

**SECOND REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

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 September 18, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Nick Hostetter and Serice Stenftenagel. 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 September 5, 2023 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: TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's monthly report for August 2023 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**RE: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

White Stallion Bankruptcy Status – Berg was unable to speak with anyone regarding the status of reclamation and will continue to make attempts.

Drainage Assistance for the Fairgrounds – All planned work has been completed. The Highway crew was there for four days and addressed many drainage issues, most of which were minor.

Road Stripe Assistance – Daviess County has requested assistance. They are looking to purchase a road striper and have asked to have a demonstration using the County's equipment. Daviess County will reimburse the expenses and materials used. Consensus was to approve the request.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

Safe Streets for All (Action Plan) – A contract from American Structurepoint has been received. After review, a few markups were found to be corrected. Wendholt requested permission to approach the Council for an additional appropriation to be used as the County's match in the amount of \$30,000. The proposed contract is \$111,000. The grant is in the amount of \$84,000. Consensus was to proceed with the request.

2023 HAC Paving Projects –

2022-2 CCMG	Portersville Road/Town of Portersville	Completed on May 24 <sup>th</sup>
23-01	100 E, 420 N, 520 N	Completed on June 14 <sup>th</sup>
23-02	550 W & 450 W	Completed on June 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>
23-03	300 N & 325 E	Completed on August 1 <sup>st</sup>
23-04	Celestine Road North	Completed on September 8 <sup>th</sup>
23-05	500 E & Town of St. Marks	Completed on July 7 <sup>th</sup>
2023-1 CCMG	Kellerville Road & 1100 South	Kellerville Road completed on September 14 <sup>th</sup>

**RE: SURPLUS ITEMS – JAIL KITCHEN**

Commissioner Blessinger provided a list of items from the jail kitchen that are no longer needed and could be sold. A motion was made to declare the items surplus and to approve the sale of the items to Dine Company for \$3,000 to be receipted into the Jail Construction Fund (LIT-CR), was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: LIFE SPRING CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT**

Commissioner Blessinger provided information on the LifeSpring Crisis Stabilization Unit which provides a safe place for an individual in crisis who is not appropriate for the hospital or arrest. The call center is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**RE: CR 300 N – SEMI TRUCK TRAFFIC**

Commissioner Blessinger presented a concern regarding truck traffic on CR 300 N.

**RE: ZOAR CHURCH, PUBLIC SCHOOL, & CEMETERY**

Lee Bilderback, Zoar Public School Restoration Task Force and Steve Hubster, Zoar United Methodist Church Trustee, submitted a request for a letter of support for the Zoar Public School, United Methodist Church and Cemetery to be listed on the Indiana Historic Sites and National Register of Historic Sites. A motion was made to provide a letter of support, was seconded and carried unanimously.

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### **RE: COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE**

Custodian Scott Hopf presented quotes for adding an air conditioning unit at the Courthouse for the network closet in the basement IT room. Quotes were received from Messmer Mechanical and Mehringer Plumbing Heating and Air. A motion was made to approve the low quote from Messmer Mechanical, not to exceed \$10,500 for the project, pending Council funding, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Custodian Hopf discussed the need to place security cameras in the third floor courtroom. Quotes from Astro Security were presented with three options:

Option 1- Install a live view only camera and LCD panel near the rear courtroom judge entrance.

Option 2- Install a dome camera in the courtroom and run cabling to the current network.

Option 3- Upgrade Existing NVR Software to Digital Watchdog Spectrum Software including licensing and equipment.

A motion was made to approve Options 1 & 2 pending County Council funding, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Custodian Hopf presented a quote to install motion sensor faucets for the public restrooms in the Courthouse. After discussion, the consensus was to get a quote for the basement bathrooms only and report at a future meeting.

Custodian Hopf discussed an issue with a drain in the courthouse basement break room and will provide more information at a future meeting.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

John Merder has resigned as a member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board. A motion was made to replace John Merder with Jeremy Kibby to serve through December 2026, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **RE: TRASH COURT – SEITZ**

County Attorney Schnarr provided an update on Ordinance Violation Complaint #2021-1012-P against Kent Seitz. Mr. Seitz failed to appear as summoned; however, has paid the fine issued. The property remains out of compliance. Options were discussed. A motion was made to have the County Attorney send a letter to Mr. Seitz to appear on October 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Schnarr will also contact the Solid Waste Management District who will follow up to investigate compliance and obtain quotes from possible entities who can do the work to bring the property into compliance in case Seitz does not.

### **RE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

Sheriff Tom Kleinhalter presented the need to make changes to the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreements with the Northeast Dubois School Corporation and Southeast Dubois School Corporation. County Attorney Schnarr will send letters to the schools notifying them of the County's intent to re-negotiate and modify the terms and conditions of the Agreements.

### **RE: SURPLUS – SECURITY CENTER**

A list of office items to be declared surplus/junk was presented from the security center. The list included several chairs, desks, armoire, tables, filing cabinets, shelving units, stools, microwave, and small refrigerator. A motion was made to declare the items surplus, was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The items will be disposed of properly.

### **RE: PUBLIC HEARING – TRI-CAP HEAD START**

It being 9:30 a.m., the time advertised to hold a public hearing on the OCRA grant funding as part of the H.E.L.P. program, the public hearing was opened. Jenny Mathies, Indiana 15 Regional Planning, and Molly Wuchner, Head Start Director, provided information on Tri-Cap Head Start and how the funding could be used for a sensory room to enhance the program needs. No public comment was received. A motion was made to close the public hearing, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **RE: PUBLIC HEARING – OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION**

It being 9:35 a.m., the time advertised to hold a public hearing on the OCRA grant funding as part of the H.E.L.P. program, the public hearing was opened. Jenny Mathies, Indiana 15 Regional provided information on the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program. Public comment was received on the

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expenditure limit set per household. A motion was made to close the public hearing, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: 2024 HEALTH BENEFITS**

Dan Davis and Max Bawel, Houchens Insurance, and Human Resources Generalist Markie Rhodes, presented the following information for the 2024 Health Benefits:

Medical – Davis presented renewal of the Specific Stop Loss insurance, effective November 1, 2023, for the health insurance plan and recommended HCC Life Insurance Company. The estimated cost increase of 10.7% will include four individual lasers. A motion was made to approve changing from Crum & Forster to HCC Life Insurance Company (Option 1B) for the medical stop loss coverage, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

International Pharmacy – Bawel presented RxProtect, an international prescription program for brand name high-cost medications that tend to offer no generic option. A motion was made to approve adding RxProtect to the County plan, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Dental – Bawel and Rhodes presented the dental plan renewal with Paramount Dental and recommended a one-year renewal. A motion was made to approve the recommendation of a one-year renewal, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Vision – Bawel presented options for vision insurance with a recommendation to change to Paramount – EyeMed due to lower premiums and better coverage. A motion was made to approve the recommendation to change from VSP to Paramount – EyeMed EE150 was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**RE: FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex.