

SECOND REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 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 8:30 a.m. (EST) on August 15, 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 August 1, 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: DRAINAGE ISSUE

Resident Farmer Patrick Eckerle presented a petition for a drainage issue north of 36th Street and County Road 400 North in Bainbridge Township due to logging debris which was not cleared causing a build-up of silt in the ditch. The landowner, Jeff Schitter, will not permit anyone to clear the ditch. County Surveyor Ken Brosmer was in attendance and noted the ditch is not a legal drain and is not county regulated. Duane Hopf, Mill Creek Farms, owns property upstream from this issue and would like to see the drainage problem addressed.

County Attorney Schnarr will review statutes to determine what steps can be taken and report at the next meeting.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR

Community Corrections Advisory Board Chair Anthony Quinn recommended hiring Wyatt Madden as the new Community Corrections Director at the same rate of pay as former Director Megan Durlauf. Some members of the hiring committee were also in attendance.

Commissioner Blessinger discussed changing the position from 35 hours per week to 40 hours per week effective immediately. Quinn noted the Advisory Board had not discussed the proposed change and was not discussed during the hiring process. The topic can be addressed at the next Advisory Board meeting on September 13, 2022 and make a recommendation at that time. Consensus was to consider the recommendations of the Advisory Board following their next meeting and be included in the 2023 budget.

The current rate of pay was also discussed and will be addressed by the County Council in the 2023 budget. A motion was made to approve hiring Wyatt Madden at 35 hours per week, was duly seconded and carried unanimously. He will begin his duties on August 22, 2022.

Former Director Megan Durlauf was recognized for her contributions and program achievements during her tenure.

RE: 911 NEW HIRE

911 Director Stuart Wilson requested permission to hire Rodney Welp as a new telecommunicator to replace Jason Blair beginning later today. A motion was made to approve the request effective immediately, was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Wilson would like to retain applications for two individuals interviewed for future openings.

RE: H.E.L.P.

OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner appeared to discuss the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program - H.E.L.P. Dubois County and the City of Jasper are in Cohort 2 along with the City of Vincennes and Daviess County. Goals of the program are to Advance e-Connectivity, Enhance Quality of Place, Promote Community Wellness and Strengthen Local Economies by building community capacity and creating a strategic investment plan.

Community Coordinator Rilyn Bawel reported work is beginning on the four Pathway Advisory Committees.

RE: SMART CITY SMART COMMUNITY PLATFORM

Anjan Kashyab, Director of Business Operations for An Island LLC, presented the Smart City Smart Community Platform which is an application to help connect rural communities to empower them to

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be better prepared and informed. The company created the CENT program which is a community enterprise platform which allows the public to create an account to receive notices and alerts from the County. The platform can also help Business to Business, Business to Consumer and Consumer to Consumer aspects to help synergize the local economy.

No action was taken.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Sealed Bid Auction for the Vibratory Roller and Truck 214 – All offers will be in a sealed envelope and read publicly at the Commissioner meeting on September 6 at 10:00 am.

Sanitation Truck Delivery – The truck was delivered in satisfactory condition and payments were processed. The Bonds are being returned to the bidders.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Paving Project 22-07 Change Order – Project 22-07 (St. Anthony Road West) has been completed. A change order was received in the amount of \$4,172.96 which lowered the cost of the project from the original bid of \$239,503.45. An invoice was received in the amount of \$235,330.49. A motion was made to approve the Change Order, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Safe Streets for All (Action Plan) – Wendholt is currently working to apply for the Safe Streets for All grant in house.

Cuzco Road South (HL2N2129-0.447) – The culvert relining project will be advertised and ready for bid opening at 9:00 a.m. on September 6, 2022.

2022 HAC Paving Projects – (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	Scheduled 8/15/22 to 8/19/22
22-06 Old 545 & Dubois Rd NW	Calcar Paving	Completed 8/11/22
22-07 St Anthony Road West	Calcar Paving	Completed 7/25/22
22-08 Celestine Road North	Calcar Paving	Completed 8/10/22
22-09 Old Huntingburg Road, 150 South 100 South, & 400 West	J.H. Rudolph & Co.	Scheduled 8/22/22 to 8/26/22
CCMG 2022-1 Jasper-Dubois and Steinbottom Road	J.H. Rudolph & Co.	

RE: NATIONAL FOREST DISTRIBUTION

Auditor Morton presented the National Forest Distribution from the Indiana Auditor of State. The current distribution election has expired. For the fiscal year 2021 distribution, the county may elect to receive 100 percent of its share for public roads and schools under title I. Auditor Morton recommended to continue with the election of title I with funds received being deposited into the Highway MVH fund. Consensus was to proceed with the recommendation.

RE: PSC BROADBAND

Wayne Blake, Jim Dauby and Daren Brown, PSC, presented information on the partnership with Dubois REC to provide broadband services to the residents of Dubois County.

RE: WTH ELECTRONIC MAP DATA APPLICATION AGREEMENT

Auditor Morton presented an Electronic Map Data Application Agreement from CoreLogic requesting County GIS data from WTH. A motion was made to approve the Agreement as presented, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Blessinger reported on two openings on the Community Corrections Advisory Board which are Commissioner appointments; one should be an Education Administrator and one is a lay person. Northeast Dubois County School Corporation Superintendent Tara Rasche was recommended to replace William Hochgesang as the Education Administrator. A motion was made to approve the recommendation, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blessinger made a recommendation to replace lay person Michelle Schenetzki's vacant position by appointing Jonathan Burton. Following discussion, consensus was to wait to appoint someone until the next meeting giving Commissioner Hostetter and Commissioner Brames time to review.

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RE: JASPER PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

An appointment to the Jasper Planning Commission was discussed due to the resignation of Angel Serrano. Consensus was to search for a replacement which is affiliated with the Republican Party and report at the next meeting.

RE: O365 RENEWAL

Auditor Morton presented a quote for the annual renewal for Office 365 licensing. The quote was signed as presented.

RE: REVIZE – COUNTY WEBSITE

The County website will be revised under the Agreement with Revize. Commissioner Blessinger and Auditor Morton will work on this project.

RE: COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING UPDATE

Commissioner Blessinger discussed working on a County Comprehensive Plan in conjunction with the H.E.L.P. program. He and Community Coordinator Bawel were in discussions with Taylor, Siefker, and Williams Design Group, LLC for a draft proposal.

RE: CONSTRUCTION SOFT COSTS

Commissioner Blessinger reviewed the soft costs for the justice construction project. Purchasing office furniture or reusing current items was discussed.

RE: OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

Commissioner Blessinger proposed participating in the Operation Greenlight for Veteran's at the courthouse and annex from November 7-13 to let veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported. Consensus was to proceed with the program by placing green lights on the Courthouse and Annex, if possible, and to contact Jasper City for the LED lights around the Courthouse Square.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Commissioner Hostetter is meeting with Mary Austin of Clark-Dietz later this week.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.