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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 25, 2014

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, November 25, 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; Sierra Rutledge, Deputy Auditor; Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Andy Ringwald and Cameron Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA; Brent Roberts, BF&S; Gene Sherfick and Tim Parke, Lost River V.F.D; Jim Hamby, Shoals V.F.D.; Marilyn McCullough, Thompson Insurance; Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator; Paula Ringwald, 4-H Council President; Morgan Huebner, Loogootee V.F.D; Eva Neeley and Jill Albright, Loogootee Tribune.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:06 pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of November 11, 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.

Auditor Roush provided information on the DNR Timber Sale Revenue. Martin County received $39,516.92. Representatives from each of the four local volunteer fire departments were present and discussed the needs for each department. The intent of the Commissioners was to split the entire distribution four ways. Due to HEA1424, only 50% of the distribution is allowed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve $4,939.62 be distributed to each volunteer fire department. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to his involvement in the local fire departments. County Attorney Lett is to investigate the possibility of distributing the remaining amount to the volunteer fire departments. Each Commissioner thanked the volunteers present for the work they do.

Paula Ringwald, 4-H Council President and Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator, presented a renewal for the lease agreement between the 4-H Council and Board of Commissioners. The agreement is for the rental of office space to the Extension and Soil & Water for $150 month. The lease agreement is a 3 year agreement. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the renewal of the lease agreement for a 3 year period at $150 a month. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Attorney Lett and Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent reviewed the supply bids prior to the meeting. All the bids were in order and Superintendent Padgett recommended the Commissioners approve all bids. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve all supply bids submitted. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. The new dump trucks will be picked up next week. Superintendent Padgett updated the Commissioners on the damage done due to the recent lightning strike, several projects and repair of the Train King.

Attorney Lett submitted Resolution 2014-26 Amendment of Martin County Code Chapter 73: Traffic Schedules. Resolution 2014-26 reduces the speed limit on Indian Springs Road in Mitcheltree Township to 30mph. Reducing the speed will decrease the cost of Bridge #11 construction. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-26. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Brent Roberts, BF&S, updated the Commissioners on county wide bridge inspections and a revised supplemental agreement to their contract. The revised agreement is due to INDOT changing the inspection cycle of fracture critical bridges from a 24 month period to a 12 month period.

Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA, updated the Commissioners on recent happenings. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to renew the termite inspection contract with Black Diamond for $280. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, reported on the District 10 meeting he attended last week.

Marilyn McCullough, Thompson Insurance, provided a health insurance update. The county did not receive an increase in medical premiums but did receive a 5.01% increase in ACA fees which are fees associated with the Healthcare Reform Law. Open enrollment begins December 1, 2014. The plan year will be January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015. Thompson submitted two worksheets outlining the difference in premiums on the employee absorbing the entire 5.01% increase or the county. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the county absorbing the entire 5.01% increase and keep the employee part of the premium the same as in 2014. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Commissioners will look into anther special distribution at mid-year 2015 for employees.

Auditor Roush submitted two resolutions for approval. Resolution 2014-24 establishes the Board of Commissioners’ and Redevelopment Commission meeting dates for 2015. The Redevelopment Commission approved at the meeting prior to the Commissioner’s meeting, to change their meeting dates to quarterly instead of monthly. Their quarterly meetings will be held on the first month of the quarter prior to the second Commissioner’s meeting. Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-24. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Resolution 2014-25 designates the paid Holidays to county employees. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-25. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The State Board of Accounts started their annual audit last week.

Extension Educator Stevens announced that 4-H enrollment began November 1, 2014 and will run thru January 15, 2015.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioner meeting will be Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor