

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 21, 2008

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

The April 7th meeting minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Gary Herbert and Mark Klosterkemper was present to discuss several roads. The intersection of Vandalia Road and Peanut Hill Bridge is one concern. Mr. Mohr expressed that this would not be a bridge the county would want to put into the Federal Aid system. Mr. Klosterkemper also discussed roads around perimeter of the Honda project that have received truck traffic; Mr. Mohr expressed to the Commissioners that the state is considering these roads under an unofficial detour.

Mr. Buening moved to approve claims, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Mark Mohr provided a copy of a 30 mile speed limit ordinance for Commissioners signatures, Mr. Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2008-3, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Richards concurred. Mr. Mohr discussed paint options for the Westport Covered Bridge, the cost of project will be \$35,427.00. Mr. Buell moved to go J.M. Ballard to complete the project, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred. Mr. Mohr reported some issues with the sign project. The grid system seems to be the way to go to clean up these roads but sometimes the sign placement has been the most desirable for landowners. Mr. Mohr discussed findings of the rental of chip and seal projects; the contractor is charging about .25 per gallon to distribute the full width project. Mr. Mohr feels that the full width chip and sealer will save time and money. Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Mohr to bid full width chip and seal projects.

Frank Schreiner and David Doles discussed with Commissioners the drainage issues on County Road 800 South. Pictures were provided to the Commissioners to allow them to see the issues Mr. Schreiner and Mr. Doles were discussing. Commissioners agreed to have the Highway Department and Soil & Water pursue issues discussed.

Pepper Cooper – Maverick Insurance provided an aggregate report to the Commissioners for health insurance claims. Dental insurance is up for renewal in June; Mr. Cooper is proposing a self-funded dental plan due to the 12% increase that the current company Guardian is offering. Mr. Buening moved to go partially self-funded for dental insurance in June, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Shawne Clark and Bridge Ford - St Omer returned to discuss the issues of having a junk yard across from their property. Commissioners will continue to have David Neuman pursue this issue.

Frank Cherry is asking the county to stripe and sign Old Highway 421 N. Mr. Cherry feels like the out of state people do not understand the 55mph. Currently none of the county roads are striped. After discussion of the Commissioners, Mr. Mohr and Mr. Ortman; officials will continue monitor this area and take it under advisement.

Doug Foster – ETC presented a revised agreement for Commissioners to discuss. Mr. Buell moved to accept agreement from ETC, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Barry Bailey – RBSK Partners presented a contract for IT Services to the Commissioners; only change from last meeting was a set-up fee being waived. Mr. Buell moved to sign the contract with RBSK, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

David Neuman – APC provided a reviewed copy of the Wind Energy Conversion Ordinance for signatures. Mr. Buening moved to accept the Wind Energy Conversion Ordinance, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Gerry Malone – H.J. Umbaugh & Associates presented a set of bond schedules for the Honda Project. A plan is in place to close the bonds on May 1st.

Mr. Buening moved to pay the claim for Neil Comer's legal services for Vernon Fork Regional Water District, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to allow use of courthouse steps on May 1st for the National Day of Prayer service, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred. Mr. Buening moved to allow the use of the gazebo for Peaceful Families Walk in June, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to purchase the 10.4 Acres from Dale and Kevin Crites located between East Central Ave and Base Road, on the east side of NE 80. The Decatur County Commissioners had this property appraised by two appraisers; Larry Colson for \$104,000.00 and Mike Heger for \$106,000.00. Dale and Kevin Crites want \$72,000.00 for this property. The purchase price was approved by the Decatur County Council on April 15, 2008 and Mr. Buell wishes to approve the same, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to recess, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

John Richards, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____