

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 5, 2007

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

The February 19th meeting minutes were approved as read.

Mark Mohr – Highway Department provided a report for Bridge #19 from Butler Fairman Seufert. Mr. Mohr researched County Road 645N near the Marshall Cameron residence in Clarksburg. Mr. Mohr recommends not closing 645N in Clarksburg at this time.

Blacktopping projects was discussed. Mr. Mohr plans for bids sometime in April. Mr. Mohr is running Durapatcher daily to keep up with the pothole issues. Jennings County is in the market to purchase a Durapatcher. If Jennings County would purchase ours, it would cost \$25,000.00 for a new one.

Snow emergency levels were discussed. Pam Blasdel of Emergency Management is also working with Mr. Mohr on this issue.

Jerry Dierckman is requesting a road to be paved. He has offered to put the base stone down, but Mr. Mohr is not clear on what portions of the road Mr. Dierckman wants paved. Mr. Mohr will try to attend when Mr. Dierckman is present.

Mike Clark -VFW discussed veteran burials. Would like to have someone in the Veteran Service Office full-time to be available to set up burial service and be a paid position. Commissioners recommended having Harold Sample present to discuss further.

Bryan Robbins – HOTT City was present to request use of Courthouse Grounds for the Farmer's Market; proposed dates are May 11-October 19th. Also, Mr. Robbins requested use for Arts & Cultural Council August 3rd all day and Commissioners agreed to both events. Mr. Robbins will contact John Knecht to discuss mowing on Fridays during the Farmer's Market.

Bev Karaszia – BBBS discussed current office building being sold and BBBS is looking for an alternative location. Mrs. Karaszia asked Commissioners to continue to pay rent for their office space and Commissioners agreed.

Office Pride – Janitorial Services provided a quote for cleaning services at the Courthouse, exterior offices as well as the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Buening moved sign agreement with Honda and INDOT, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buell concurred.

Julie Berry - SIRPC set up a QBS Committee to select an engineering firm to do the sewer study. The committee will make recommendations to the Commissioners at 1:00pm on April 2nd. Mr. Buening moved to appoint John Richards, Robert Witkemper, Dave Stults, Robert Clark of Jackson Township and David Israel of Clay Township and Mr. Buell concurred.

William O Smith – Underground Railroad Marker requested a signature from the president of the Commissioners to allow state to place the marker on the courthouse grounds. Mr. Buell signed agreement.

Jerry and Sandy Dierckman would like the Commissioners to pave 500E and 550N. Mr. Mohr was also available to discuss specifications for turning these roads from stone to pavement. Commissioners agreed to look at putting these roads into the system for possibly next year's projects.

Mr. Mohr met with Global Performance to discuss driveway right-a-ways at the Honda site. Mr. Mohr discussed with the Commissioners and Ms. Polanski the speed limit issues on this area of Vandalia Road and site distances for entrances.

Mr. Richards moved to not approve the application of a driveway permit for Vandalia Road by Global Performance and Honda, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Buell concurred.

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

Charles Buell, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____