Martin

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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 23, 2014

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, December 23, 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; Judge Lynne E Ellis, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA; Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator; Brandon Smith, Chestnut Law; Michael D. Chestnut, Attorney at Law, PC; Isha Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, PC; Aureola S. Wright, Wright Law, LLC; Jim Hamby, Shoals Volunteer Fire Chief; Eva Neeley 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 December 9, 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.

Judge Lynne E. Ellis introduced Michael D. Chestnut and Brandon Smith, Chestnut Law Office and later in the meeting Isha Wright-Ryan and Aureola S. Wright, Wright Law, LLC to the Commissioners. Judge Ellis submitted four Public Defender Agreements for 2015 with Wright Law, LLC; Isha Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, PC; Linderman Law, LLC and Michael D. Chestnut, Attorney at Law, PC. Each agreement is for $42,000 per year and covers all misdemeanors and felons except murders and attempted murders. The County has received $55,000 in Public Defender reimbursement and $17,000 into the Supplement Public Defender Fund. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Public Defender contracts with Michael D. Chestnut, Attorney at Law, PC; Linderman Law, LLC, Isha Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, PC and Wright Law, LLC for 2015 in the amount of $42,000 each. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, clarified the Community Corrections grant application the Commissioners approved at the last meeting was for 2015-2017 and the budget was for 2015-2016. Auditor Roush will supply Director Collins with a copy of the approved minutes for her application.

Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator, submitted his annual contract with Purdue University for the 2015 calendar year. The contract is for the services provided by the Extension Educator and in the amount of $18,595. Attorney Lett had no legal objections to the contract. The 4-H online enrollment is open till January 15, 2015. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the contract with Purdue University for contractual services in the amount of $18,595 for calendar year 2015. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Two hundred Tons of the new sodium chloride mixture is ready for inclement weather. The new dump trucks are ready and have received rave reviews from the employees. President George suggested taking bids for the repair of the bridge on Spout Springs Road. The two-way radios have been installed in the new dump trucks.

The Commissioners received quotes from M&M Electric, Builders Best and Commercial Services for maintenance of the Courthouse. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to take the quotes under advisement. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner George gave the Veteran Service Officer Report for October. On behalf of the Commissioners, President George extended his condolences to Linda Evans-Dillon on the recent passing of her mother.

An Executive Session has been scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5:00pm.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the Section 125 for 2015. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush advised the Commissioners the December Settlement distribution was pre-approved. All the County Units received their distribution checks. The Commissioners received a breakdown of distribution amounts for each unit.

Auditor Roush will contact Felts Lock and Alarm regarding the fire alarm quote approved in July.

President George expressed his appreciation to Sheriff Rob Street and Clerk Julie Fithian for their years of service with the County.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioner meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor