Martin

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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2015

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners attending were Dan J. Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd. President Paul R. George was unable to attend. Others in attendance were Auditor January Roush, County Attorney J. David Lett, Sheriff Travis Roush, Chief Deputy Josh Greene, Assessor Carolyn McGuire, Linda Dillon, Veteran’s Service Officer; Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA; Jenny Dearwester, SIDC; John and Jerry Earl, Mike and Pat Jones, Josh and Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal and Jill Albright, Loogootee Tribune

Commissioner Gregory called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of March 31, 2015 were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory.

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.

Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, presented to the Commissioners information on an Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant. The grant application is due July 31, 2015 and maximum request is $350,000. The award announcement is set for October 22, 2015. SIDC will apply to USDA Rural Development HPG for the 10% match. If the county were to receive the entire $350,000, assistance could be provided to 14 housing units at approximately $21,800 per unit. This is only if there is $35,000 match contribution. If the County were to provide funds for this project, the grant would receive points. Each application is competitively scored, the higher the score the better chance of receiving the grant. If granted the motion to proceed, SIDC would begin taking applications in May. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to proceed with the grant application process for the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant. Commissioner Gregory made the second.

Veteran Service Officer Linda Dillon gave her report for March. VSO Dillon submitted information regarding a volunteer to drive the Veteran’s Van. The Commissioners’ would like more information about the driver before approving.

The ambulance contract runs through June 30, 2015. The Commissioners will ask for bids for the ambulance contract due to the dollar value.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, Martin County Humane Society, presented their quarterly report. There have been 70 adoptions. The Humane Society is interested in the Highway Department’s 1995 Chevrolet Truck that the Commissioners declared surplus at the last meeting. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to pull the 1995 Chevrolet Truck from the surplus listing. Commissioner Gregory made the second. Commissioner Boyd then made a motion to give the 1995 Chevrolet Truck to the Martin County Humane Society. Commissioner Gregory made the second.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire submitted a contract with Tax Management Associates, Inc for approval. TMA, Inc provides business personal property audit services. There is no charge for services unless an error is found. County Attorney Lett had no legal objections. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the Tax Management Associates, Inc contract. Commissioner Gregory made the second.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule and the year-end report.

Superintendent Padgett updated the Commissioners on various equipment and road repairs. The Part-Time employee began work last week. Superintendent Padgett would like to pursue the Wheel Tax further. All three Commissioners are in favor of the Wheel Tax. Superintendent Padgett will be putting together a 5 year plan to submit to the Council at their May 4, 2015 meeting.

Jerry Earl thanked the Superintendent Padgett and the Highway Department for fixing Red School Road.

Red School Road was damaged when National Gypsum moved all of their equipment out of the mines. Duke Energy repaired a part of Rusk Road that they damaged; therefore he believes National Gypsum should be responsible for the repair of Red School Road. The concrete from the City of Loogootee pool demolition is being used to fill road slides along the river.

Jim Stoughton submitted the tourism report for April.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to authorize County Attorney Lett to begin the process of terminating the contract between the County and Thomson Reuters in regards to the Recorders Software Maintenance contract. Commissioner Gregory made the second.

Mike Jones requested that if the Wheel Tax is passed that a provision be included to state that it be revisited at a later date.

Auditor Roush gave the Circuit Breaker report for Martin County. Martin County will lose $73,393.94 due to circuit breakers this year.

Due to the recent flooding in the Courthouse basement, Service Master came in to remove the water and clean the carpets.

Builders Best will be at the Courthouse tomorrow morning to repair the electrical grounding issue. The repairs were needed to proceed with the new Fire Alarm System.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. The next Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 6:00pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor