

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

The Decatur County Commissioners opened their November 19th meeting with following present: Charles Buell- President, Jerome Buening and Bridgett Weber-Auditor.

The November 5th meeting minutes were approved as read.

Mark Mohr – Highway Department asked Commissioners to allow him to purchase a snow blower at the cost of \$900.00 or lower and Commissioners agreed. Mr. Mohr reported drain issues in the highway shop. Mr. Mohr would like to update drains so that oils and coolants do not flow through drains and concrete work will be done. Mr. Mohr provided a report to the Commissioner for the sign grant/project; look to complete the project in early 2008. Mr. Mohr reported some pretty extensive road damage during harvest and plowing season; requested doing the work and billing the parties and Commissioners agreed. Mr. Buening moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Bridge #19 and Mr. Buell concurred.

Claims were approved.

Faith Koors – Clerk’s Office discussed issues with the polling places. Crown Pointe has had some parking issues and Knights of St John has agreed to allow this location to be a polling place; with Milford dissolving, the Burney Fire Department has agreed to be a polling place to cover Clay Township. Mrs. Koors also discussed using the east end of the Courthouse conference rooms during the election and changing the absentee area to the east end permanently. Commissioners said that they would let Mrs. Weber talk to Mrs. Chadwell to organize this possible change.

Steve Eisenbarth - Ferrar and Garvey presented information for the traffic study in and around the Honda area.

Bryan Robbins provided a proposed list of people to serve on the Recreational and Fitness Path Committee to choose an engineer. Commissioners agreed to appoint one County Commissioner, City Council, County Council, Parks & Recreation, Highway Department, City Planning and County Planning. Proposals were received from Rudnall, Erthsberger Associates LLC.; HNTB; Aecon; Green 3; Butler Fairman & Seufert; and CBA, Inc.

Tom Kremer is looking to develop an area near the St Paul exit. A truck stop and motel are being proposed. Water and sanitary sewer would need to be extended to meet the needs of this project. Financial backing is being requested to help with the infrastructure needed and a TIF District has been discussed with Mark Schabel. Mr. Kremer will be meeting with the County Council at their next meeting to discuss further.

Mr. Neuman – Area Plan presented rezoning petitions for signature. A-1 to A-2 Christopher & Sarah O’Dell for 2.99A; David Espinda for 2.99A; Eric Fehrman for 2.99A; Kenneth Gauck for 2.99A; Nicholas Wallpe for 2.99A; and REVX-543 LLC for 46.19A – B-3 8A, R-2 12.2A, R-4 22.4A.

Russell Wilhoit and Melanie Maxwell Cemetery Commission members were discussed. Mr Buening moved to appoint Russell Wilhoit – 5yrs; Charity Mitchell – 4 yrs; George Metz – 3 yrs; Marc Haston – 2yrs; and Melanie Maxwell – 1 yr. to the cemetery commission and Mr. Buell concurred.

Mary Vail – Recorder asked Commissioners to sign contract with CSI. Mr. Buening moved to sign contracts with CSI and Mr. Buell concurred.

Vicki Kellerman – EDC discussed the Hulsbochsh Dairy. An economic development commission was formed to help the dairy receive a loan using tax exempt bond funds and that the county has no liability in the application for the bond issue. Representatives will be attending the County Council tomorrow to discuss the bond.

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

Charles Buell, President

Attest: _____
Date: _____

