

# Dearborn County Commissioners Meeting

Meeting Date: July 6, 2010

The Dearborn County Board of Commissioners met in the Dearborn County Administration Building, on July 6, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ralph Thompson, President, Jeff Hughes and Tom Orschell, County Commissioners, Gayle Pennington, Auditor, John Gay, Co. Attorney, and Bill Ewbank, Co. Coordinator.

The meeting began with the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Langley Heights Proposed Vacation of Public Street/Right of Way.** John Gay Presented the descriptions and history of land owners and access roads of the area. He feels that access to any property would not be taken away by this vacation. He also did not think this would affect development in that area.

No questions or comments

**Tom Orschell made a motion to open the public meeting. Jeff Hughes seconded. Motion carried.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

**Larry Eaton** - attorney for Mr. Kern asked the commissioners to not vacate the sections near his land. He is in the process of a development plan and feels it may affect his future plans.

**Archie Crouch**- From Land Consultants, a surveyor representing Mr. Kern to testify to his future development.

**Johnny Wright**- Mr. Wright is the land owner that is most affected by the vacation. He asked for the right to use the right of ways. He is opposed to the vacations.

**Mr. Moore**- he would just as soon leave it like it is. He would like to keep Sutton and York down to his property. Survey issues are in litigation.

**Tom Orschelle made a motion to close Public Hearing. Jeff Hughes seconded. Motion carried.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

**Todd Listerman** – County Highway director-told commissioners exactly what the county was maintaining in Langley Heights.

**John Gay**- He thinks it is in the best interest of the county to clean this up and develop it and it will help further development of the County.

**Thompson said he had talked to Mayor Hastings. They have requested the courtesy of the County to table this to allow them time to coordinate with this process.**

**A motion to table this for one month was made by Jeff Hughes. Tom Orschell seconded. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tucker Development**- Jeff Tucker addressed drainage issues in the Old Orchard Section 2. Jeff Tucker is in process of renewing his bond. He will begin corrective action by September 1<sup>st</sup> or notify the County Engineer.

**Tom made a motion to table this until the first meeting in September. Jeff Hughes seconded. Motion carried.**

Seldom Seen – **Tom made a motion to table Seldom Seen for one month. Jeff seconded. Motion carried**

**Ordinance of Grant Applications**- Mike Witte wrote this. Grants need to include all costs- not just salaries of that position. Benefits, vacation etc. Jeff Hughes would like other department heads and Council to review this.

**Tom made a motion to table this for Council to review. Jeff Hughes seconded. Motion carried.**

**Resolution to assign right of way to DNR** – (Cole Lane to Public Launch Ramp) If DNR ceases to maintain it the right of way will revert back to Dearborn County. Ralph Thompson read the resolution into the record.

**A motion to accept the Resolution as proposed was made by Tom Orschell. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OKI Annual Agreement**- \$16,666.00

**Motion to approve agreement and authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign made by Jeff Hughes and seconded by Tom Orschell. Motion carried.**

**Bill Black- EMA Director** signatures for a sub grant agreement of \$31,285.00 for Homeland security training.

**Motion to sign sub grant made by Jeff Hughes and seconded by Tom Orschell. Motion carried.**

Bill Black sent them a copy of Mobile command vehicle response guidelines and it needs signatures for insurance.

**Motion to give Bill Black the authority to sign agreement for the vehicle by Jeff Hughes and seconded by Tom Orschell. Motion carried.**

Last year the district administrator salary of \$32,000 was paid by a grant. It ended June 30 and can be extended for 12 months. Tracy Lightfield is in that position now.

**Jeff Hughes made a motion to sign agreement for extension of employment. Tom Orschell seconded. Motion carried.**

Black may receive a grant for about \$6,000 for this project. The letter will arrive shortly to accept this and it requires a quick response.

**Commissioners will call executive session and special meeting when the letter arrives.**

**Road Blocks for fundraisers**- Jeff Hughes talked to one of the trustees that had a concern.

**Tom Orschell made a motion to have a letter sent to the Sheriff to recommend that the practice of road blocks to fund raise not be allowed for safety reasons. Jeff Hughes seconded. Motion carried. Bill Ewbank will write the letter.**

**Villages of Sugar Ridge**- Lisa Taylor speaking on behalf of the residents. Discussion followed. She will come back in September for an update.

**Highway Department-** Todd Listerman gave his report to the commissioners.

Resolution for Section 401 Water Quality permits for Short Ridge Rd. bridge.

**A motion was made by Tom Orschell to authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign the Resolution. Jeff Hughes seconded. Motion carried.**

Discussion follow about the Collier Ridge Bridge and the Commissioners directed Todd Listerman to get a couple of more PRO BONO engineer estimates. A project coordination contract was submitted by Todd Listerman for signatures for one million dollars for design study for this bridge. Council must provide matching funds

**A motion to sign the project coordination contract was made by Tom Orschell and seconded by Jeff Hughes. Motion carried.**

**Auditor-** Gayle Pennington presented Minutes for approval from May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Jeff Huges made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tom Orschell seconded and Motion carried.**

**Jeff Hughes made a motion to accept the June 1<sup>st</sup> minutes as amended. Tom Orschell seconded and Motion carried.**

The June 15th Minutes were tabled until the last paragraph of the Public comment section was typed verbatim at Jeff Hughes request.

**A motion to table these until amended by Jeff Hughes and seconded by Tom Orschell. Motion carried.**

Claims were presented.

**Motion was made to pay all claims by Tom Orschell. Motion died for lack of second.**

Mike Witte's claim for \$4683.20 was tabled. Tom Orshell will research how much of that was related to the Hatch Act, as the commissioners had not authorized that work. Jeff Hughes does not want to pay for any Hatch Act research by the County Attorney.

**Motion to accept claims EXCEPT the claim from Mike Witte by Tom Orschell and seconded by Jeff Hughes. Motion carried.**

**County Attorney John D. Gay** – Presented his Fee Agreement for the next seven months.

**Motion to sign the contract with the County Attorney was made by Jeff Hughes and seconded by Tom Orschell. Motion carried.**

**County Coordinator-** Bill Ewbank reported that a surplus auction will be on September 18th at Water Rescue Bldg.

**Tracy Agner and Beth Blair – Juvenile Services** request to replace a part time person to replace a retiree's vacancy. Dennis Kraus Sr. and the Commissioners agree that it was a budgeted position.

**A motion to approve the promotion of a part time person into full time and hire a part time person to fill the vacated position was made by Tom Orschell and seconded by Jeff Hughes. Motion carried.**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

**Jeff Hughes** - Had nothing

**Tom Orschell-**Tom Cottingham trustee in West Harrison wanted to know if the Commissioners would entertain a longer lease on AMVETS bldg. John Gay will research this. He wanted to know if the DCRSD board replacement had been considered.

**Ralph Thompson-** Had nothing

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Gerald Riley - Collier Ridge** resident.

**Howard Luke** - has requested a meeting with commissioners. What he wanted to discuss was covered under employee confidentiality. **Only the employee can request an executive session to discuss termination only.**

**Chris Mueller-** asked about the **DRAFT Public records Ordinance.**

**With no further business before the board, Tom Orschell motioned to adjourn at 10:26 p.m.**

**Jeff Hughes seconded. Motion carried.**

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President, Board of Commissioners

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Member

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Gayle L. Pennington, Auditor

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