

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2006**

The Commissioners opened their September 5th meeting with the following present: Jerome Buening- President, Charles Buell, John Richards and Bridgett Weber-Auditor.

The August 21st meeting minutes were approved as read.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Department, reported that the 5 day work week started back today. Mr. Mohr will be meeting with MI Tech Steel and Vicki Kellerman to discuss a possible expansion of their steel plant. Mr. Mohr asked Mr. Buell to meet with members of the Greensburg County Club about the drainage. Mr. Mohr also reported that millings for the 421 South project would not be available. Mr. Mohr discussed reducing the speed limit to 40mph on county road 300 North. Mr. Mohr will be requesting quotes to paint the Covered Bridge at Westport.

Claims were approved.

Kaywin Lindsay, member of the Steering Committee for Habitat for Humanity in Decatur County discussed plans for bringing housing to Decatur County for low income families. Homes are built with donations of material and labor. Properties are deeded to the family with no interest applied. Families are guided to obtain skills of home ownership. Steering Committee is requesting a letter of support for a grant application from the Commissioners. Ms. Polanski will draft a letter, have Mr. Buening sign it and make it available by 4:00pm today.

Hugh Miller and Mike Casuscelli were present to discuss the opposition to the beer garden at the Tree City Fall Festival. Mr. Buening asked that the operation of the beer garden be restated. Kenny Stagge of the Knights of Columbus has applied for the temporary license required for the beer garden. The garden would be in a designated area 96x20 feet with a tent and snow fencing. Identification would be required to enter the area and no alcoholic beverages would leave the area. Mr. Stagge discussed the operation of beer gardens in other areas of the county and adjoining counties with no problems occurring. Members of the Tree City Fall Festival Committee would like to try this at least this year to help with the expenses of the festival. Other members of the public discussed a variety of reasons not to allow the beer garden. Mr. Buell moved to not allow the beer garden on county property, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening did not concur.

Mr. Buell moved to sign a new EDIT Plan for Decatur County, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

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

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Jerome Buening, President

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