

SECOND REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 18, 2022

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 8:00 a.m. (EST) on April 18, 2022. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Nick Hostetter and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, County Attorney Gregory Schnarr, Highway Supervisor Steve Berg and Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger.

Minutes of the April 4, 2022, 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: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Norfolk Southern Crossings in Birdseye – Norfolk Southern has been notified on the decision to keep the railroad crossings in Birdseye open.

Equipment Rotation – Berg discussed using Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing package for procurement of the road grader. He is gathering more information. Consensus was to move forward with the process.

Sanitation Truck – Berg reported the Pak-Mor representative contacted him. Due to the delay in receiving the sanitation chassis, their metal pricing has risen 10% which means the bid price is off for the compactor body. Discussion was held on the options available.

Disposition of Truck 104 – Nothing to report.

Liberty Management Company Meeting – Berg met with Michael Costello to discuss the reclamation process for the Shamrock Mine in Boone Township. Road Bonds will be used for reclamation. Due to lack of material and the depth of the mine, CR 750 N will be lost.

RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter presented the following report of the Sheriff's Department:

Hiring – The Department is in process to hire for an open position.

Virtual Reality Training – Kleinhelter is seeking information on using virtual reality training. Only one location in Indiana is currently using this process.

Retention of Officers – Kleinhelter reported on the need to retain deputies with incentives. He reported on the Indiana State Police hiring guidelines which could entice some of the County officers to leave employment.

Jail Construction – The construction is progressing well with no issues to report.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUN RUN

Stephani Lane, Special Olympics Coordinator, requested permission to use County roads near the Jasper Youth Sports Complex on September 17, 2022 from 6:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A motion was made to approve the use of County Roads for the Fun Run, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: COUNTY SERVICE AWARD

Commissioner Blessinger presented information on a Commissioners' Community Excellence Award for review. The purpose would be to recognize individuals or groups for their outstanding community service, service projects, leadership, community improvement activities, volunteerism, and anything else contributing to making Dubois County great. The Award will be presented to highlight specific achievements in service or contribution to the quality of life in Dubois County and the spirit of civic engagement. The documents will be reviewed and presented for approval at the next meeting.

RE: 4-H COUNCIL UPDATES

4-H Council President Janelle Hasenour provided information on projects at the 4-H fairgrounds. Hasenour requested permission to install a new drive on the west side of the grandstand arena for emergency vehicle use and to install fencing. A motion was made to approve the modifications as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Health Administrative Director Shawn Werner presented the 2021 Annual Report for the Health Department. The report was reviewed. COVID-19 vaccinations, testing and cases were discussed.

RE: HEALTH SURPLUS ITEMS

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Health Administrative Director Werner requested permission to discard the surplus items presented at the previous meeting. The items were presented to other County departments but were not taken. A motion was made to declare the items surplus and to discard the items, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: JAIL CONSTRUCTION BOND PAYMENTS

Auditor Morton discussed the need to start paying the construction costs from the bond proceeds and presented an Affidavit for Payment of the Building Corporation Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 as follows:

Krempp Construction, Inc.	\$574,455.50
Harrell-Fisch, Inc.	\$294,178.90
Weyer Electric	\$104,832.49
Shireman Construction	\$ 37,000.00
RQAW	\$ 9,306.60

As the Authorized Representative, President Blessinger signed the Affidavit.

RE: MENTOR SUBDIVISION

Resident Otis Cravens and his spouse appeared to discuss the following issues:

1. Cravens requested having a ditch cleared in Mentor subdivision on County Road 1000 East. The Highway Department will respond to his request this week.
2. Cravens stated he owns property with an alley in Mentor and is concerned that the alley may be closed. The Commissioners and County Surveyor Ken Brosmer have not considered a closure and reassured him of such.
3. Mrs. Cravens asked the process to have a four-way stop sign installed at an intersection she feels is dangerous on the Schnellville Road near the Mentor Cemetery.

RE: SOLAR PARK DISCUSSION

Commissioner Blessinger opened discussion on possible regulations on Solar Parks that could be installed in the County. The passage of SEA 411 contains standards which could be adopted by the County for the land use. County Attorney Schnarr was directed to research the options and return to the next meeting.

RE: VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER

A discussion was held to determine if a second part time position is needed in the Veteran Services office. No action was taken to create a second VSO position. It was determined to wait until the new VSO, Susan Bramlet, has time to determine the needs of the office.

Commissioner Blessinger discussed the possibility of establishing a volunteer steering committee to help guide the mission and vision of the Veteran Service Office.

RE: COURTHOUSE MONUMENT

County Engineer Wendholt provided a brief update on the Courthouse Monument restoration project.

RE: ARPA/H.E.L.P.

Auditor Morton provided information on the ARPA report due April 30, 2022. A discussion was held on the classifications of the projects and/or using the standard allowance for revenue loss.

Commissioner Brames discussed the H.E.L.P. Coordinator position. The 30% funding cannot be used to fund the position. He discussed the possibility of requesting funding from the City of Jasper to assist with the salary of the position since they are partners in the H.E.L.P. project. He would like to have the position begin July 1, 2022.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

City of Jasper 47th Street Culvert Replacement – The City of Jasper requested assistance with the culvert replacement. Wendholt requested permission to begin design work and schedule the work in the summer of 2023. A motion was made to approve the request, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

City of Jasper Downtown Square Revitalization – A pre-construction meeting was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Construction will begin on the Northeast Corner of the Square in May 2022. The Courthouse ramp is included.

2022 HAC Paving Projects – The HAC Paving Projects are as follows:

<u>2021 CCMG Round 2</u>	<u>C&R Construction</u>	<u>3/14/2022 to 6/1/2022</u>
21-04 900 South		
21-05 100 West & 1000 South		

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21-06 1075 South
In-House Paving Projects to be bid on May 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. 6/1/2022 to 8/31/2022
22-03 500 West
22-04 Town of Ireland Hopf Addition, 500 West, 150 North
22-05 100 East, 420 North, 520 North
22-06 Old 545, Dubois Rd NW
22-07 St. Anthony Road West
22-08 Celestine Road North
22-09 Old Huntingburg Road, 150 South, 100 South, 400 West

RE: COMPUTER SWITCH

Auditor Morton presented a quote from Matrix Integration to replace the core network switch for the Courthouse at a cost of \$41,283.62. Consent was given to proceed.

RE: CYBER SECURITY PILOT PROGRAM

Dubois County will be participating in the State Cyber Security Pilot program. EMA Director Tammy Humbert will be the Point of Contact for the County.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.