was due by 4:00 p.m. on September 29, 2023, which has not been paid. County Attorney Schnarr will research how to add the fine to the property tax rolls.

With no further business to come before the court, Trash Court was closed at 9:40 a.m.

RE: MEETING RECONVENED

President Blessinger reconvened the Commissioner Meeting at 9:40 a.m.

RE: 2024 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWALS

Max Bawel, Houchens Insurance Group, and Human Resources Generalist Markie Rhodes presented the following Health Insurance Renewals for 2024:

Employee Premiums – The monthly employee contributions for Health Insurance will be changed to a four-tier plan beginning January 1, 2024. The non-wellness employee premiums will be 6% of the medical rates established for each tier, which are the county costs. The wellness employee premiums will be 70% of the non-wellness premiums. A motion was made to approve the following monthly premiums, was duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

	Medical Rates (county costs)	Non-Wellness Premiums	Wellness Premiums
Employee Only	\$ 910.92	\$ 54.66	\$ 38.26
Employee and Spouse	\$1,753.28	\$105.20	\$ 73.64
Employee and Children	\$1,560.30	\$ 93.62	\$ 65.54
Family	\$2,596.09	\$155.77	\$109.04

2024 COBRA Rates – The following COBRA rates were presented for approval:

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Vision</u>
Employee	\$ 929.14	\$ 28.86	\$ 6.49
Employee and Spouse	\$1,788.35	\$ 59.33	\$12.97
Employee and Child(ren)	\$1,591.51	\$ 79.15	\$13.61
Family	\$2,648.01	\$111.36	\$18.93

RETIREE Rates (*Age 55, 20 years of service, eligible until age 65)

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Vision</u>
Employee	\$ 910.92	\$ 28.86	\$ 6.49
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A motion was made to approve the COBRA rates as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Non-Wellness Plan Changes – Changes to the non-wellness plan deductible and out-of-pocket costs were presented as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>
Deductible (Single)	\$ 900	\$1,000	\$1,000
Deductible (Family)	\$1,150	\$1,500	\$2,000
Out of Pocket (Single)	\$1,650	\$2,000	\$2,000
Out of Pocket (Family)	\$2,900	\$3,500	\$4,000

A motion was made to approve Option 1 for employees on the non-wellness plan, was duly seconded, and carried unanimously. The deductible and out-of-pocket costs for employees participating in the wellness plan will remain at the current cost.

Long Term Disability – Quotes for employee long term disability insurance were presented from National Insurance Services and One America. Upon review, a motion was made to approve the quote from One America, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Voluntary Life Insurance – Quotes for employee voluntary life insurance were presented from National Insurance Services and one America. Upon review, a motion was made to approve the quote from One America, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Group Life Insurance – Quotes for employee group life insurance were presented from One America. Currently, full-time employees are provided with \$10,000 life/\$10,000 AD&D. After discussion, a motion was made to increase the employee group life insurance provided to full-time employees to \$20,000 life/\$20,000 AD&D with a reduction of 65% at age 65, 40% at age 70, and 20% at age 75. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: DIAL 988 – SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter introduced Kendra Nichols from Locking Arms for Suicide Awareness. Nichols presented information on the nationwide program Dial 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for mental health assistance, suicide prevention, veteran’s crisis line, and LGBTQI needs. Nichols and Kleinhelter requested wrapping a sheriff car with a picture of the Suicide Awareness Ribbon and phone number to promote awareness of program. A motion was made to approve the request for the wrap to be paid by Locking Arms, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: SECURITY CENTER SOCIAL WORKER

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter requested creating a Social Worker position to assist at the Security Center for Mental Health issues. Currently, there are no resources available. Kleinhelter proposed a combined Sheriff Deputy/Social Worker position. Kleinhelter will create a job description and wage classification for the dual role and return to a future meeting.

RE: H.L.S. FAMILY, L.P.

Phil Buehler, on behalf of H.L.S. Family, L.P, requested a Parcelization Subdivision Exemption on a 3.0 acre tract of real estate in Madison Civil Township for Nathan and Lisa Robinson. The H.L.S. Family, L.P. does not allow for the transfer of land directly to grandchildren. To be in compliance with the Dubois County Subdivision Control Ordinance, parcelization will be used which requires the requestor be the initial occupant of the residence. The property will be transferred to Stephen Robert DeVillez and then to the Robinsons, which requires the exemption. A motion was made to approve the Parcelization Subdivision Exemption as requested, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: ARPA - PATOKA LAKE REGIONAL SEWER ADDENDUM

County Attorney Schnarr presented an Addendum to the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Funding Agreement for Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District. The current agreement expires on October 4, 2023. The district requested an extension to use the ARPA funding to make improvements and renovate its existing sewer utility infrastructure in the Dubois area. A motion was made to approve the Addendum providing an extension until October 1, 2024, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.

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