

## SECOND REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 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 July 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 July 5, 2022, meeting of the Board of 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:

Distressed Road Fund Annual Statement – The Distressed Road Loan Annual Statement for the period from August 14, 2021 thru August 13, 2022 was presented for approval. The current balance is \$946,936.90. 2023 will be the final year for the 10-year interest free loan. A motion was made to approve the Annual Statement, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Jasper Sanitation Site Closing – Paving will take place on the Jasper Sanitation site one week earlier than originally planned. All prep work will take place on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, with paving to take place on Thursday, July 21, 2022. The Jasper site will be closed for normal business operations and re-open on Friday, July 22, 2022.

Chip Sealing Overlays and Patching – The Chip Seal projects are 96% complete. Patch areas remaining are as follows:

Boone	400 West (500 N – 570 N)
Bainbridge	East 36 <sup>th</sup> Street (East of Mill Street) Jasper Dumpster Site

2023 Budget – The 2023 Budgets for the Highway, Cum Bridge, Local Road & Street, Solid Waste (Sticker) and County General Sanitation Fund were presented. Consensus was to support the budgets as presented.

LTCI Wage Adjustment Request – Due to the difficulties in hiring part time positions, Berg requested changing the LTCI wage classification from \$11.27 - \$13.51 to \$12.27 - \$14.51. A motion was made to recommend the increase pending County Council approval, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Lemmon Church/Cemetery – Due to the condition of County Road 750 West because of the coal mine, the "Historical Marker 4 Miles" signs are no longer correct. Berg worked with Delbert Himsel who originally worked with INDOT on the sign placement. Berg recommended relocating the current signs to the State Road 56 and County Road 800 West intersection. The 4-mile sign could still be used because the new route would be within ¼ mile. He stated that INDOT would likely provide a trailblazer sign at the intersection of Portersville Road West with an arrow pointing east to the church.

### **RE: DUBOIS STRONG**

Director Ed Cole provided information on the current projects and activities of Dubois Strong. He discussed the Ready Communities and Ready Housing programs through ROI, the Rural Economic Development Model with Purdue University, the Workforce Attraction Relocation Program, and the Southern Indiana Gateway on childcare. Cole thanked the Board of Commissioners for the commitment to expand broadband services on the Make Ready project with Dubois REC using ARPA funds.

### **RE: EDP RENEWABLES – DUFF SOLAR PARK**

Sarah Greenberg, Development Project Manager, presented information on the proposed Duff Solar Park located in Duff/Patoka Township area which is a \$171 million capital investment project. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2023. Environmental studies are currently being conducted. A background on EDP Renewables and the potential economic impacts that could benefit Dubois County was given.

### **RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

CCMG 2022-2 Portersville Road and Town of Portersville Repaving Project – Preparations for the next round of Community Crossings are being made to pave Portersville Road and the Town of Portersville. The estimated cost is \$604,496.08. The County's estimated contribution would be \$151,123.78 to be paid from the Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) 1173 fund. A financial commitment letter was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the letter as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Safe Streets for All (Action Plan) – A proposal was received from American Structurepoint to assist with obtaining information required for applying for the Safe Streets for All Grant, along with a proposal/cost

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estimate for completing the Action Plan if the Grant were to be awarded. The cost would be \$15,000 to assist with the application process. Consensus was to move forward on the project, reaching out to the municipalities for possible partners, and to return at a future meeting.

Jasper Downtown Square Revitalization Project – There are two large voids under the Annex sidewalk on 6<sup>th</sup> Street which possibly were old coal shoots. The designer and structural engineer are working to find a solution.

<u>2022 HAC Paving Projects</u> – (6-01-2022 to 8-31-2022)		<u>Contractor</u>	
22-03	500 West	Calcar Paving	Not scheduled
22-04	Town of Ireland Hopf Addition, 500 West & 150 North	Calcar Paving	Not scheduled
22-06	Old 545 & Dubois Rd NW	Calcar Paving	Not scheduled
22-07	St Anthony Road West	Calcar Paving	Not scheduled
22-08	Celestine Road North	Calcar Paving	Not scheduled
22-09	Old Huntingburg Road, 150 South 100 South, & 400 West	J.H. Rudolph & Co.	Not Scheduled
CCMG 2022-1	Jasper-Dubois and Steinbottom Road	J.H. Rudolph & Co.	

**RE: H.E.L.P. COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Commissioner Blessinger provided information on the H.E.L.P. Community Development training held on July 11-13, 2022, at the Crane West Gate Facility. Ten participants from Dubois County, including the newly hired Community Coordinator Rilyn Bawel, attended.

**RE: KNOWBE4 COMPUTER TRAINING**

The State of Indiana has begun to offer the KnowBe4 computer security training program at no cost to municipalities. The County will begin using this service in the Fall. Auditor Morton will begin working on the transition. The current contract ends in October.

**RE: AMERICAN LEGAL CODIFICATION SUPPLEMENT**

County Attorney Schnarr presented information to supplement the American Legal Codification of County Ordinances completed in 2020 at an expense of approximately \$2,180. The supplement will update the County Ordinances to date. A motion was made to approve the agreement with American Legal not to exceed \$2,400 from the Commissioner budget Ordinance Violation Enforcement, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: SOUTHERN INDIANA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – LAND BANK**

Greg Jones, Executive Director, and Jessica Potts, Economic Resiliency Coordinator, presented information on the establishment of a Regional Land Bank Initiative in Southwest Indiana including Owen, Brown, Monroe, Greene, Lawrence, Knox, Martin, Daviess, Dubois, Orange, Washington, and Crawford Counties. If the County chooses to opt into the Rebuild Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank program, the cost would be \$5,000 per year in 2023 and 2024. No action was taken at this time.

**RE: DJS PROPERTIES, LLC**

Phil Buehler, Brosmer Land Surveying, presented a reconfiguration of the orientation of two tracts of land located at the intersection of Schnellville Road and Celestine Road South in Jackson Township and requested an exception to the Subdivision Ordinance 2018-3 to allow for the reconfiguration. A motion was made to allow the exception to Ordinance 2018-03 and modify the two parcels, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: LONG TERM PLAN**

Commissioner Blessinger discussed the need to establish a five-year comprehensive plan for the County. A long term plan could assist with the H.E.L.P. Strategic Investment Plan to be developed. A discussion was held on possibly sending out a Request for Proposals from various consultants in the future.

**RE: COSSAP GRANT - RFP**

Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf and COSSAP Grant Program Manager Alison Neal presented two Request for Proposals (RFP) for partners to serve with the RISE Therapeutic Community Program as follows:

- Behavioral Health Treatment Services Provider
- Consultative Services and Evaluation Assistance Provider

The County Attorney has reviewed the Request for Proposals. Consensus was to take the request for approval of the RFP's under advisement until August 1, 2022 to give the Commissioners time to review.

**RE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

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Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter presented information on the costs for an additional patrol deputy which can also serve as a school resource officer at the Southeast Dubois School Corp. The Corporation is seeking a grant for \$70,000. A motion was made to create a new deputy position to serve as the SRO pending approval of the school grant. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The wage classification for the position would be the same as the other SRO positions which is MPOLE II.

**RE: ANIMAL CONTROL**

Sheriff Kleinhelter discussed the need for an Animal Control Officer for the County. He explained Deputy Sheriff Donna Hurt has worked with area veterinarians on the community needs and has attended an animal control training. A committee has been formed and further research will continue. Commissioner Blessinger will serve on the committee and attend the meeting on August 16, 2022.

**RE: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Auditor Morton presented a list of computers and monitors that are obsolete. A motion was made to declare the items surplus, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.