

SECOND REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 16, 2020

The second regular meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners / Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on March 16, 2020. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Nick Hostetter and Elmer Brames. 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 March 2, 2020 meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. 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: CAIRSTONE UPDATES

Mark Shrack, Angie Pfaff and Nancy Wilson, Cairnstone Representatives, presented a three-month review of the health insurance plan from November 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Girls on the Run 5K - Sarah Leonard submitted the County Application for the event which will be held on April 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. They are asking for limited use on Ackerman Road beginning at Portersville Road, going west for a half mile. A motion was made to approve the request, was seconded and carried.

Solar Sources Mine Impact to CR 750 West – Solar is preparing a business plan on the potential expansion of the mine and the impact to the road system in the area. A preliminary meeting to cover certain topics in preparation of the official request will be held. The official request will take place at a future Commissioner meeting where a larger discussion can take place regarding the County concerns.

Ferdinand Dumpster Site Expansion – Improvements began last week with the construction of the new fencing. The shed will be relocated, and the compactor pad will be set up. Potential plans for site paving at all sites will be discussed.

Tower Compactor Rentals Agreement – A rental agreement for the compactor at the Ferdinand dumpster site location is complete. This is a 5-year rental agreement with a service fee of \$310 per month. The price includes installation, maintenance and upkeep of the unit along with training for anyone who will be operating the unit. A motion was made to support the agreement, was seconded and carried.

Highway Annual Report – The Highway Annual Report is complete and was presented for approval. The 50% required spending for Restricted items pertaining to construction, reconstruction and preservation has been exceeded at 56% for 2019. A motion was made to approve the Annual Report, was seconded and carried.

2020 Paving Plan – A plan was distributed for review at the April 6 meeting.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Bridge #264 (Newton Street in Jasper City Limits) – Nothing to report.

Dubois County Overweight/Oversized Load Application – The Highway Department Policy and Procedures Ordinance has been altered. It has been submitted to the County Attorney for Review.

County Inventory/INDOT Inventory Comparison – Nothing to report.

Hillham Road South (Approximately 900 feet South of State Road 56) – The road borings were completed and based on what was found in the field, there is a saturated clay layer that is compacting. The clay needs to be removed and backfilled with rock.

RE: RESOLUTION 47

Kevin Manley, Visit Dubois County, presented a framed House Concurrent Resolution No. 47 recognizing Dubois County on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of its founding. The Resolution was introduced to the Indiana General Assembly by Representatives Shane Lindauer and Stephen R. Bartels and sponsored by Erin M. Houchin and Mark B. Messmer.

RE: SAINT CHARLES ANNEX GENERATOR

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Custodian Scott Hopf presented the need to repair the shed which houses the generator at the St. Charles Annex. The current generator is approximately 40 years old. Discussion was held on the various options.

RE: JOHNSON MELLOH ENERGY AUDIT

No action will be taken at this time.

RE: EMPLOYEE SICK BANK

A discussion to disband the Employee Sick Bank was held. A motion was made to disband the Employee Sick Bank as of December 31, 2020 at midnight. Any member with less than 60 accrued sick days may be reinstated with the two days given to join the bank. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Ryan Wineinger, representing the County Fire Chiefs, presented a Dubois County Fire Prevention Ordinance. Consensus was to review the Ordinance and to be discussed at the April 6, 2020 meeting.

RE: COVID-19 – RESOLUTION 2020-03

Health Administrator Jo Ann Spaulding presented updated information on the COVID-19 status. Resolution 2020-03 was read by Commissioner Blessinger and discussed. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-03 pursuant to Indiana Code Chapter 36-8-2. Dubois County, State of Indiana may, among other things, regulate conduct, or use, or possession of property, that might endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The Resolution will be distributed to all department heads and will be posted to social media.

See Exhibit A – Resolution 2020-03

RE: PTO DISCUSSION

Commissioner Elmer Brames presented a new proposal for the Employee Paid Time Off (PTO) discussion. The proposal was discussed and will be presented at the next meeting.

RE: IRELAND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Brad Eckerle presented plans for Phase II sidewalk improvements in Ireland along the west side of County Road 500 West from State Road 56 to South Street. A motion was made to support the project, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: J and S ESTATES PLAT

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, presented the J and S Estates Plat which is now owned by Hoosier Hills Credit Union in Cass Township. A motion was made to approve the plat as presented, was seconded and carried.

RE: FAIR'S FIRST ADDITION PLAT

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, presented the Fair' First Addition Plat located in Bainbridge Township. A motion was made to approve the plat as presented, was duly seconded and carried.

RE: COURTHOUSE USE – I-69 MID-STATES CORRIDOR RALLY

Russ Friedman, representing a group wanting to hold a rally protesting the I-69 Mid-States Corridor, requested use of the Courthouse Lawn on May 2, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried. A Courthouse Use Agreement and a Certificate of Insurance needs to be submitted to the Auditor's office. Friedman will need to contact the Courthouse Custodian to coordinate use of the basement restrooms.

RE: COUNTY CELL PHONES

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Following the request to add an additional line for the Highway Assistant Supervisor, Auditor Morton presented the current cell phone policy. A discussion was held. A motion was made to approve adding Tim Lynch to the County cell phone service. The motion was seconded and carried.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting of the Commissioners' will be on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dubois County Annex Commissioners/Council Room.