

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2006

The Commissioners opened their August 21st meeting with the following present: Jerome Buening- President, Charles Buell, John Richards and Bridgett Weber-Auditor.

The August 7th meeting minutes were approved as read.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Department, reported that the 500 S and 180E projects were completed. The department may be able to obtain millings from the 421 S and Greensburg projects for county chip and seal projects.

Bridge 140 at the Park is constructed but not complete. The 140 new structure should be open within a week.

The Westport Covered Bridge Fund has over \$14,000 available for repairs or maintenance. This money could be used for the painting.

Tim Ortman reported that the 18 digit parcel number project is being checked by the Auditor's Office and is due to be complete by October 1st.

Mr. Ortman along with Pam Blasdel discussed a grant available through Homeland Security for \$11,000 to buy laptops or to develop secure system. Mr. Ortman discussed buying the hardware ourselves and use our GIS. Schneider Corporation would supply 3 laptops, develop the system and host website for 1 year with available grant monies. Mrs. Blasdel requested input from the Commissioners. Commissioners felt that having too many companies involved may not be in the counties best interest. Mr. Ortman reported that the GIS Committee has elected to stay compatible with ESRI platform currently running the county's GIS.

Mr. Ortman also reported from the IT Committee a proposal for a county cell phone policy. Commissioners asked that the committee present recommendations in writing.

The county's website will be addressed at the next IT Meeting and Mr. Ortman will be emailing an invitation to all departments.

Mr. Richards moved to appoint Tim Ortman as the acting GIS Director, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Richards thanked the Highway Department for the clean up after the storm in Westport.

Mrs. Blasdel reported the EMA will be meeting Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Claims were approved.

Elizabeth Trybula, Clifty Creek Watershed Project updated the Commissioners on projects that coordinate with the Decatur County Soil & Water District. Currently Clifty Creek is working with local farmers to provide their livestock with an alternative water source other than the creek. Ms. Trybula requested a letter of support from the Commissioners for a grant application being submitted. Tara Domingo requested that Clifty Creek be allowed to use the district truck and

Commissioners agreed. Ms. Domingo will give the driver information to the Auditor's Office for insurance purposes.

Ms. Domingo also requested consideration of a salary increase to deputy pay. Commissioners agreed to the increase but will also need to discuss it with the Council during budget meetings.

Bob Dawson and Bryan Robbins were present to discuss plans to put in walking paths around town and industrial areas. They are currently talking city and county boards and looking for grant monies.

Bill Bryant and Thom Estes with Global Performance gave a presentation on Honda P2M-F Project. Global is the construction manager and Giffels Associates and Schneider Corporation are the architects for the project.

David Wolfshlag of Lifetime Resources (Catch-A-Ride) requested \$8,000.00 for 2006 from Decatur County to support the public transportation project for Decatur County. Commissioners recommended meeting with the County Council at their next meeting.

Diane Motz of Clarksburg is having trouble getting information from law enforcement officials concerning her 9 year old son riding his moped on public streets and alley ways. Commissioners recommended talking to the Prosecutor's Office.

Bill Ernstes with the Airport Board is inviting the Commissioners and County Council on a trip to Marysville Ohio to see airports in Logan County and Union County near the Honda Plant. The Belfont Airport was built with FAA Funding.

With nothing further to come before the Commissioners, Mr. Buell moved to recess and Mr. Buening concurred.

Jerome Buening, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____