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THE MARTIN COUNTY

 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners present were Paul R. George, Dan J. Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd. Also attending were Deputy Auditor Bobbie Abel, County Attorney J. David Lett, Brent Roberts, BF&S; Surveyor Nathan Hoffman, Stan & Mary Young, Charles Goul, Colonel & Mona Child, Bruce Fithian & Dianne Butler, Lost River Township Advisory Board; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal; Josh Hughett, Animal Control Officer; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Tim Parke, Lost River VFD; Millie Brown, Lost River Township Trustee and Dale Brown, Lost River VFD.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:30pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of February 13, 2018 were approved as submitted with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Claims and Allowances were approved as submitted with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Surveyor Nathan Hoffman and Stan Young came before the Commissioners for approval of the sub-division, Sawmill Ridge Section 2. The platted sub-division will be recorded with restrictions as lots instead of metes and bounds. A discussion followed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Section 2 of Sawmill Ridge. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

President George read a Thank You card from SOAR.

Millie Brown, Lost River Township Trustee, came before the Commissioners to discuss Powell Valley Road. Due to flood waters, the road as become dangerous to those who try to pass through. Brown proposed putting up gates on each side of Powell Valley Road when flooded. Tim Parke, Lost River VFD, discussed several accidents that have occurred. They submitted pictures from Dubois County and received a quote of around $2,300 per project. A lengthy discussion followed. The Commissioners are going to take this issue under advisement. Diane Butler, Lost River Township Trustee Board, suggested adding local traffic only signs on Butler Bridge Road due to flooding. Brown also expressed her concerned with the tree’s leaning on the sides of the roadways.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted the Highway Department’s two-week work schedule. A new culvert for McBride’s Bluff Road has been ordered. The department will begin accepting full and part time applications. The highway department asked that the public do their part and clean their driveway culverts out. A discussion on a department emblem to put on county trucks followed. President George signed Community Crossing Grant paperwork. Superintendent Padgett and Attorney Lett reviewed the bids received at last meeting for road projects. They recommended going with the lowest bids received. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to accept the bid for gravel from Cave Quarries. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to accept the lowest bid for bituminous products from Asphalt Materials. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve Cave Quarries for the black top products. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The road projects included in these bids were Dover Hill Road, Mt. Calvary Road, Cale Road and Butler Bridge Road.

Attorney Lett advised the Commissioners that the insurance company denied the claim for the New Holland Tractor. It was denied due to mechanical errors. Superintendent Padgett will be contacting the adjuster on the claim.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, informed the Commissioners that Phase 1 of bridge inspections is complete. He submitted a summary of the bridge inspections. BF&S prioritized the need for replacement of several bridges or culverts. County bridges listed included #92, #58, #69, #59, #49 and #50. Roberts briefed the Commissioners on the issues with each bridge on the list and gave recommendations on repair or replacement. A lengthy discussion followed. The Commissioners signed off on the Bridge Inspection Report. The Commissioners also discussed the Federal Grant bridge replacement process. The Commissioners will discuss different funding options with the Council at their April 2nd meeting.

Attorney Lett submitted two contracts for approval on behalf of Sheriff Travis Roush. He recommended adding 3 paragraphs to the contracts per Indiana law. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Frontier Services Agreement in the amount $55,886.95 to update the 911 equipment. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the contract with Combined Public Communications “CPC” at no cost to the county. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. CPC will provide messaging and video communications for the county inmates.

The Hoosier National Forest sent a letter regarding a controlled burn in the Butler Bridge Complex in the future.

Deputy Auditor Abel submitted a Helix Technologies quote for new software regarding security system. The current software end of life is 3/31/2018. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to table the decision until the next meeting. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm with a motion made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioner’s meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:30pm.

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 January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor