

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Present: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Matt Snyder, Pam Tharp, Jim Crouch, Dale Dishmond, Shaun Tudor, Jeff Bowers, Jeffrey and Melanie Allen, Lewis Brier, Gene Sizemore, and Gene Sanford

Wiwi called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Woeste moved to approve the minutes of the January 19 meeting. Wiwi seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Melanie Caldwell and Kris Lacy from the Redevelopment Commission updated the Commissioners on the prior year’s activities. Highlights included receiving over \$101,000 in farm rent since 2008, constructed a Park sign, driveway development, website development, and engineering and marketing grants. There are currently 3 tenants at the park: R & M Lawn Care, Outdoor Performance, and Indiana Eastern Railroad. There are currently no plans for any more infrastructure improvements until further lots are sold.

AMBULANCE: John Foy presented the St. Clair ambulance report for January which showed 61 calls for the month.

DRAINAGE BOARD: Wiwi convened the Drainage Board and heard a report from Surveyor Ted Young concerning the Ardery Ditch on the Lewis Brier farm. He has found that the original assessed acres for the ditch (338) are wrong and should be reduced to around 191 acres. He showed aerial photographs of the acres in question and proposed to (1) reduce Darrell Klein acreage from 79 to 20, (2) reduce M&B farms acreage from 79 to 32, (3) reduce Darlene Wooley acreage from 16.66 to 8 acres and (4) add 4.25 to Mary Sizemore. He also proposed that the current \$8/acre assessment remain the same. After some discussion with Commissioners and landowners, Woeste moved that the proposals be adopted. Wiwi seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers reported that it would cost about \$84,500 to pave one mile of road this year and to finish Stone Road and Nine Mile Road would be about \$422,000. The Commissioners stated that increased road funding could be coming from the State Legislature this year. Bowers also stated he is still getting bids for the cement work at the highway garage..

SHERIFF: Sheriff Dale Dishmond reported that there are currently 12 prisoners in the local jail and 3 out of county. He stated that he had met with County Council and they advised him to order one new Ford Explorer at the present time which he has done.

MISC: The Commissioners signed bonds for Sheriff Dale Dishmond and Redevelopment Board members Dan Hubbard, Kris Lacy, and Marc Ross.

Lewis Brier asked if the Soil and Water Commission’s monthly meeting could be changed to the third Thursday of the month at the Courthouse. The Commissioners approved the request.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest _____, Auditor

