

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –DECEMBER 7, 2015

Present: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Matt Snyder, Jim Crouch, Dale Dishmond, Shaun Tudor, and Deana Hill

Wiwi called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Woeste moved to approve the minutes of the November 16 meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

FARM BIDS: There were three bidders for the County Farm: David Woodruff who bid \$150/acre, Gary Dare \$100/acre and Cody Scheiner \$200/acre. After several rounds of open bidding, Gary Dare was awarded the two year contract for the County Farm at \$285/acre. He stated the farm is in the ASC program and talked about tile and drainage problems. The Commissioners will meet with him and the Surveyor to discuss these problems.

EMS: Nathan St. Clair presented the November ambulance report which showed 59 calls for the month. The Commissioners also signed the 3 three year contract with St. Clair for EMS services at \$210,000 per year beginning January 1, 2016.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers and the Commissioners opened bids for Highway Department materials for 2016. Union County Co-Op was the only bidder for gas/oil and lubricants and their bid was accepted. Asphalt Materials, Marathon, and Terry Materials submitted bids for asphalt emulsion bituminous material with all bids being accepted. US Aggregates, Hot Mix Inc., Milestone, CGS, and Rohe submitted bids for bituminous materials with all bids being accepted. US Aggregates, New Point Stone, and Barrett submitted bids for limestone with all bids being accepted. US Aggregates, CGS, and IMI submitted bids for gravel with all bids being accepted.

INSURANCE BIDS: Diane Bourne of RMD Insurance stated that insurance coverage for the jail is a problem as Downey Insurance would not insure it. She found another carrier which would require a \$25,000 deductible on the jail. She also stated that Downey was the only carrier that would cover the county, but our present agent, Mac Keasling, is their current representative at this time and the county would have to request a change in agents. She also stated that if the county selected RMD to service the account they would add a wellness package including gym membership for all county employees at no charge.

Mac Keasling of PRS Insurance then presented the insurance coverage through Downey Insurance. He also stated there was a problem in jail coverage, but he was able to get coverage through Downey with a \$10,000 deductible which brought the liability premium to \$59,139 and Workman's Comp premium to \$28,408 for a total of \$87,547.

After some discussion with both agents, the Commissioners tabled the matter for further review and stated they would make a decision at their next meeting.

TOM HART: Tom Hart asked if the Commissioners had made a decision on a barking dog ordinance which he is in favor of. After some discussion, Wiwi stated that he would talk to County Dog Warden Rick Hill about the matter. Hart also mentioned a culvert problem on Liberty Pike which was referred to the Highway Supervisor.

DEVELOPMENT CORP: Howard Curry presented the 2016 Development Corporation budget and stated they were requesting \$28,000 from Union County which is the same amount as requested the previous year. The Commissioners stated they would consider the request in their EDIT Plan for 2016.

SHERIFF: Dishmond reported that there are currently 17 in the county jail. He presented bids for carpet for all the downstairs at the jail including dispatch. Richmond Carpet bid \$3,562.56, Wholesale Carpet of Connersville bid \$4,083.10 and Georgia Direct bid \$4,975.00. After some discussion, Woeste moved to accept the Richmond Carpet bid of \$3,562.56. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Dishmond also stated they had two prisoners participate in a Drug Awareness Program at the School which was well received by both students and faculty. They are also scheduling it for other grades and the Middle School.

He stated "Shop with a Cop" for Christmas would be held the following day with reserve officers participating.

He also discussed vehicle maintenance and replacement with the Commissioners.

REDEVELOPMENT BOARD: Alcorn moved to re-appoint Kris Lacy, Melanie Caldwell, James Tilton, and Diane Bourne, to one year terms on the Redevelopment Board effective January 1, 2016. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

TRANSFER STATION: After some discussion, the Commissioners approved the request to have the Transfer Station open on Thursday, December 24, 2016 and closed on Saturday December 26, 2016.

MISC: The Commissioners agreed to meet at noon on Friday December 11 to raise the Bicentennial flag at the Courthouse.

After some discussion, Woeste moved to approve a \$10,000 contract for 2016 with Youth Opportunity Center in Muncie for 100 days of juvenile detention at \$100 per day which is less than their normal rate. This will be part of the Circuit Court budget. Wiwi seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

The Commissioners signed 2016 bonds for the Clerk, Recorder, Treasurer, Auditor, and Coroner.

Jim Crouch mentioned heavy trucks on county roads and discussion led to possibly investigating a frost ordinance for county roads.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest _____, Auditor