

Decatur County Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 - 8:00 a.m.

The Decatur County Commissioners opened their January 17th meeting with the following present: President Rick Nobbe, John Richards, Jerome Buening, Tami Wenning – Auditor.

The January 3rd minutes were approved as amended.

Payroll claims were approved as presented, with the exception of an EDC claim to be reviewed at the February meeting.

Mark Mohr, County Highway Superintendent, gave an update on Bridge 19 which has been under construction. Construction is progressing well and the next bridge to be worked on will be Bridge 18. Mr. Mohr is currently working on RFP's (request for proposals) and reminded the Commissioners that a committee will have to be formed in the near future to score the RFP's. There is a drainage project on 100 South that involved a "French drain". With replacement of some culvert pipes and some ditch work, the project appears to be working now and a little clean-up of the site in spring will conclude the project. Some similar work is being done on Millhousen Road. Mr. Mohr reported that the prior weekend, some county highway workers got a few extra hours in due to the snow. There were no major problems, just slick intersections that needed attention. Pres. Rick Nobbe commented that he had received positive public comment on the work on 100 South and that he hadn't received any complaints due to the snow.

Kevin McGuire – ETC, Mr. McGuire approached the Commissioners about the possibility of leasing space on the County's tower. Having worked with County Attorney Peg Polanski and Tim Ortman –GIS Coordinator, Mr. McGuire presented a proposed agreement that would cost ETC \$500/month with a 10 year lease. He reported their company would be investing \$200,000 in equipment. This tower is one of five in the county that would be utilized to help create a wireless network that covers most of 7 counties. (Other locations include Lake Santee, Hwy 421, Ironmine Road and Westport) He reported that his company did have a study performed on the structural integrity of the tower and that they will be bolstering the strength of the tower to help with wind load and weight. There will be cross bracing done and the removal of old equipment will negate the effect of the new equipment being added. Mr. McGuire also mentioned that about \$7000 worth of equipment will stay on the tower when the contract is ended. Tim Ortman clarified that the contract amount will include an additional \$50 for the cost of electric (total of \$550) for the first five years and \$600 a month for the second five years. Mr. McGuire offered copies of the contract and a list of the proposed improvements for the commissioners' review. He also shared that after the new equipment is added, the tower will still be under the state guidelines for load. Mr. Buening clarified that this would offer wireless network capability to possibly 4000 households on just this one tower. Mr. Richards requested a map of the proposed coverage area and Mr. McGuire offered to provide one upon availability. County Attorney Peg Polanski requested an e-mailed copy of the proposal for her review. The start date for the rental will remain blank until the equipment is installed. Mr. Richards inquired about the overall height of the tower. Mr. McGuire will have to refer to the structural analysis and will provide that information at the next meeting. Mr. Buening questioned the timeframe of equipment removal and installation and McGuire confirmed that although the contract references 6 dishes, they will start with three. They will eventually remove the old ones as they do their conversion and by the end of year 2, there should only be 3 antennae on the tower. Mr. McGuire will be on the agenda for the February 6th meeting.

Sheriff Greg Allen discussed issues with existing recording system contract that was initially

agreed upon in 2009. Sheriff Allen proposed a new contract that would provide a better back-up system and better service contract. The 911 Board is willing to pay the additional \$2,449.00 but the Sheriff wanted to get the Commissioners approval before proceeding. Mr. Richards moved to accept the Systems Tech Agreement. After clarifying what the contract would cover and 911's involvement, Mr. Buening seconded the motion, President Rick Nobbe concurred and the motion carried.

Auditor Tami Wenning reported that Mr. Kunkel had phoned in after missing the January 3rd meeting with his apologies. He missed due to an illness and had intended to be at the meeting on the 17th. No one has heard from him or his company.

Doug Banks, Emergency Management Services, appeared before the board and discussed the merits of remounting existing ambulance "box" onto the new chassis ordered for this spring. Mr. Banks discussed his hopes of establishing a rotating schedule of ambulance maintenance utilizing this system. After much discussion of warranties, maintenance and state requirements, Mr. Banks suggested that utilizing the proposal from Med-Tech Services would save the county money, enable him to start the maintenance cycle and the county would be able to remount vehicles until the county is ready to change their ambulances. Mr. Banks asked for Commissioners thoughts and input. Mr. Buening asked about what other counties our size are doing. Mr. Banks reported that our usage is slightly higher than other counties our size due to the many out of county runs that are made. There was some discussion of diesel issues. Mr. Banks reported that it takes 100 days from the arrival of the chasis to when the new "remounted" vehicle can be put back into service. He also said the remounts can be performed unlimited times unless the frame is changed. Med Tech also provides a loaner ambulance until the remount is completed. Mr. Nobbe asked how the rotation impacts the trade in value. Mr. Banks said the red International truck would need a bigger chassis and would have a bigger trade in value. The Commissioners will look at the proposal. Mr. Banks said he hoped for a commitment so that he can start the process when the new truck arrives in April.

Mr. Richards moved to reappoint Karen Cyman to the Innkeepers Board. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. President Rick Nobbe concurred and the motion carried.

Harold Sample, Veterans Service Officer, provided a report of his activities. He has been making more trips to Camp Atterbury to talk to returning veterans. Mr. Sample reported that over \$3 million per year comes through our county through a variety of services provided to veterans. He discussed the amount of responsibility involved if he pursued purchasing of a vehicle to transport veterans in. After detailing what would be involved and the expense it would incur, Mr. Sample commented that using the Connersville van is probably a much better deal than the county having to train drivers, buy insurance, etc. He was also proud to report that he has noticed that our county does a much better job of providing services to our veterans than some other counties he has been in. President Rick Nobbe thanked Mr. Sample for the service he performs for the county's veterans.

The Auditor submitted paperwork that Parks Department Superintendent Bob Barker had dropped off. President Rick Nobbe shared what he knew about the bills for repairs to the pool. The County Council had suggested that the Commissioners might want to pay the bills from Plans and Implementations. Mr. Buening moved to use existing pool line items from the budget then drawing from Plans and Implementations for any remaining costs. Mr. Richards seconded the motion, President Nobbe concurred and the motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved to reappoint Jenny Zapfe to the HIPPA Board. Mr. Buening seconded the motion and President Nobbe concurred. Motion passed.

Auditor Wenning submitted a software leasing agreement for Clerk Janet Chadwell. Mr.

Buening moved to sign the election management systems software agreement with Microvote. Mr. Richards seconded the motion, President Nobbe concurred and the motion passed.

President Nobbe reported receiving a letter about three months ago from the Area Plan Attorney regarding updating the ordinance regarding sewage treatment plans for major subdivisions. He met with Area Plan Director David Neuman, Sanitation and Environmental Specialist Alan Crosby, County Surveyor Andy Scholle, and a Mr. Harrison to discuss amending the ordinance. Area Plan would like to see it amended to include pre-approved sewage treatment plans for single family dwellings. No action was taken as time to open bids arrived.

Bid openings began at 9:00 a.m. for Sand, Stone, Culvert Pipe, and Fuel. County Attorney Peg Polanski opened the bids.

Fuel

Premier Ag. (Mr. Mohr noted that the bid specs included the Sheriff's dept. usage of fuel at automated pumps.)

Sand and Stone

Asphalt Materials

Heritage Aggregate dba Meshberger Stone

Rush County Stone

New Point Stone

MARJEN Inc.

Ward Stone (Flatrock, IN)

County Materials Inc (N. Vernon-Lee's Ready Mix)

Pipe

St. Regis Culvert

Indiana Drainage Solutions (Lanesville, IN)

CPI Supply/Bedford

Mr. Mohr would like to see the Commissioners award Premier Ag the fuel bid and would like to accept all bids on culvert pipe, sand and stone. He would like to have the flexibility to keep options open to be able to buy from the best source at the time of need and also from the supplier that can meet the need the fastest. After some discussion, the bid award for the culvert pipe was taken under advisement. Mr. Richards moved to take the Culvert Pipe bid under advisement, accept all sand and stone bids and award the fuel bid to Premier Ag. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. President Rick Nobbe concurred and the motion passed.

A request from Decatur County Right to Life to use the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn for a prayer service generated some discussion concerning liability. After some discussion, Mr.

Richards moved to allow usage of the property. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. President Nobbe concurred. The commissioners asked Auditor Wenning is to locate a prior form that requests more information from persons requesting usage of the property.

There being no further business, Mr. Buening moved to adjourn. Mr. Richards seconded and President Nobbe concurred. The meeting was closed at 9:43 a.m.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____