

# Dearborn County Commissioners Meeting

Meeting Date: July 20, 2010

The Dearborn County Board of Commissioners met in the Lawrenceburg City Administration Building, on July 20, 2010 starting at 9:00 a.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*.

**This meeting was preceded by an executive session on a personnel issue. Tom Orschell made a motion to take no action. Jeff Hughes did not second so Ralph Thompson seconded the motion with Thompson and Orschell voting Aye and Hughes voting Nay.**

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Todd Listerman**. County Highway Engineer gave his report on the QPA's for salt for year 2011 and an update on his other active projects.

**Sidwell Contract**- Bill Ewbank reported that Margaret Minzer requested withholding the final \$12,000.00 payment on their contract because it is an incomplete project at this time. No questions or comments from the Commissioner's. Bill Ewbank will draft a letter to Sidwell.

**RQAW**- Brett Dodd presented information to County Council members Tom Cheek, Bryan Messmore, Liz Morris, and Maynard Barrett for questions and discussion on the Jail expansion. Acquisition of the Hoosier Square property was also discussed.  
**Tom made a motion to table the discussion for the appropriate study. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Bryan Messmore** - Ordinance approval for dishonored checks for merchants and citizens. **TABLED**

**Animal Control Fee Structure**- **TABLED.**

**County Auditor**- Claims and Minutes. Review of claims. Discussion about Witte's final fee held from last meeting was initiated by Jeff Hughes.

**Tom Orschell made a motion to pay all claims including Mike Witte's. Jeff Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**County Attorney**- Had nothing to discuss.

**County Coordinator** - Bill Ewbank reported that there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors for the Lawrenceburg Public Library.

He has also opened bids to replace the Courthouse roof.  
Bill Black EMA- informed him that they were eligible for \$6,000 grant to improve surveillance around the Courthouse via Homeland security. It is a federal grant project and he has to reply by July 26 and complete by Sept 30.

**Tom Orschell made a motion to give approval to complete the grant application and obtain signatures in a timely manner out of meeting and proceed with necessary changes to insure security for the courthouse. Jeff Hughes asked to have the motion amended to specifically state Bill Ewbank. Tom amended the motion. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.**

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**Bill Shelton** requested to approach County Council to fill a vacant budgeted position. Thompson said Dennis Kraus Sr. said this was funded already- so Council would have no problem for this.

**Tom Orschell made a motion to approved hiring a full time person to replace the vacant staff position in the Building Department. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

**Jeff Hughes**- asked Bill Ewbank about the 10% increase in salary entered for the Commissioner's 2011 salary budget. Ewbank said it was merely a placeholder. Hughes asked that it be corrected. Budgets have been submitted to Council so it will have to be addressed at the budget meeting in August.

**Tom Orschell** – Had nothing to discuss

**Ralph Thompson**- A contract has been negotiated with the Sheriff's Department that would make the Animal Control Officers into special deputies so that they would be able to write citations. Sheriff Lusby has agreed. A special agreement was drawn up and read into the record as follows:

**Dearborn County Animal Control  
Special Deputy Agreement**

This agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_, a Dearborn County Animal Control Officer and the Dearborn County Sheriff's Office under the direction of the Dearborn County Sheriff

The undersigned agrees that they are a Special Deputy for the purposes of conducting their duties as an Animal Control Officer for Dearborn County. Those duties will include collecting animals in violation of Indiana State Code and Dearborn County Ordinances and providing written warnings and citations to persons in violation of Indiana State Code and Dearborn County Ordinances regarding the possession, control, management, and care of or abuse or cruelty to domestic animals in Dearborn County.

The undersigned fully understands that their police powers are valid only in regard to enforcement of Animal Control issues and situations or as directed by the Sheriff and that when not on duty or beyond the scope of their specified duties, the undersigned has no police powers.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Name (Animal Control Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff

No late arrivals

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mike Hornbach** - One of three educators resigned at the Extension Office and he is

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going to fill that position. Dennis Kraus Sr. said it was appropriated and within the budget with no increases. Purdue pays for the educators by contract. Commissioners agree that the Extension Office does not need commissioner's approval and that Make should proceed with hiring.

**With no further business before the board, Jeff Hughes motioned to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Tom Orschell seconded. Motion carried.**

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President, Board of Commissioners

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Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle L. Pennington, Auditor

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Member

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