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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 24, 2014

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, June 24, 2014 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, County Attorney J. David Lett, Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett, Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Judge Lynne Ellis, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, Sheriff Rob Street, Councilman Floyd L. Hawkins and Warren D. Albright, Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator; Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance Director; Mayor Noel Harty, City of Loogootee; Andy Kyger, Karen Slaven, Phyllis Panko, Ruth Smith, Mark Ellis, Greg Jones, SIDC; Samantha Nelson, Dr. Larry Sutton, Martin County Health Officer; Kevin Sutton, Martin County Health Department; Misty Melvin, Karri Tinkle, Janie Frye, Josh and Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal and Jill Albright, Loogootee Tribune.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:08 pm. Due to the length of the Redevelopment Commission meeting, the Commissioners’ meeting was called to order later than scheduled.

The minutes from the regular meeting of June 10, 2014, 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.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, Martin County Humane Society, submitted their quarterly report. Several years ago an Animal Commission was established to help with animal control. The Humane Society has now taken over that responsibility and has been working with the Sheriff’s Department, so there is no need for the Commission. Due to the Humane Society hiring two part time employees, they are requesting $6,000 from the Commissioners for next year’s budget. Commissioner Gregory praised the Hughett’s and the Humane Society for all their hard work.

Dr. Larry Sutton, Health Officer, discussed with the Board the possibility of the Heath Department having to become accredited. The State is recommending that all Health Departments become accredited but if not it could result in the loss of grant funding. The cost to become accredited is $5,000 for three years.

Kevin Sutton, Martin County Health Department, updated the Board on several unsightly properties in the Crane area. The properties are outside the Town of Crane limits. He has been dealing with this issue since last September when Auditor Roush contacted him. There are four properties that he has received complaints on. One was near Crane Base and it has been cleaned up. Two of the properties are in legal litigation. The other is the old trailer court. If the County could come in and clear the right-of-way by the old trailer court, he believes that would satisfy the adjacent property owners. Highway Superintendent Padgett will take a look at the property. He also submitted pictures of other properties that he has not received complaints on.

Greg Jones, SIDC, submitted his budget request for $2,563. The amount requested is based on the population of the county. Jones submitted information on the Brownfield Assessment Grant. This grant will aid in the cleanup of industrial and commercial properties. SIDC will be helping the communities in their five area counties, including Martin, Daviess, Lawrence, Greene and Knox. The Counties will come together to form a coalition with two members from each county. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to become a coalition member with SIDC and other SIDC counties. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Boyd agreed to set on the Commission. Once the coalition is established the counties will have to enter into the CSRP program, pass a Coalition Resolution, then apply for OCRA and EPA funding. SIDC hopes to have funding in place by February 2015. Jones gave details about a Blight Elimination Program to aid in the cleanup of residential properties.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, updated the Commissioners on recent activities. The LEPC meeting scheduled for this month has been postponed to September.

Sheriff Rob Street updated the Commissioners on the 911 maps. He ordered the maps last week and should take 90 day to receive. The maps will include any updated roads since the last maps were made. The Jail will be inspected in August. Major Burkhardt has scheduled Active Shooter Training for the employees of the Courthouse on July 17. He requested that the Courthouse be closed from 9am-10:30am. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to close the Courthouse on Thursday, July 17 from 9am-10:30 am for the Active Shooter Training. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The door control panels will be completed by Thanksgiving.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted the two-work schedule. Superintendent Padgett updated the Commissioners on condition of the Gradalls. Southeastern has a 2012 Gradall for $280,000. Superintendent Padgett submitted interest rates from several banks. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to declare an emergency due to the poor conditions and lack of parts available for the current Gradalls and approve the purchase of a 2012 Gradall from Southeastern financed through Old National Bank at 2.09% with annual payments. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Superintendent Padgett updated the Commissioners on the new CDL physicals guidelines. All four mowers are being used since the Gradalls are down. He also submitted a list of roads to be repaired and paved and cost estimates. Due to Friday, July 4 being a paid holiday and already being a day off for the Highway Department, Superintendent Padgett requested another day off. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the closing of the Highway Department for Monday, July 7, 2014. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Due to the closing of the Courthouse for inclement weather this past winter, the Highway Department is to schedule days off to compensate. Commissioner Boyd mentioned several issues with an adjacent property owner to the Lost River Fire Station. The Commissioner’s requested Lost River Township Trustee Millie Brown is asked to attend the next Commissioners meeting.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, is taking applications for two part time positions and will start interviewing this week. She thanked Jerald Harner for his two years of service. Director Collins thanked Paula Ringwald and John Hopkins for their help with the removal of staples and nails at the Community Building. ISP Trooper Purtle will be doing some “in house” training for meth waste removal. This training will be passed on to the road crew. They will be assisting the Town of Shoals with clean up during the Catfish Festival.

Judge Lynne Ellis updated the Commissioners on the Courthouse Security. Due to both full time court reporters being out due to medical reasons, she has hired a part time court reporter.

Mayor Noel Harty, City of Loogootee, apologized to the Commissioners for not taking the correct steps in requesting County EDIT funds. Mayor Harty gave details on the Loogootee City Pool Project. Mayor Harty and the Loogootee Park Board requested County EDIT funds from the County Council. The Council pledged $30,000 over the five years starting in 2016. When County Attorney J. David Lett drafted a resolution it was discovered that the Commissioners develop the plan and the Council would give permission to spend through appropriation. Therefore, the Commissioners have to approve the use of County EDIT funds for the City Pool Project. A lengthy discussion followed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to table the decision until the next meeting, Tuesday, July 8. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Councilman Hawkins made the Commissioners aware that the pledge is only good if the pool is constructed.

Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator, updated the Commissioners on recent events. There are 295 kids enrolled in 4-H. He invited the Commissioners to come out and support the County Fair which is July 11-16 and a new event, the Heavy Weight Horse Pulls on July 15. He is in the process of hiring a new secretary and will be hiring a part time nutritionist soon.

President George gave the May Veteran Service Officer Report.

President George explained to those in attendance the remainder of the meeting was going to be used to examine items for the 2015 Commissioners budget. All patrons were welcomed to stay.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor