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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

February 16, 2016

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in special session Tuesday, February 16, 2016 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, Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense; Stacy Brown, Extension Educator; Brent Roberts, BF&S; Jenny Dearwester, SIDC; Mike & Pat Jones, Dan Hoffman, Eva Neeley and Jill Allbright, 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 February 2, 2016 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.

Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, came before the Commissioners to discuss applying for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant through the Indiana Finance Authority. The county did not receive the last Housing Rehabilitation Grant it applied for. This grant application will work in the same manner as the one before. The maximum amount of the grant would be $350,000. The grant application is due July 1, 2016. Dearwester will update the applicants and the application. The application is competitively scored. SIDC received $8,783.57 from the USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant for Martin County. Other matching funds would come from City of Loogootee $1,500, Town of Shoals $1,000 and Martin County $15,500 with a total local match of $26,783.57. The county could provide assistance to 14 housing units at approximately $21,088 per house. SIDC will be conducting another application process on March 7th from 10am-1pm. Commissioner Gregory has agreed to be the designated contact person for the county to actively work to get homeowners involved in the project.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his 2-week work schedule. The county will not be servicing Falls Lane per request from the land owner. The department will be using concrete pieces to keep Haw Creek from getting closer to the road. Brooks Bridge is now open but has been reduced to a 9 ton load limit. Brent Roberts, BF&S, informed the Commissioners the letting of Bridge #11 has been moved up to May 5, 2016. The title block was signed by each Commissioner. The trees located where the new Bridge #11 will be built need to be down by April 1, 2016 due to the Indiana Bats mating season. The Indiana Bat is on the DNR endangered species list. BF&S will mark the trees and the highway department will take them down. A discussion on the West River Road wash out and Alfordsville Road was discussed.

Stacy Brown, Extension Educator, introduced herself as the new Martin County Educator.

Dan Hoffman questioned if Rutherford Road was on the schedule for repair. Due to the population on the road, Mr. Hoffman would like the road to be repaved. Commissioner Gregory explained the funding issue with the roads and that they have been trying to adopt the Wheel Tax to assist with the funding but the Council keeps voting the Wheel Tax down. Mr. Hoffman is in favor of the Wheel Tax. The Commissioners suggested he contact the County Council.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 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, March 1, 2016 at 6:00pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor