The Decatur County Commissioners opened their September 7, 2010 meeting with the following present: Jerome Bueining-President, John Richards, Rick Nobbe and Bridgett Weber–Auditor.

The August 16th 2010 meeting minutes were approved as read.

Payroll Claims and Accounts payable claims were approved.

Mark Mohr – Highway Superintendent provided information on the previous sign project. Mr. Mohr will provide the sign locations will become part of a county ordinance establishing the permanent sign location.

Bridge #165 on Co Rd 1250S is scheduled for replacement in the near future.

Mr. Mohr is working with O’Mara Contracting to test a county road with thinner asphalt overlay on CR 200E in hopes that this will help the county cover more miles.

Bridge #2 RFP’s are ready scoring for review.

Mr. Mohr also made a report for CR 450E. Andy Scholle is providing some survey work to continue moving forward on this project.

Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Mohr and his department for the work performed on County Road 700W; landowners are very pleased with this work.

Kelly Miller and Tiffany Coleman requested use of the courthouse grounds on October 30th for the Trunk or Treat event that was held in the Mainsource Parking Lot last year but would like to expand the event and use the courthouse grounds to host the event. Mr. Nobbe, Ms. Polanski and Ms. Weber will be meeting with the liability insurance carrier to discuss the usage of the grounds and have a decision for the next Commissioners Meeting.

Bud Ryle and Don Bultman from Legion Post 129 requested a donation to pave the parking lot and to reconstruct the entrance for handicap accessibility. Some recommendations were made as to entities that can award grant monies and may be able to help.

Laura Johnston – Animal Control provided most current copy of the ordinance for review. Ms. Johnston provided a review of the potential fines and fees that come with the guidelines in caretaking of animals. Mr. Nobbe moved to pass the Ordinance 2010-4. Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Bueining concurred.

Mr. Nobbe moved to pass the fee schedule for the Animal Control Ordinance 2010-4, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Bueining concurred.

Donna Sebastian requested that the Animal Control Officers be more aware of animals and environment they are leaving the animals in when they are found loose. Ms. Johnston and Commissioners agreed that while the situation is sensitive that the new ordinance will allow the Animal Control Officer to follow a more certain set of standards in the future.

Don Meyer Ford, Acra Automotive Group, Tom Sibbitt Chevrolet, Country Chevrolet, Kenny Vice Ford provided bids for ½ ton and 1 ton trucks and Commissioners and Mark Mohr will review bids and take them under advisement.

Hugh Miller – EMA Director provided a report from Emergency Management.

Paul Smerud – Liberty National provided information about his company and the benefits to the employees. Commissioners agreed that county employees can contact Liberty National if they so choose.

Bryan Robbins – Mainstreet Greensburg will be hosting 2nd Friday event again for September. Commissioners agreed to the request.

In Sardinia to date, 9 septic systems installed and 7 are operational. Ms. Polanski will draft a report to IDEM to inform them of the systems that are installed thus far. Mr. Richards asked how the money that was given to the county from Decatur County Soil and Water would be distributed. Ms. Polanski would like to alert the landowners in Sardinia that there may be some monies available. Ms. Polanski will draft a letter for Commissioners to review at their next meeting.

Personnel Policy revisions were discussed. Mr. Bueining suggested asking a labor law attorney to review our current policy and possibly create a new policy based on the county’s needs.

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

Jerome Bueining, President