

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 5, 2012

The Decatur County Commissioners opened their March 5, 2012 meeting with the following present: Rick Nobbe -President, Jerome Buening, John Richards and Jenny Zapfe, Deputy Auditor

The February 20th, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Payroll claims were approved as presented.

Ellie Burkhart – Decatur County Clean-Up Miss Burkhart discussed her plans to implement a clean-up day on April 14th for the county/city. She shared all of the efforts made to date that involve other agencies, volunteers and getting donations to help with the project. The date the clean-up is scheduled coincides with the Community Clean Up day spearheaded by Mr. Bryan Robbins. Mr. Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, told Miss Burkhart that his workers would pick up trash if it was consolidated into piles in the areas where the volunteers pick up. Safety concerns were also voiced by Mr. Mohr who suggested that the bright safety yellow t-shirts would be a wise move for the volunteers to wear. Miss Burkhart was accompanied by her mother Susan who discussed many of the difficulties they had faced while working on getting permission to do the volunteer clean-up of the community. Commissioner President Rick Nobbe commented that it is much appreciated and a huge undertaking.

Mark Mohr – Highway Superintendent – Mr. Mohr reported that the county had their fire extinguishers certified last week. Bridge 25 has been cleared of debris and is getting ready for closure at the end of this month. Bridge 19 has both piers out of the water and beams are being set this Friday. Bridge 18 is currently in the “right of way” process. It is set for an August bid letting. Mr. Ron May will be here to present books for the bridge inspection. On county road 450 East, Mr. Walt Moore, Mr. Jon Martin, a Mr. Koors and Andy Scholle are working together to put the final pieces together to get signed off on the paperwork that will allow the county the right of way to begin working on rebuilding the road.

Marla VanSchaik – Cottonwood Lake – City-type addresses make it difficult for EMS to locate where people in need are located at the Cottonwood Lake community on County Road 550 S. The 911 service needs a better way of identifying those residences. Mrs. Marla VanSchaik, representing Cottonwood Lake residents, talked to Tim Ortman of the 911 Board and he indicated that they are aware of the problem. The suggestion was made to convert to county road addresses. Mrs. VanSchaik also spoke with Ms. Laurel Simmermeyer who represents 911 dispatching. Ms. Simmermeyer agreed that the current addresses pose a problem. After much discussion, it was decided that it would make more sense to utilize the same system used to identify county road properties. Mr. Dave Neuman put together a list of proposed county addresses for the Cottonwood properties. Ms. VanSchaik presented a petition signed by owners and renters that are in favor of the modifications with one exception. CR 220 W is too close to the same as CR 220 SW. In order to avoid potential confusion, it was proposed that CR 220 W be renamed CR 210 W to avoid potential confusion. It was clarified by County Attorney Peg Polanski that the Commissioners are charged with street names and Area Plan is charged with creating house addresses. County Commissioner President Rick Nobbe emphasized that changing the addresses in no way puts the county in a position of being responsible for maintaining the roads in Cottonwood Subdivision. Cottonwood Lane will become CR 240 W, West Tulip Lane will become CR 230 and E Tulip Lane will become CR 210 W. In addition to the road name changes, the house numbers will move from the 2200 block to the 4900 block.

Mr. John Richards moved that the Cottonwood roads and properties be renamed and numbered. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. President Rick Nobbe concurred and the motion carried.

Darci Myers/Carol Humphrey – Community Healthcare Clinic - Ms. Myers approached the board and expressed her appreciation at how supportive the county has been of their efforts. She gave a brief history of the clinic and reported that the patient load has increased to around 1000 patients and expenses have gone up. They are open one day a week and an hour on Thursday evening. They are getting four to five new patients every week. A majority of the newer patients are laid-off factory workers whose benefits have ended. She is asking to expand the clinic's hours. Last year there was a deficit for the first time and she is now requesting an additional \$5000 more per year to enable them to continue meeting these needs. She pointed out they are one of the few clinics that are also authorized to perform dental work. The Commissioners discussed rent costs and asked some questions. Mr. John Richards wants to look into the situation a little more in depth. Ms. Humphrey has asked for an increase once since starting in 1993 and at that time, the county couldn't grant the increase. President Rick Nobbe thanked the clinic for all that it does.

Jerry Mayhugh – Mayhugh's Mowing, Mr. Mayhugh presented a bid for mowing the courthouse. There was much discussion and it was determined that a notice should be put out to the general public that the Commissioners are accepting bids for mowing at the courthouse. Bids will be due on Friday, March 16th for opening at the March 19th Commissioner meeting. The Commissioners informed Mr. Mayhugh that he would need to resubmit his bid for that date but that he would not need to be present for the meeting.

Doug Banks, EMA – The Decatur County Commissioners agreed to pay Crossroads Ambulance Sales and Service for the remount/refurbishment of an existing Medtec TC Ambulance onto a 2012 Ford E450 Chassis V10 (gas). The remount quote agreed to by the Commissioners includes a \$1000.00 trade in allowance for the 2005 Ford E450 Chassis that is being replaced. The total cost for the project will be \$90,498.00. The motion was made by Mr. Jerome Buening, seconded by Mr. John Richards and President Rick Nobbe concurred. Mr. Buening also moved to request that Mr. Doug Banks remove as much as he can off of the truck prior to the trade-in. Mr. John Richards seconded the motion and with the concurrence of President Rick Nobbe, the motion carried.

Bart Brown, Beth Blasdel – Workforce Development – Mr. Brown presented a printed PowerPoint to the Commissioners and reviewed it with them. It detailed the structure of Region 9, which counties belong and who the board members are. He explained the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act and that Indiana had not been in compliance. As a result, there have been several major changes in the structure of the agency and what the expectations are from state and local government officials. The new state structure causes there to be some costs associated with administering the program which impacts the amount of funding available to use to directly train workers. The guidelines will cause the board size to increase. Mr. Brown is working on speaking to all of the affected counties in the region. Then, he'll be revisiting counties to decide who the chief local elected official is going to be and who the other local elected officials will be that are in charge on a county-by-county business. Hopefully, they'll be back in April with agreements and memorandums of understanding. Ms. Blasdel commented on what has been observed since the changes have been made. Much of the change focuses on the desire to convert the current structure into a Workforce Investment Board and there is some controversy in how the state is trying to implement changes that are contrary to federal guidelines. After extensive discussion, Mr. Brown and Ms. Blasdel said that they just wanted to bring the board up to speed on where things are headed and that they would be returning in the upcoming months with an agreement for the Commissioners to review. President Rick Nobbe thanked them for bringing the information before the board.

Tom Shannon – R.W. Armstrong – Mr. Shannon introduced himself and the company he represents, pointing out that the company has worked in the county, worked with the Mayor's office on the Lincoln street project and with the Highway Superintendent on bridges. He wanted to discuss what sort of ADA plan the county has in place because if you don't have a current

plan, your county could become ineligible for federal funding. His company could help the county identify areas of concern and then develop a policy accordingly. Mr. Jerome Buening stated that maybe the county and city could partner together and review what would need to be done based on the latest federal requirements. Mayor Gary Herbert discussed what efforts the city has been making towards becoming ADA compliant utilizing in-house talent. He suggested that maybe the commissioners might want to speak with Mr. Gary Murray, the City Engineer. Mr. Shannon was thanked for bringing this information to the commissioners.

Terri Albrecht- Decatur County 4 Kids - April is Prevent Child Abuse awareness month. Representing her council, she brought the idea of planting a garden of pinwheels to create awareness of the issue. They want to maintain it for a month on the southwest corner of the square. Ms. Albrecht would also coordinate a media campaign to highlight the message. They want to plant 272 pinwheels to represent the number of children born in Decatur County last year. They also want to put an additional 92 of a different color to represent the number of confirmed abuse cases from last year. Ms. Albrecht asked the board to grant permission for use of the square. Mr. John Richards expressed concern on the lawn mowing. There was hesitation to allow the usage for such an extended period of time and the maintenance issues that would arise. Also, there was concern that other organizations may want to use the lawn for extended periods of time. She was asked to fill out a "Request for Usage" form in the Auditor's office and the Commissioners will act on it at the next meeting. President Nobbe asked that the organization give the Commissioners advance notice so that the lawn crew could mow the lawn prior to the installation of the pinwheels. And, after the discussion, it was also decided that the organization would be given a week for their display. The Auditor's office will bring the completed request form to the next meeting for approval.

Mayor Gary Herbert – The new mayor of Lawrenceburg is asking what they have done for this county besides the initial donation of money to the Honda project. There was some discussion of what was done with the original \$10 million dollars given to the city upon the announcement of the Honda plant.

Bryan Robbins – Mainstreet Greensburg - Mr. Robbins gave an update to what has taken place in the downtown area. In 2011, 3 new businesses were added and the Broadway project turned out to be a success. An economic grant of \$70,000 was obtained through the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant last year. Through the cooperative efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission and Mainstreet Greensburg, this grant will allow for small business loans to help get worthy business plans off the ground. Also, a grant of \$55,000 was received that will allow the Farmer's Market to accept SNAP benefits as payment and includes sharing the script with Shelbyville, Batesville and Brookville farmer's markets. The program will need internet hookup and some electronics. He discussed using tokens to represent money and then vendors can redeem tokens for their money. Mr. Robbins reported that the Christmas Walk went very well and that many positive comments were received on letting Santa Claus be in the courthouse. The old Murphy building has a "Picker's Paradise" going in. The Old YMCA is possibly being converted into Senior Housing. There is a contest sponsored by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Mr. Robbins, the Mayor and several others have worked together to schedule some events that could possibly help our community win the \$20,000 prize. Locally, the Mayor has planned a parade and a midget car race at the fairgrounds. Downtown will feature the Fisher Five Mile race, commemorating Carl Fisher. It will involve 10 adult-sized big wheels and 10 teams of 6 people each racing 20 times around the courthouse. The overall race will equal five miles. There was some question of insurance and the Auditor will be checking with the county's liability carrier. If our community wins the prize money, there are plans to make a park at Main and Lincoln with a nice sign. This event will be held from 11 – 4 on the 28th with the race being at 1:30. Mr. Robbins requested use of the square for that day. Mr. John Richards moved to allow the use of the square for the race pending the insurance company's okay. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion

carried with the President's concurrence. Mr. Robbins also submitted the official request for usage of the square for the annual Farmer's Market and two Friday night movies. Mr. Buening moved to accept the request, Mr. Richards seconded, Mr. Nobbe concurred and the motion carried.

Mr. Robbins will return to the Board in June for a funding request.

Topics - President Rick Nobbe commented on the preparedness of local emergency management and officials during the impending storm last week. He mentioned that the first responders were ready and that current interim EMA Director Rob Duckworth had things well in hand and that he wanted to thank all of those first responders. A team of 4 – 6 damage assessment personnel went to Holton to help with assessment and clean up. In anticipation of bad weather, a conference call was held at 11:00 a.m. that Friday with school officials, Red Cross, and emergency responders.

Mr. Jerome Buening discussed money that Soil and Water wanted to disburse. County Attorney Peg Polanski will check with Alan Crosby to see if everyone has their septic system in place. Final closure will come when IDEM checks the stream and the samples are clean.

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

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____