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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 24, 2015

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, November 24, 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, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA; Dave Redman, Extension Educator; Jim Lauck and Joshua Kush, Indiana Department of Natural Resources; Josh Hughett, Martin County Journal 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 November 10, 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.

Sheriff Travis Roush submitted a contract that will allow the use of credit cards to post bonds. Attorney Dave Lett had reviewed the contract prior to the meeting and had no legal objections. Attorney Lett did recommend that the County Treasurer look into the use of credit cards to pay property taxes. The credit card surcharge will be 7% and the county will collect 15% of the surcharge. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the participation agreement with Government Payment Services, Inc. for the use of credit cards to post bonds. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Sheriff Roush inquired about the use of the courthouse for K-9 training purposes. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to allow the Sheriff’s Department to use the courthouse for K-9 training events. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. There are currently 48 inmates in the Security Center. A discussion followed on the possibility of holding DOC inmates and/or out-of-county inmates due to overcrowding to boost revenue.

Jim Lauck and Josh Kush, Indiana Department of Natural Resources presented a check for timber sale revenue in the amount of $14,098.48. The County receives 15% of the timber sale for the last fiscal year. A portion of the timber sale revenue is to be distributed to the local fire departments. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to distribute the entire amount of $14,098.48 evenly to the four local fire departments with each department receiving $3,524.62. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to his involvement in the local fire departments.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, came before the Commissioners requesting approval to apply for a mini grant through the LCC program in Martin County. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the grant request. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. The new employee handbook will be available to new employees in two weeks. He gave an update on the winter mix. Superintendent Padgett requested permission to purchase a diagnostic scanner. The diagnostic scanner would allow the department to see what is wrong with the trucks and fix the trucks in house instead of sending it off to a repair shop. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the purchase of a diagnostic scanner from TR Systems, LLC for $8,145. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The diagnostic scanner approved will be able to diagnose issues on all equipment at the highway department. Attorney Lett and Superintendent Padgett reviewed the supply bids prior to the meeting. All bids were in order and Superintendent Padgett recommended the Commissioners approve all bids. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve all bids submitted. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Bridge Inspection report recommended decreasing the load limit of Bridge #11 to 6 Tons until the needed repairs are done. A discussion followed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to decrease the load limit of Bridge #11 to 6 Tons effective Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA, thanked the Commissioners for a share of the timber funds.

Dave Redman, Extension Educator, updated the Commissioners on the hiring of a new Extension Educator. He is also changing his Frontier phone line contract to be more cost effective.

President George informed the Commissioners of the Bicentennial Committee wanting to place a Time Capsule in the Courthouse. The Commissioners agreed but leaving it up to the Committee to decide where to place the capsule.

Attorney Lett submitted two agreements from Judge Lynne Ellis, who was unable to attend, concerning Public Defender and Guardian Ad Litem. Attorney Lett had no legal objections. Commissioner Gregory made motion to approve the agreements with Wright Law, LLC for public defender services in the amounts of $3,500 per month and Sandra Bowman for Guardian Ad Litem services in the amount of $2,083 per month. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sheriff Roush requested permission to apply for an LCC Grant. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the application for the LCC Grant. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Attorney Lett submitted an employee handbook for the Commissioner’s to review.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-28 establishing the Commissioner meeting dates for and Resolution 2015-29 designating the holidays for 2016. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor January Roush updated the Commissioners on the Bicentennial Flag raising ceremony. The ceremony will be held Friday, December 11, 2105 at noon in front of the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

The Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Gregory gave an update on Bowling Manufacturing via Tim Kinder. They have hired 20 employees and need an additional 12-15. They will be in full production December 15, 2105 and will have their first shipment out January 17, 2016. Of the 20 new employees, 19 are from Martin County.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:00pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor