

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2006

The Commissioners opened their May 1st meeting with the following present: Jerome Buening-President, Charles Buell, John Richards and Bridgett Weber-Auditor.

The April 17th meeting minutes were approved as read.

Mark Mohr talked to Ed Cox of INDOT concerning the sign enhancement at Old US Highway 421 North. INDOT still says the sign cannot be larger than it already is.

Mr. Mohr reported that the basketball goal at Williamstown had been pushed back at the request of Rush County.

The Westport Covered Bridge is fading and paint peeling. Mr. Mohr will try to get with the painting contractor as two years seems like a short life for paint.

Mr. Mohr discussed with the Commissioners of going back to 4-10 hour days starting May 8th. The Highway Department is finishing grading work in Wespiser Addition.

Steve Gardner with Burgess Mechanical submitted a proposal for mechanical services for the Jail/Work Release and Courthouse. Mr. Gardner explained a price reduction for the fact they have 3 men that live in Decatur County working for them.

Mr. Buell moved to approve the grant agreement for the Animal Shelter to move \$5,000.00 from county funds to the Decatur County Community Foundation for an endowment fund to be set up, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to sign the Authorization to Proceed with Schneider Corporation for the state mandated parcel numbering project, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to name the county road between the state highway garage and St. Paul Old US Highway 421 North, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Claims were approved.

Bids were opened for the 2006 Chip & Seal Projects. Bids were submitted by Milestone, O'Mara, Rohe and Hot Mix, Inc. Mr. Buell moved to take all bids under advisement, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Andrea Dennett of the PTABOA requested that she paid for her time out of her office for the 3 days of required training. Ms. Polanski will check the Indiana Code and let Mrs. Dennett know.

Shawn Low with Low Associates along with Barry Bailey of RBSK Partners discussed the current server housing the software for the tax package for the Treasurer and Auditor. Mr. Low is requesting that his software be on a separate server apart from any other software applications. Commissioners agreed to purchase an additional server.

Don McCrary and Brian Messer requested the City and County make a decision about the

airport. FAA will close the existing grant in July if something is not decided by local officials. The public was also present with comments for and against moving forward with the expansion of the airport. A public meeting with City and County officials was requested. Vicki Kellerman with the EDC presented a letter of support to the Airport Board.

Mr. Richards moved to proceed with the development of an airport with alternate site studies, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Jill Nobbe with ETC discussed the high speed internet and V-Lan connection between county offices. ETC is scheduled to have internet and local telephone service up and running on July 1, 2006. Mr. Buell moved to proceed with the high speed internet and V-Lan connection for county offices with ETC, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Bryan Robbins with HOTT City requested the use of the southeast end of the parking spots for the Farmer's Market starting June 9th. Mr. Buell moved to allow the Farmer's Market to use county parking area on Friday afternoons, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred. Mr. Robbins will also provide proof of insurance prior to starting the Farmer's Market.

Vicki Kellerman with EDC and Peter Liberman with Hoosier Energy were present to discuss options for development for Decatur County. Mr. Liberman recommended that a Redevelopment Commission be established. The Commissioners discussed the request to use EDIT funds to provide sewer to the 440 acres. The Commissioners agreed to continue combining the City and County portion of the EDIT monies; make payment for courthouse and sewer project; and then split remaining dollars.

Mr. Buell moved to go forward with the Industrial Park Sewer Project jointly with the City of Greensburg with the funding to come from Decatur County and City of Greensburg EDIT funds upon approval of the City Council.

Mr. Buell moved to award 2006 Chip & Seal Projects for Section A – RS2 and Equipment to Milestone; Section B – O'Mara and Section C – All bidders for geographical purposes, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

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

Jerome Buening, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____