Martin

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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, September 17, 2013 in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners attending were President Paul R. George, Dan Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd. Others in attendance were Auditor January Roush, Monty Wolf and Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense; Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett; Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Dale Tedrow, Dennis Hughes, Gordon Brinegar, Linda Dillon, Veteran Service Officer; Charlie Hillenburg, E&H Bridge and Jill Albright, Loogootee Tribune.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:01 pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of September 3, 2013, were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Dennis Hughes, a resident of Crane, came before the Board to make a formal complaint concerning several unsightly properties in the Crane area. The properties inside the Town of Crane are under the jurisdiction of the town. The property outside of town limits is under the County. Hughes referenced County Ordinances that Auditor Roush had previously mailed to him. Several options were discussed. The Commissioners directed Auditor Roush to contact Kevin Sutton, County Environmental Specialist, for guidance.

The Claims and Allowances were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Linda Dillon, Veteran Service Officer, submitted a letter to the board from an unhappy veteran. Dillon also updated the Commissioners on the use of the Veterans van.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. He updated the Commissioners on paving projects. There are 4 companies interested in the Spout Springs Road bridge project. The deadline to submit a bid is Monday, September 30th. Commissioner Gregory asked that the highway do some work at the fairgrounds. A discussion followed on taxpayers assisting on paving projects with taxpayers being responsible for 50%. The county road inventory was also briefly discussed. Dale Tedrow came before the board concerning dust control on Emmons Ridge Road. President George requested that oil and chip-n-seal be put on the road. There are surplus items sold at a surplus sale 4-5 years ago that are still at the highway garage. Letters will be sent to purchasers. Purchasers will have 30-days from the date of the letter to pick up or the highway will dispose of the item.

Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense, attended the District Planning Committee meeting. Each district will be receiving $60,000 in grant funds for the study and outreach of post disaster shelters. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, submitted before and after pictures of Green Cemetery. The road crew was able to clean up the only county owned cemetery. Community Corrections receives donations to take care of Fairview Cemetery but all other cemetery upkeep is the responsibility of the trustee. Community Corrections is accepting applications for CASS instructors.

Commission Gregory made a motion to approve a FMLA for an employee beginning September 23, 2013. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush updated the Commissioners on the recent Property Tax Sale held September 6. On June 25, the Auditor and Treasurer certified 127 properties in the amount of $130,899.57 in back taxes. Of the 19 still available for tax sale, 12 were sold. The total amount of back taxes collected was $121,674.71. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to proceed with the Commissioners Sale for the remaining 7 properties. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

 A brief discussion was held concerning health insurance options.

President George discussed options for when the Courthouse was without electricity. Auditor Roush is to have Janitor John Jones contact several businesses for quotes on a generator for the entire Courthouse.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 7:10 pm with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor