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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 2015

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners attending were President Paul R. George, Dan J. Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd. Others in attendance were Auditor January Roush, County Attorney J. David Lett, Sheriff Travis Roush, Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Linda Evans-Dillon, Veteran Service Officer; Andy Ringwald and Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA; Steve Stacksteder, Four Rivers; Major T.A. Burkhardt, Dave Sutton, John and Jerry Earl and Jill Albright, Loogootee Tribune.

Commissioner Gregory called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:03 pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of May 26, 2015 were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

Steve Stacksteder, Four Rivers, submitted the 2014 Annual Report and a budget request. He requested $4,000 for Four River “Red Door” to be included in the Commissioners budget for 2016. Stacksteder invited the Commissioners to tour the facilities. Commissioner Gregory gave information to Stacksteder regarding the opening of the Community Foundation’s grant cycle. President George thanked Stacksteder for his service to the community.

Linda Evans-Dillon, Veteran Service Officer, gave her May report. VSO Dillon thanked the Commissioners for replacing the door on the garage that houses the veteran’s van.

Sheriff Travis Roush came before the Commissioners requesting approval to apply for several grants through The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). He will be applying for an Anti-Gang Initiative, Community Policing Development and COPS Hiring Program. The Community Policing Development grant will be used to start neighborhood watches in Shoals and Loogootee and to help defer the cost of the Reserve Deputy Program. The COPS Hiring Program will be used to hire another deputy. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to allow Sheriff Roush to proceed with the grant application process on all grants. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. There are currently 50 inmates in the Security Center. Training has begun with Corporal Damon Baker and the new K9 Virka. Sheriff Roush thanked Dr. Wallace for waiving the fees associated with the Virka’s first check up and Loughmiller’s for the mobile kennel in the truck.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, attended a Debris Management Class.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Great Lakes will be doing dust control in the county starting next week. Superintendent Padgett updated the Commissioners on several pieces of equipment. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to declare a gravel bucket and a bin surplus. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Commissioners will take sealed bids on the following pieces of equipment with a minimum bid required: Paver-$1,984, Dump Truck $1,267.40, Gravel Bucket-$40 and a Bin $500. Bids must be submitted to the Auditor’s Office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. The Commissioners will open the bids at the July 7, 2015 meeting. A notice with a detailed list will be submitted to the newspapers. Due to the Courthouse being closed, Friday, July 3, 2015 because of Catfish Festival, the Highway Department would like to have the following Monday off since they are already closed on Friday. Commissioner Gregory made motion to approve the Highway Department to be closed on Monday, July 6, 2015. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. A discussion followed on the continuing problem of phone lines being put in ditches. Superintendent Padgett thanked the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department for washing the undercarriages. He submitted a list of roads set to be repaired or are already finished.

Jerry Earl had a question regarding the bonding of the county roads. Attorney Lett will investigate.

Attorney Lett and Commissioner Gregory will meet with Knox County EMS regarding negotiations on the Ambulance Contract tomorrow. They will update at the next meeting.

President George gave an update on the purchase of a building for Community Corrections.

Auditor Roush presented the Tourism Report submitted by Jim Stoughton.

Due to the Recorder’s Office changing software vendors, the County received a refund of $10,288.62 from Thomson Reuters.

Felts Lock and Alarm has begun installing the new Fire Alarm System.

President George offered condolences to Jill Albright on the passing of her Step-Father, Tom Horsting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 6:00pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor