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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 2013

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners attending were President Paul George, Dan Gregory and Kevin Boyd. Others in attendance were Auditor January Roush, J. David Lett, County Attorney; Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Judge Lynne Ellis; Monty Wolf and Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense; Councilman Warren Albright; Highway Superintendent Jim Williams, Jill Albright and Hannah Fleace, Loogootee Tribune; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal; Amy Kaho, Martin County EMS; Brent Roberts, BF&S; Lost River Fire Chief Tim Parke, Loogootee Fire Chief Morgan Huebner, Shoals Fire Chief Jr. Sanders, Rhonda Rumble, SIDC; and Prosecutor Mike Steiner .

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

The minutes from the regular meeting of February 5, 2013, 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.

Rhonda Rumble, SIDC, submitted an updated Fair Housing Ordinance. OCRA is requiring that all grants have a newly passed ordinance. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to pass the Fair Housing Ordinance as submitted. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Rumble also gave an update on the Lost River Fire Station grant.

Amy Kaho, Martin County EMS, presented to the Commissioners the ambulance year-end report. A discussion followed on the level of care the ambulance provides. She stated there had been some dispatch issues but those have now been resolved. Kohl will return quarterly to provide reports.

Martin County EMA Director Monty Wolf stated that he had attended the D10 meeting recently and gave a brief review. He also stated there will be a Tornado Spotters Class on February 25 at 6:30pm at North Elementary in Washington, IN.

Auditor Roush presented to the Commissioners an update on the DNR Timber Sale Revenue. Up to 50% of the net proceeds can be distributed to the local fire departments that have valid cooperative agreements. The county received $35,258.56 of which $17,629.28 can be distributed to the fire departments. In the past, the fire departments had each received $1,000. Commissioner Gregory asked the fire chiefs in attendance to come forward. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to distribute $3,500 per department. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to conflict of interest. He is a volunteer on the Shoals Fire Department. Each department gave a brief list of what the funds were going to be used for and thanked the Commissioners for the funds.

Highway Superintendent Williams presented his two-week work schedule. CLR has completed their part of the Deep Cut Lake Bridge. Only minor work around the bridge needs completed, which will be done by the Highway Department. Williams also stated that there is an issue with a bridge on Witt Lane. A decision will need to be made on whether to replace the twin culvert pipes or the entire bridge. Williams also attend the area D10 meeting. Brent Roberts, BF&S, submitted the Bridge 11 contract for review. This will be a federal aid project funded by INDOT. The county will be responsible for 20%. Attorney Lett had reviewed the contract and had no objections. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the contract pending INDOT approval. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Veteran Service Officer appointment was tabled. Commissioner Gregroy has been in contact with several who are interested. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to appoint Sue Hembree with Maxine Huebner as alternate and Gene Sherfick and Lois Brett with Kenneth Fuhrman as alternate to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for 2013. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Prosecutor Mike Steiner came before the board to request that the Commissioners take over paying for rent and utilities for his office. He had submitted a letter to the Commissioner outlining his request. He stated that to help offset the general fund the last few years he had paid them from his deferral fund. Since his deferral fund is not adequate enough to pay these bills he is asking for their assistance. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to start paying the rent and utilities for the prosecutor’s office. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor