

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 5, 2011

The Decatur County Commissioners opened their July 5, 2011 meeting with the following present: John Richards -President, Jerome Buening, Rick Nobbe and Bridgett Weber–Auditor

The June 20th 2011 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Payroll and Accounts payable claims were approved as presented.

Diane Moore – New Directions provided a report of the agency since Ms. Moore started in January. Ms. Moore also requested \$20,000.00 for operations of New Directions for 2012. Ms. Moore will continue to provide quarterly reports to the board as agreed for the year 2011.

Mark Mohr – Highway Superintendent reported that 600 South structure is back open with a few finish details to complete. The paving in the Town of Adams is complete; surveying has been done on Martin/Moore Road and Andy Scholle will provide a report to the Commissioners.

Mr. Mohr also expressed concerns with the Highway Department continuing to do snow removal at the Courthouse with the new landscaping as removal products typically deaden vegetation.

Mike Wenning – Animal Control Officer provided information to the Commissioners to purchase a **4-wheel drive truck** for the Animal Control Department. Mr. Wenning expressed the need to trade in the 2006 2-Wheel Drive Truck currently being used. During the winter months and different types of roads in the county require 4-Wheel Drive to get to all areas required for the department. Mr. Wenning also has found that the newer vehicles are getting better gas mileage whether they are 2 or 4-wheel drive. Animal Control Board will also discuss this with Greensburg City Council to see if this can be budgeted for 2012.

Bill Ernstes – Airport Board asked Commissioners to appoint a taxpayer to sit on the **Prevailing Wage Scale Board** so the Airport Board can make repairs from the recent storms. Jon Dooley is interested in serving and Mr. Buening moved to appoint **Jon Dooley** to the Prevailing Wage Scale Board, Mr. Nobbe seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Heather Millet – Local Purdue Extension Educator provided information to the Commissioners for the 4-H Council and 4-H for 2011. Ms. Millet reported that Fair Board would like 4-H Council to pay for the 4-H ribbons and judges for this year and in the future. Ms. Millet also provided budgetary expenditures to Commissioners and Council and requested an increase in funding for 2012.

Mark Coplon – EDC Director provided an update of economic development since starting the position in April. A community event is planned for August 26th and Mr. Coplon will continue to give Commissioners and Council quarterly reports.

Mr. Nobbe moved to close the Ambulance Bids; Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred. Shirks International \$173,918.35; Fire Service Incorporated for \$146,714.33; Crossroads Ambulance Sales \$149,275.00. Ms. Polanski recommended taking these bids under advisement for review. Mr. Buening moved to take all bids under advisement, Mr. Nobbe seconded, and Mr. Richards concurred.

Mr. Buening provided an **Incumbency Agreement for Redevelopment Commission** for Commissioners signatures. This agreement provides members of the redevelopment commission, county commissioners and auditor authorized signatories for funding.

Mr. Nobbe moved to accept revised agreement for **ETC** for internet usage and **LEPC** will purchase the \$79.95 videoconferencing service for District 9 for 2012, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Richards concurred.

Hugh Miller – EMA Co-Director provided a report from EMA.

Bridgett Weber – Auditor reported that approximately 30 people attended the Healthy Fair that was sponsored by Decatur County Memorial Hospital. Ms. Weber also reported that an additional **Ask-A-Nurse Day is scheduled on July 28th** for those that want to discuss their results from the Healthy Fair or that couldn't attend due to work obligations.

Peg Polanski provided a report on the Sardinia Septic Project. There are few homes that have not completed the project so a discussion of how to proceed was held. An option of distributing the funds **Soil & Water Conservation District** was also discussed.

Mr. Richards indicated that Ralph Dwiggins was contacted to do the maintenance/weed removal on the **Courthouse Tower** and will verify if Mr. Dwiggins is available to do the work.

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

John Richards, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____