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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 28, 2015

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, April 28, 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 Deputy Auditor Sierra Rutledge, County Attorney J. David Lett, Sheriff Travis Roush, Recorder Rhonda Sanders, Linda Dillon, Veteran’s Service Officer; Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA; Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, John and Jerry Earl, Randy Baker, Dave Sutton, 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 April 14, 2015 were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. President George abstained due to his absence at the meeting.

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.

Linda Evans-Dillon, Veteran Service Officer, provided additional information for a Veteran’s Van driver as requested. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the driver. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported there are currently 53 inmates in the Security Center. Sheriff Roush is working on a Reserve Deputy Program and hopes to have the Ordinance ready for them for approval.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, submitted a proclamation from Governor Michael R. Pence’s office proclaiming May 3-9, 2015 as Correctional Employees Week. Director Collins is planning an appreciation day for all agencies that fall under this category. She advertised for a Part Time Road Crew Supervisor and will take applications for two weeks then begin the interview process. Director Collins updated the Commissioners on the County owned Green Cemetery. She is concerned about the headstones that have been damaged or displaced. If the County would provide the supplies needed, Road Crew could assist in the restoration. Director Collins was advised to contact the Historical Society or Genealogy Society to retain a census of the cemetery. Attorney J. David Lett will investigate the legalities. President George directed Highway Superintendent Padgett to assist in cutting up a large tree that has fallen on the cemetery. The Highway Mechanic is also going to repair the riding lawn mower used at the old Courthouse Annex. The Community Corrections Road Crew will also mow the Courthouse and Annex until the Courthouse Custodian returns from medical leave.

Rhonda Sanders, Recorder, came before the Commissioner requesting signatures on the CSI, Inc contract. The Commissioners approved the contract for new software at the March 3, 2015. The Recorder’s Office will go live with the new software with CSI, Inc on May 18, 2015.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Both gradall’s have been repaired and are up and running. Additional concrete is being donated to take to the river slide on West River Road. The Highway Department will begin working 4-10 hour days on May 4, 2015. The surplus auction items are ready to be sold. Superintendent Padgett is going to start using a different chemical for dust control. He also updated the Commissioners on several roads. In the next few weeks, the department will be hiring an additional part-time employee to assist with mowing. Superintendent Padgett contacted National Gypsum concerning the repairs on Red School Road. National Gypsum’s response was they are not liable because there was no bond or load limit.

Randall Baker brought up several questions, concerning the Wheel Tax. The Commissioner’s are in favor of the Wheel Tax. The Council has to approve and implement the tax. The Wheel Tax will be on the agenda at the May 4, 2015 Council meeting. The Wheel Tax could generate up to $286,000 for the Highway to use on the county roads. The County cannot depend on Crane Timber Revenue. The intention will be to pave county roads with the revenue. The Commissioners encouraged Baker and all in attendance to attend the May 4 Council meeting. A lengthy discussion continued on the Wheel Tax.

County Attorney Lett has prepared specifications for the Ambulance contract which is set to renew on July 1, 2015. Proposals will be accepted in the Auditor’s Office until May 15, 2015 at 12:00pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. The next Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00pm.

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor