

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

The Jasper County Board of Commissioners met this date at 8:15 A.M. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Kendell Culp, Richard E. Maxwell and James A. Walstra. Also present were Auditor, Kimberly K. Grow; Highway Engineer/Supervisor, Jack R. Haberlin and the Attorney who represents the Commissioners, Eric Beaver. The meeting was called to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Terry Risner.

**CLAIMS:** Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve the claims as presented with the exception of Bitmat, Segals and Lehigh Hanson. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

**PAYROLL CLAIM:** Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the Payroll Claim for the check date equal to June 15, 2016 and June 30, 2016. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2016. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

**BURIED CABLE PERMITS:** There was some discussion regarding the county liability in the event that a private tile was damaged. Mr. Beaver was asked if he could review the county buried cable permit request document. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the buried cable permit as presented. Mr. Walstra seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**THELMA EDWARDS / DEER PARK SUBDIVISION / STOP SIGNS / FROST LAW /ROAD WIDTH:** Citizen (Fred) asked to speak for Mrs. Edward's husband. Fred requested 4 stop signs be installed on 990 North at Wildwood/Hawthorne. Fred also requested that frost law signs be installed. Mr. Walstra stated that they have been instructed to put frost law signs up. Thelma stated that she appreciates that blacktop is put down, but is concerned that the semis are going to tear it up. Fred stated that there are 3 semi's that travel that road. Fred and Mrs. Edwards stated that the roads are only 18 feet and 13 ½ feet wide and only 1 lane and are a danger (980 N and 990 N). Fred expressed concern about semi's being allowed in a subdivision. It was conveyed to Fred and Thelma that, other than a frost law, only covenants could prevent semis in a subdivision.

**MARK SINCLAIR / ANIMAL CONTROL:** Permission was requested to hire 2 part-time employees. They have responded to 100% of calls and would like to continue to do so. He does have the money available in the budget. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve the hiring of 2 part-time employees. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jerry Furst will be filling the vacancy on Animal Control board. Pat Williamson has resigned and Rob Cain will be his replacement. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to appoint Jerry Furst and Rob Cain to Animal Control Board. Mr. Walstra seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**CHRISTOPHER WHITEHEAD, CDC / BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2017:** Onias Tarwinga, MBA, CEO, discussed plans for the CDC to move the thrift store in to town to boost sales. He also discussed plans for a Wellness Coordinator. The budget he requested was \$138,527, which is the same as it has been for the last 6 years.

**JASPER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING CHANGE:** Mary Scheurich requests to change the zoning classification of real estate from A-1 to A-2 (Fenwick property). Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the zoning change. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

**NIPSCO AGREEMENT:** Ordinance was discussed regarding vacating 250 E. Erin Whitehead, Public Relations, NIPSCO, had no further comments or questions. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried. NIPSCO will take documents to be signed and will return them. Drainage was brought up

and suggested that it should be presented to the drainage board. They will act upon the drainage issue next month.

**CHRIS WOODCOCK / LITTLE COUSIN JASPER:** Chris states that he needs an authorization from the Commissioners to give to the Indiana Gaming Commission stating that he is allowed to use the Courthouse property. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

**SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST / 1100 N BETWEEN 1100 W & 1200 W:** Carl Meyer and Dave Salsmen were present and requested a speed limit reduction. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve the speed limit reduction. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Judy Kanne was present to express intent that they may ask for more funds in the future. She mentioned that they are trying to be more visible in the community and welcomed any questions or comments.

**SHERIFF'S DEPUTY RESIGNATION:** Sheriff Risner states that June 30 / July 1 is the last working day for Deputy Trejo. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the resignation. Mr. Walstra seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**TEMPORARY SIGNAGE / MAINTENANCE:** Sheriff Risner suggested temporary signage at 280 W. Signage will be put up at 280 W, 380 W, 480 W. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the request.

**REQUEST FOR PART-TIME / SHERIFF RISNER:** Sheriff Risner requested approval for a part-time maintenance person. The cost to train a new deputy is between \$80,000-\$100,000. Discussion was had regarding an employment contract.

**EMCORE:** Discussion was had regarding on-going technical problems.

**KIM GROW / TREE ON COURTHOUSE LAWN:** Discussion regarding the replacement of a maple tree that was hit by lightning that has a memorial placard.

**ERIC BEAVER:** All ordinances have been sent to review. The ADA policy has been approved pending his review. Things are moving forward with the Department of Justice.

**GAIL ACKERMAN / BASKETBALL HOOP / TIMBER TRAILS SUB:** Timber Trails was paved and the Highway Department hit a basketball hoop. It was a \$600 hoop that was installed in concrete. The citizen would like reimbursement. It was discussed and determined that the county is not responsible for damage to property that is located within the county right of way. Mr. Maxwell made the motion for Attorney Beaver to send the citizen a letter. Mr. Walstra seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**BFS:** Will be here around 10:00 A.M. to discuss road ratings.

**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE / REPAVING / RESEALING PARKING LOT:** County would be interested in resealing.

**PURCHASE OF 5 ACRES / FAIRGROUNDS:** Council would need to pass resolution for purchase of land. Two separate appraisals would be given to the Council. If property is in the county seat, the council will pass an ordinance that will set the terms of the purchase. Council needs a legal description for the property. Steve Whited and Gary Sammons were suggested as the 2 appraisers to be used. Mike Kingman was recommended as surveyor to be used. Mr. Walstra made the motion to move forward with calling the appraisers. Mr. Culp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE POSITION:** Part-time/on call position is an option.

**VICKIE BOZELL / CELL IN SUPERIOR CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE:** Odor coming from cell. More discussion will be had with the Sheriff and the Judges.

Vickie also mentioned that she has toured the new firehouse and talked to Kenny Hon about making it a polling location for Marion 2.

**CONFERENCE:** Need an email request to go to conference including agenda, hotel and registration fees.

**BFS:** Chip and seal estimated at \$12,000 a mile comes to \$1,728,000 county-wide, including only the roads that were on the list. Each road was graded. 0 is gravel; 1 is the worst; 10 is the best (only the brand new roads are given this rating). Location map needs to be done in order to make sure there are not small sections of roads missing. It was mentioned that the good roads also need attention to keep them in good shape. The estimate is to chip and seal 1000 W from 100 N to 400 N, On 1200 S, 630 to 980, 600 S from city limits to 700 W, Fairway Road and Sandy Pines.

List of roads that will be ground up, grindings layed down, and chip and seal will be needed. A grant will be applied for, for this project. Jack will provide a list with roads to be paved.

**PAVING:** Bids were reviewed. There was some discussion on whether the work will be done by the county or hired out. A financial letter will be needed, which will be prepared with Kevin Kelly. Continued meeting to sign resolution of commitment scheduled for July 19, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. CST. E & B Paving, Inc. was present to listen to the discussion.

**SHARON COLEE / COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Sharon emailed requesting that the county pay for maintenance work at the Fase Center for the shrubbery. The bid was from A & L, Inc. DBA Walstra Landscaping and was \$375.00 with labor and materials included. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve this request. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**MARY SCHEURICH:** Requested that someone call the fire alarm company. She also wanted to confirm that the property discussed earlier in the meeting is not the wooded piece, as she was originally told by Mr. Shelmon. It is 3.5 acres of tillable land. The property approved for re-zoning is more than likely gravel.

**CONFERENCE REQUESTS:** Vickie Bozell, Clerk; Kim Grow, Auditor; Beth Warren, Recorder; and Bill Batley, IT, would like approval to attend the 2016 AIC Annual Conference in Ft. Wayne from Monday, September 26 – Thursday, September 29. Costs incurred will include lodging, registration fees and meals. The county car will be used.  
**APPROVED**

William Wakeland, Community Corrections, will be attending the Residential Guidelines Advisory Committee Conference in Indianapolis on August 18, 2016. There is no cost for the training.

Christine Haskell, Prosecuting Attorney, along with her Deputies will be attending the Attorney General's Summer Conference on June 22-24, 2016. Expenses will be paid for out of the County General Fund.

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Dawn Hoffman, Assessor, has requested permission for three (3) people to attend the Assessor Summer Conference from August 30 – September 2 in Indianapolis. Expenses include registration fees, hotel and meals. The county car will be requested. **APPROVED**

There being no further business, Mr. Culp made the motion to continue the meeting until Tuesday, July 19, 2016

