

## UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –MARCH 21, 2016

**Present:** Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Matt Snyder, Pam Tharp, Jim Crouch, Jack Heeter, 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 March 7 meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

**DEVELOPMENT CORP:** Director Melissa Browning appeared to discuss the flower pots around the Courthouse. After some discussion, it was decided to put the care and maintenance of the flower pots out for bid with a request for bid to be put in the paper. She then discussed the Union County Clean Up Day and, after discussion with the Commissioners, it was decided to have Friday April 29 and Saturday April 30 as free dumping days for Union County residents at the transfer station. There was also discussion about seeking help from Community Corrections with clean up around the town of Liberty.

**EASTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:** Jeff Plasterer appeared with an update on the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. He stated that he hoped the Board would be up and running by summer and presented a Mission Statement, Agreement and By-Laws for member counties. Counties involved are Fayette, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne and all incorporated cities and towns within these counties. The governing board will be composed of 38 members with Union County having 1 Commissioner appointment, 1 County Council appointment, 1 Liberty appointment and 1 West College Corner appointment plus 3 other appointments by the Commissioners. He is asking for a 3 year commitment from each county with dues being 20 cents/capita in 2016, 30cents/capita in 2017 and 40cents/capita in 2018. Based on Union County's population of 7,246 this would be \$1,449.20 in 2016, \$2,173.80 in 2017 and \$2,898.40 in 2018. After some discussion, Alcorn moved to commit to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for 3 years. Wiwi seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:** Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers reported that the county had received \$9,500 for the 2 trucks and dozer at Abernathy's spring consignment auction. The Commissioners then decided to put the old highway department loader for sale by bid when they do the four Sheriff vehicles.

Bowers and the Commissioners then discussed the need for more help at the highway department. Funding was also discussed with new money coming to the counties from the state. The amount and timing of these new funds is not presently known and the use of temporary help during busy times was also discussed.

**MISC:** The Commissioners received a request to appoint a person to replace Elayne Blieill on the Union County Library Board for a four year term beginning July 1, 2016. They took the matter under advisement and will act on it at a later date.

The Commissioners received a copy of a letter sent from the Union County Health Board to the Wayne County Health Board asking them to consider making Union County a satellite office for their health clinic.