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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 31, 2015

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, March 31, 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, Judge Lynne E. Ellis, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator; Major T.A. Burkhardt, Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA; Rick Mauder, Brenda LaMar, Josh and Courtney 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 March 19, 2015 were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to his absence at the meeting.

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

Brenda LaMar came before the Commissioners concerning Chestnut Street in Indian Springs. County Attorney Lett will investigate whether the road is still on the county inventory or has been vacated.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Superintendent Padgett updated the Commissioners on several road issues. He has been receiving a lot of calls regarding roads. A discussion followed on the need for the Wheel Tax to raise revenue to fix the county roads. Commissioners expressed the need for taxpayers to attend the Council meeting in support of the Wheel Tax. Duke Energy damaged a part of Rusk while working on a project; they agreed to repair the road. The Part-Time employee will begin on Monday. More road signs are being stolen. Major Burkhardt will investigate. Superintendent Padgett submitted his surplus list of equipment. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve list of surplus equipment and set the date of the sale for Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 10am at the Highway Department. The list of equipment will be advertised in the local newspapers. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the right-of-way grant on Sawmill Road in Mitcheltree Township for a permanent easement per description by Surveyor Nathan Hoffman. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, submitted a worksheet regarding the number of clients in the Community Corrections program on any given day in the State of Indiana. The worksheet was for informational purposes only.

Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA Director, reminded everyone that a Tornado Spotter Class will be held Tueday, April 7, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Civil Defense Building.

Major Burkhardt reported that there are currently 52 inmates in the Security Center, of which 49 are local and 3 are Department of Corrections. Sheriff Roush was unable to attend.

Jonathan Stevens, Extension Educator, updated the Commissioners on recent happenings. The 4-H Fair will be July 10-14. He has been working in the schools with Project LEAD.

Commissioner George will be meeting with Richard Burch, Midwestern Engineers, regarding an additional entrance to the Courthouse.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 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, April 14, 2015 at 6:00pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor