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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2015

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, August 18, 2015 in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners attending were President Paul R. George and Kevin R. Boyd. Commissioner Dan J. Gregory was unable to attend. Others in attendance were Auditor January Roush, County Attorney J. David Lett, Sheriff Travis Roush, Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Monty Wolf and Andy RIngwald, Civil Defense/EMA; Judge Lynne E. Ellis, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections, Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance; Greg Jones, SIDC; Rick Mauder, Eva Neeley, Joshua Hughett, Martin County Journal; Dave Sutton, and Jill Albright, Loogootee Tribune.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of August 4, 2015 were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by President George.

Greg Jones, SIDC, came before the Commissioners to discuss a grant opportunity for workforce development. The award maximum for the grant is $250,000 and would require a local match of $50,000. This grant would provide training for 50-60 students in the defense industry. Greene, Daviess and Lawrence County have already signed on for the project but Jones would like Martin County to be the lead applicant. There was patron input and a discussion followed concerning the inclusion of Dubois County. The other three counties involved would sign partnership agreements with Martin County. The maximum amount of local match Martin County would have to fund would be $15,000. The proposal is due August 28, 2015 and the application is due October 23, 2015. Commissioner Boyd made motion to have SIDC proceed with the grant application as is. President George made the second.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported there are currently 53 inmates in the Security Center.

Sheriff Roush and Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, recently attended a Sheriff’s Association Seminar concerning House Bill 1269. HB 1269 allows inmates to become eligible for Medicaid. Sheriff Roush and Director Collins briefed the Commissioners on the process. An option that most counties are taking is contracting the process out due to the time and training needed to help navigate the Medicaid system. If an inmate is hospitalized while in custody, this would help offset the costs to the county.

Director Collins informed the Commissioners of their first client from the “rocket docket”. The Community Corrections Advisory Board voted to decline the proposal from John Lengacher for the building on Water Street.

Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA, discussed a county wide alert system with the Commissioners. The system would cost $4-$5,000 annually. Citizens could sign up to receive alerts. Another option was a system for the EMA Department only that would cost $2,500 to set up and $500 annually. The Commissioners requested that Wolf report back with more information on the county wide alert system.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his 2-week work schedule. Superintendent Padgett updated the Commissioners on the paving projects and equipment repairs. The county received $82,515.66 in Crane Timber funds that will be used to pave roads. Superintendent Padgett plans to add two more roads to the project list. Paving will begin on 200 South in late September and Truelove Church and Barn Run Roads are also on the list. President George requested two bridges in the Indian Springs area be leveled out.

Judge Lynne E. Ellis informed the Commissioners that the Murder Trial scheduled in September has been postponed. No date has been scheduled at this time. There is a Jury Trial scheduled already to begin in late January. Commissioner Boyd questioned two claims submitted by Judge Ellis. Judge Ellis explained. President George requested when any type of work is being done in the Courthouse that the Commissioners approve and are aware of when the work will be done.

The Claims and Allowances were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by President George.

County Attorney J. David Lett submitted an Ordinance and a Resolution for approval. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13, Ordinance to Establish a Travel Policy for Elected County Officials and Employees. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14, Resolution Authorizing the Use of Credit Cards. President George made the second. Attorney Lett reported back concerning the liability issue if an employee uses a personal vehicle while on official business. The county insurer will provide liability as secondary but will not cover as primary. Once the Commissioners review the County Employee handbook, it should be ready for approval in September.

President George congratulated Deputy Auditor Sierra Rutledge on the birth of a son.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by President George. The next Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00pm.

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor