

**UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –AUGUST 17, 2015**

**Present:** Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Pam Tharp, Matt Snyder, Jim Crouch, 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 August 3 meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

**EIDD:** Jeff Plasterer appeared to update the Commissioners on the Eastern Indiana Development District. He stated that Fayette, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne counties have agreed to join the new district. He has applied for the SET (Stronger Economies Together) program with Purdue University which should help them with grants. He will be submitting the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Committee application to the counties soon for review before submitting it to the state. He would like to get people from the member counties to meet to form the new regional organization.

**EMA:** EMA Director Jim Franklin stated that the state EMA is trying to streamline the grant application and would like each county to designate one person for the signature line for grant applications. After some discussion, Woeste moved to designate the Auditor to sign for EMA grant applications in Union County. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

**TURKEY CREEK ROAD:** County Attorney James Williams was present to discuss the road situation with residents Mike and Sabrina England. He has reviewed the various documents, and stated he believes the county should repair the road on a non- precedent setting basis since the estimated cost is less than \$1,700 and would allow emergency vehicles to get to their residence. He also informed the England's that in reviewing the documents it looks like the Corps of Engineers has given a right of access to the road from their property which expires in 2017. He advised the Englands to meet with the Corps and Department of Natural Resources to discuss this matter and obtain legal help if necessary as the county was not a party to the original agreement.

**DOG WARDEN:** County resident Tom Hart was present to complain about barking dogs in his residence area of rural Union County. Dog Warden Rick Hill was also present and stated that the town has a dog ordinance but there was no law or ordinance that applied to the country. After some discussion, Attorney Williams stated that he would look into the matter and see if an ordinance could be adapted for the country. He also stated that law enforcement should be part of the discussion as they would be enforcing the ordinance.

**COURTHOUSE CARPETS:** Custodian Justin Dake presented bids for cleaning the carpets in the Courthouse. Stanley Steemer presented a bid of \$1,549, Barnhizer \$1,509.06, and Rummel \$1,500. After some discussion, Woeste moved to accept the Rummel bid. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. Dake stated that the work would be done during hours that the Courthouse is closed.

**AMBULANCE:** The Commissioners discussed ambulance service for the county as the current contract expires at the end of the year. After some discussion, Alcorn moved to seek bids for ambulance service for a three year period. Wiwi seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. They then discussed terms that should be part of the contract with the County Attorney and agreed that the bids should be received by September 30 for review at their October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The County Attorney agreed to help as needed in this process.

**MISC:** Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Commissioners agreed to hold their next meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor