

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 6, 2012

The Decatur County Commissioners opened their February 6th, 2012 meeting with the following present: Rick Nobbe -President, Jerome Buening, John Richards and Tami Wenning– Auditor

The January 17th, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as read.

Payroll claims were approved as presented.

President Rick Nobbe asked **Bob Barker, Parks Department** to bring the Commissioners up to date on pool repairs. Barker reported that the original cast-iron drain was uncovered and discovered to have been leaking. It was replaced with PVC. A major portion of the pool repairs are completed.

There is still some deck work. Originally, \$40,000 was approved for the repairs. Barker reported approximately \$3000 remains and he requested permission to utilize the remaining funds to finish up some other needed repairs. He would use the park budget in conjunction with the remaining funds. After discussion of other needed repairs and budget concerns, Jerome Buening moved to allow the Parks Department to spend the remaining funds of the original appropriation for pool repairs. John Richards seconded the motion and President Rick Nobbe concurred. The motion carried.

Mark Mohr – Highway Superintendent gave an update on Bridge 19. One pier is done and the second piling will begin this week. Bridge 25 near Adams has been given a notice to proceed. The project has been staked out and the proposed detour has been plotted. There was some discussion of the best way of notifying the public that County Road 300 N will be closing on May 1st and not reopening until the estimated date of completion on October 15th. Requests for proposals were received for Bridge 18 and Mohr and Commissioners Buening and Nobbe agreed to be on the three-person committee to score the RFP's. There was some discussion concerning insurance claims and the cost of CDL physicals. Brenda Nielsen/SIHO said that the insurance would cover the cost of a CDL physical if it was part of the annual regular physical checkup. Mohr also reported that Millhousen Road is now open. His crew has been getting the patching machines ready to get back on the road because potholes are starting to be a problem already. From the bid openings last month, Mohr had reviewed the culvert pipe pricing and reported that each company had a type of pipe that was priced better than the other and that no one company had the overall lowest price. County Attorney Peg Polanski presented a spreadsheet with specific items highlighted by vendor. Jerome Buening moved that the resolution awarding the bids to each culvert vendor as outlined in the submitted spreadsheet be accepted. John Richards seconded the motion. President Rick Nobbe concurred and the motion carried. The resolution was signed by the three commissioners and is on file in the Auditor's office. It was noted by Ms. Polanski that next year the bid specifications should include mention of guaranteed delivery times. There was a brief discussion of roads being built at Cottonwood but with no representatives from Cottonwood present, the subject was tabled. Mohr's concern was that roads need to be built to county specs and would like all involved to be on the same wavelength. Mohr questioned Mayor Gary Herbert concerning the Vandalia Road Project. The Mayor indicated he is waiting to hear from DNR. There was also a question on retention ponds and Mayor Herbert reported on that project as well.

Bridge 18 Requests for Proposals were received from the following companies:

R.W. Armstrong, Indianapolis

United Consulting, Indianapolis

Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc. Columbus

Barth and Associates, Greensburg

Beam, Longest and Neff L.L.C.

URS Corporation, Indianapolis

Benardin Lochmueller and Associates, Evansville

Burgess and Niple, Inc Indianapolis

Butler, Fairman and Seufert

Strand Associates, Inc. Columbus

The Schneider Corporation

Commissioner President Rick Nobbe handed a Covered Bridge Certification request to Mohr and he confirmed that Decatur County has one covered bridge.

Mary McCarty – Southeastern Indiana Regional Plan Commission appeared before the board and requested that the Commissioners consider being the official applicant for grant monies for the Letts Volunteer Fire Department. The Department had to seek an entity to represent them since Letts is not an incorporated town. The grant will be part of the Community Focus funds and will be used for the tearing down of the old part of the fire station at Letts. Representatives of the fire department were at a previous meeting to discuss the specific plans for the site. After some discussion, John Richards moved that the county be the official applicant for the grant. Jerome Buening seconded the motion, the motion carried. President Rick Nobbe concurred.

Ms. McCarty also mentioned that due to new regulations, she needed to make the county aware that a Limited Access Plan for persons with Limited English Proficiency may be required. Basically, when public hearings are held for a project, if there is a large enough percentage of the population that doesn't speak English, then that segment of the population must have a translator available to answer any questions they may have. McCarty has someone that can provide that service if it is deemed necessary. McCarty invited the board to an Open House for SIRPC scheduled for February 23rd from 3 – 6 p.m.

Kevin McGuire, ETC – McGuire came to answer any questions concerning the tower rental proposal. County Attorney Peg Polanski fixed a few errors in the original contract wording. He also reported that the tower is 220 feet in height, answering a question asked at a prior meeting. Jerome Buening moved to approve and sign the agreement for the tower lease with the corrections made by Ms. Polanski. John Richards seconded the motion. President Nobbe concurred and the motion carried. McGuire promised to keep the Commissioners updated on ETC's progress on the tower.

Marcia Miller Smith and Pepper Cooper, Neace Lukens Insurance were present at the meeting to discuss the final details of the county's health insurance renewal. Cooper discussed the particulars of the current coverage and emphasized that county employees had made smart choices and therefore helped keep the costs down. The rise in cost to the county was attributed to new state laws requiring that the maximum coverage be raised from one million to one and a quarter million dollars. **Brenda Nielsen, representing SIHO**, was also present to answer questions from the Commissioners. The insurance representatives provided a spreadsheet that showed costs compared to other companies and the numbers used to negotiate the best renewal possible. Mr. Cooper recommended that the county employee payroll deduction remain the same since the non-reverting reserves are healthy due to county employees making wise healthcare choices. There was discussion of adding to the benefits by adding a hearing benefit into the employer sponsored health plan. Employees utilizing the hearing benefit would bring in

receipts to get reimbursed from the county. Mr. Cooper reiterated that it is a very positive thing that the county employees haven't had a reduction in benefits, nor has their contribution amount increased. Commissioner Rick Nobbe pointed out that the reason the increase was kept to a minimum is due to the good stewardship of the employees of their health care benefits. After all insurance details were discussed, John Richards moved that the hearing benefit be included in the employer sponsored health plan. Jerome Buening seconded and Pres. Nobbe concurred. The open enrollment document will be amended to reflect the inclusion. Jerome Buening moved that the county renew the health plan with Houston Casualty. John Richards seconded the motion. Pres. Nobbe concurred and the motion carried. The total for the renewal is \$302,783.29.

Pres. Nobbe did discuss the small insurance renewal meeting held prior to this meeting and expressed frustration that with our good report and numbers that our costs still went up. He did point out that without our employees making good decisions our costs would've went up even more.

Brenda Nielsen/SIHO will be back in March with a three year renewal contract for SIHO. Nobbe requested that a copy be forwarded to the county attorney prior to that meeting date. The Open Enrollment Day for questions and the Ask-A-Nurse event are scheduled for February 7th. A notice went out with the last payroll. Pres. Nobbe did mention that the county would be participating in the Hospital Health Fair

Doug Banks, EMA – Banks thanked the board for their time. He reported that the Med-Tech project of rehabbing vehicles will be more expensive through Shirks. He explained that going from a Type 3 to a Type 1 means that a person can't walk through the front to the back of the ambulance. This ambulance also won't fit in the building due to it having an extended cab. More discussion ensued on modifications, e-series chassis and the proposal that was presented at the last meeting. Banks recommends the e-series because it is easier and a quicker fix. The new delivery has been moved to April 27th. Nobbe requested that Banks get a single-cab chassis quote from Shirks. His concern is the trade-in value might be better with the Shirk chassis.

EDC Director Mark Coplon called Pres. Nobbe around 6:30 a.m. and reported he was too ill to attend. Coplon will be on the agenda for the 20th.

President Rick Nobbe received a notice from the State Historical Society that Russell Wilhoit has been appointed the official Decatur County Historian. Nobbe also reported that Mainstreet Greensburg had sent a letter to the commissioners updating their progress.

A "Request for Use of Facilities" was received from the Decatur County United Fund. The agency would like to use the courthouse lawn on May 31st and June 1st for the Annual Strawberry Festival. Jerome Buening moved that the request be granted, John Richards seconded the motion, the motion carried.

The Hospital Board sent a letter to the Commissioners requesting appointments to their board. They reported that Reuben Kissel's term was expiring and that Kissel was willing to serve another term. Mark Klosterkemper's term is also ending and he did not express an interest in being reappointed. The hospital submitted two names for consideration. Qualifications for Gail Rueff and John Corya were attached to the letter and Commissioners reviewed the information. Both were very well qualified and the Commissioners spent several minutes discussing the issue before moving forward with an appointment.

Board Appointments were made as follows:

Jerome Buening moved that John Corya be appointed to the Hospital Board and that Reuben Kissel be reappointed for another term. John Richards seconded the motion, the motion

carried. President Nobbe concurred and stated that he hoped that with her qualifications, Ms. Rueff would consider serving in some other capacity in the future and that all nominees' willingness to serve was appreciated.

Doug Banks returned to the meeting with quotes he had gotten over the phone from Shirks. John Richards requested hard copies of the numbers by the meeting on February 20th. Banks would like to see a decision be made in March.

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

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____
Date: _____