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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2014

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, October 14, 2014 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, J. David Lett, County Attorney; Assessor Carolyn McGuire, Pat King, Community Corrections Administrative Assistant; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA; Garrick Cooper, Jim Jones, Harry Freeman, Scott Sanders, Eva Neeley, Ed Koerner, X-Soft; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal and Martin County Humane Society 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 September 30, 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.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire and Ed Koerner, X-Soft, presented the Commissioners with a contract for a new property tax software program. The current software is contracted through Thomson Reuters. Assessor McGuire is unhappy with the support. X-Soft offers an easier user friendly program. County Attorney Dave Lett had no legal objections to the contract. The X-Soft program will interface with the Auditor’s Office. The Council has approved the funding for the new program in the 2015 budget. The contract is a four-year agreement and payments can be made over the four years. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the X-Soft contract for $36,200 with an annual support fee of $23,500. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Assessor McGuire will contact Thomson Reuters to let them know we will not be renewing the Assessor’s contract. Assessor McGuire also inquired about a panic button for her desk.

Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk, submitted the two-week work schedule. Clerk Alcorn requested permission to advertise for supply bids. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the advertisement of supply bids to be turned in by Friday, November 7, 2104 at 4pm in the Auditor’s Office. The bids will be opened at the November 11, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. There were two applications submitted for the position of Highway Superintendent. After reviewing experience and qualifications on both applications, Commissioner Gregory made a motion to appoint Leo Padgett as the Highway Superintendent Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Superintendent Padgett retired on September 28, 2014 and did not receive a paycheck from Martin County for 30 days. There was no prior agreement made to re-hire Padgett. Therefore, he is eligible for rehire but will not contribute to the retirement plan. Superintendent Padgett’s effective start date will be Monday, October 20, 2014. Highway employee Garrick Cooper thanked the Commissioners for giving him the opportunity to work for Martin County and praised Superintendent Padgett. Several roads in need of repair were discussed. The part time employee will continue working as long as his hours don’t exceed 1,456 hours.

Courtney Hughett, Martin County Humane Society, submitted the Humane Society quarterly report. President George read the report. There have been 106 adoptions this year.

President George read the September Veteran Service Officer report.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Lynn Gee to the Prevailing Wage Committee for the Loogootee City Pool Project. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush advised the Commissioners of parking issues in the public parking area by the Recycling Center across from the Courthouse. The issue will be discussed at the Solid Waste meeting tomorrow night.

Auditor Roush explained Terminix will be taking over the pest control at the Courthouse beginning in November.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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