

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 3, 2006**

The Commissioners opened their January 3rd meeting with the following present: Jerome Buening- President, Charles Buell, John Richards, Donnie Marsden- Commissioners' Assistant and Janet Chadwell- Deputy Auditor.

The December 19th meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Two LPA vouchers were presented by Mark Mohr for Mr. Buening's signature: claim 3 by Butler, Fairman & Seufert and claim 9 for the county bridge inspection by Aecon.

Mr. Mohr recommended that bridge #18 be replaced- as opposed to rehabilitation- since the alignment is so terrible.

Bids will be opened for the sign project on February 20, 2006.

Mr. Mohr will check on a drainage issue on county road 200 west just north of the Sports Complex as adjacent property owners believe the new parking lot is causing water problems.

The Commissioners denied a request that county road 500 north be given priority on snow removal as the property owner has agreed to 'store' the Lifeline helicopter.

Commissioners signed the 2006 new construction contract for \$25,000 with Appraisal Research Corporation.

Mr. Buell moved to recess in order to hold the Board of Finance meeting.

After reconvening, the Commissioners signed a bond for Sheriff Daryl Templeton.

Mr. Buell moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to take the proposal presented by Jill Nobbe and Steve Greiwe of ETC under advisement and Mr. Buening concurred. Ms. Nobbe explained the savings ETC could give the county on internet and phone services. ETC has requested tower space for six antennas in exchange for giving the Courthouse free internet. ETC would be responsible for communicating with Verizon should the Commissioners decide to go with their services and our phone numbers would remain the same.

Mr. Buell moved that Peg Polanski should finalize an agreement for the Commissioners and Mayor Manus to set up an 'endowment fund' with the Community Foundation; Mr. Richards seconded the motion and Mr. Buening concurred. Ms. Polanski recommended transferring the Animal Shelter Donation fund to the Community Foundation.

Sheriff Templeton thanked the Commissioners for adopting an ordinance increasing the fees he can charge for conducting a Sheriff's Sale.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr. Richards moved to recess, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred. Meeting recessed.

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Jerome Buening, President

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_