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THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 30, 2013

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners attending were President Paul R. George, Dan Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd. Others in attendance were Auditor January Roush, County Attorney J. David Lett, Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director; Judge Lynne Ellis, Monty Wolf and Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense; Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett, Kevin Meyers, RQRW; Dave Barrow, Proliance Energy; Laura Albertson, Solid Waste Management Director; Linda Evans-Dillon, Veteran Service Officer; Jill Allbright, Loogootee Tribune; and Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal.

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 16, 2013, 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.

Dave Barrow, Proliance Energy, presented contracts to sign for the Courthouse and the Security Center in regards to the natural gas program the County will be entering into. The County will be purchasing the natural gas at wholesale through Proliance Energy. The contract was approved at the April 16, 2013 meeting. The program will begin on June 1, 2013 and the contract will be for a 12 month time period. The building that currently houses the Martin County Prosecutor and Surveyor will be added at a later date.

Judge Lynne Ellis, presented a contract renewal with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. Maximus is used county wide for the reimbursement of Child Support services. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to approve the renewal contract with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins came before the Board for the approval of a new Advisory Board Member. The Advisory Board has accepted the resignation of Carla Haswell. She stated that Ms. Haswell had been a huge asset to the board. The Indiana Code requires certain individuals to serve on the board. Director Collins asked the board to approve Chan Cornett. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to approve Chan Cornett to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Commission Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Veteran Service Officer Linda Evans-Dillon presented a letter to the board regarding a training conference. She requested that she be able to attend. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to allow VSO Linda Evans-Dillon to attend the conference. The conference will be held in Indianapolis June 4-6. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. She also updated the Commissioners on what she had been doing. The Commissioners will also be looking into purchasing a new Veterans’ Van.

Auditor Roush submitted a letter from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc regarding the Lost River Debris Removal Project. Commissioner George also had to sign a Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Certification regarding the Lost River Fire Station Grant.

Superintendent Leo Padgett presented his two-week work schedule. A brief discussion followed on the highway department’s equipment. Padgett will be attending ERC training on Wednesday. The sewer work on Davis School Road is also complete. The road counters on some of the county roads are being done by INDOT through a grant with SIDC. Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn stated that they had received the final check from FEMA in regards to the permanent repair done due to flooding a couple years ago. The check was for $4,664.43. Alcorn also submitted the Highway Departments year-end report. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to approve the year-end report. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Gregory stated that the HB 1001 has been approved. The Highway Department will be receiving an extra $324,000 for the repair of roads. A discussion followed on various road conditions throughout the county.

Attorney Lett opened the Bridge Inspection Qualifications. Qualifications were submitted by Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc, RQAW Consulting Engineers & Architects, Beam Longest and Neff, LLC, USI Consultants, Inc, Butler Fairman & Seufert, Inc, Rumschlag Technical Services and Frost Engineering & Consulting Company. The Commissioners have to appoint a committee of 3 people to grade the qualifications. Commissioner Boyd made the motion to appoint Commissioner Paul George, Jill Allbright and Andy Ringwald to the committee. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The committee will meet on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 to score the qualifications.

President George and Auditor Roush attended the Crane Timber Check presentation last week. The County received $224,850 in timber funds.

Civil Defense/EMA Co-Directors Monty Wolf inquired about the policy for putting gravel on cemeteries. President George asked Superintendent Padgett to take a load of gravel to the cemetery. Wolf and Co-Director Andy attended the FDC convention. Commissioner Gregory stated that training will be held at his farm for local fire departments and the Civil Defense on June 6, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Auditor Roush submitted a contract with Maximus Consulting Services. The contract will be in effect for 48 months. Commissioner Boyd made the motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SWMD Director Laura Albertson explained the $24 Solid Waste fee on property tax bills. The fee is replacing the property tax levy. There is no tax money involved in the building of the Shoals Recycling Center. The center will be used as a back drop for the Shoals Catfish Festival and will also include climate controlled storage for the Courthouse. Kathy Collins inquired on why the building was placed where it was. Albertson stated that it was due to a 3 phase electrical line and it was cheaper to move the building than move the power lines. The service hours could change after the grand opening to accommodate more citizens. Also, Community Corrections Director Collins praised the Recycling Center on the convenience to drop off the road crew trash. The Recycling Center will start recycling roofing shingles in about 2 weeks. Spring clean-up is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. Superintendent Padgett inquired about “No Dumping” signs. An area in Lost River would like to have some signs. Albertson also thanked the highway department for fill dirt being brought to the Recycling Center.

Since the Shoals Recycling Center is going to build storage space for the Courthouse within the new building, the Commissioners are going to fund the $15,000 needed out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to approve the $15,000 and to request an additional appropriation from the Council. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to conflict of interest. The motion passed with the majority vote.

President George stated that there will be a work session with the Martin County Council after their May 6, 2013 meeting regarding liability and casualty insurance and workman compensation. He also, reminded everyone of the meeting regarding flood documents on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Room.

Superintendent Padgett thanked the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department for spraying underneath a piece of equipment.

Civil Defense/EMA Co-Director Wolf thanked the Highway Department for the gravel in front of their building.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor