The Decatur County Commissioners opened their March 19, 2012 meeting with the following present: Rick Nobbe - President, Jerome Buening, John Richards and Jenny Zapfe, Deputy Auditor.

The March 5th, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Payroll claims were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr – Highway Superintendent – Commissioner Rick Nobbe reported that Bridge 19 is moving along and is in good shape. Ron May, Aecon, provided the Commissioners with the state’s newest version of the County Bridge Inspection Report. His company used the state’s new on-line reporting and he explained the differences to be found in the report. A full report was presented for filing in the Auditor’s office.

Harold Sample – Veterans Service Officer – Mr. Sample reported that the new van is ready and that Albert Friend has agreed to be the ride coordinator and a driver. 5 – 6 more volunteer drivers are needed. Insurance, maintenance and fuel are covered at no cost to the county. The only potential expense would be a cell phone to be made available to the driver to receive and make calls pertaining to the Veterans Administration. The van is a 2011 Ford Expedition and Commissioner John Richards moved to go forward with the plans for the Veterans Service Office. Commissioner Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried with the concurrence of President Rick Nobbe. Mr. Sample will continue to keep the commissioners updated.

Diane Motz - Clarksburg resident Ms. Diane Motz came before the commissioners to discuss concerns with the removal of a tree and parking in front of their home. President Rick Nobbe said he would contact the County Highway Superintendent to see what could be done. There may be some property line issues that need to be addressed before the tree could be removed. Mr. Nobbe will contact the Motz family once a decision has been made.

Mike Walker – TIF RDC, Mr. Walker came before the commissioners to give them an update on the TIF Redevelopment Commission’s activities. He gave a brief history of how the Commission was formed when Honda came. Mr. Walker mentioned that he had worked with the new Auditor to help her understand the make-up of the commission and what role the Auditor plays administratively. Mr. Jerome Buening wanted to commend the Commission on the fabulous job it has done with both the county and city being involved. An updated Incumbency Certificate was presented that includes the new Auditor. The certificate was signed.

Mayor Gary Herbert discussed some possible lane changes and some lighting issues that may require some TIF money. He also expressed concern if there are lights added, the city will be paying the electric bill with no income from the TIF district.

Patty Jackson – SIRPC, Ms. Jackson reported that she has met with the city and they are committing up to $8000 to match the Owner Occupied Homes Rehabilitation program. Westport was asked to consider contributing $5000 but the issue was tabled by the Westport Town Council until the next meeting. Ms. Jackson said that if the County wants to contribute based on the percentage of applicants, it will need to allocate $10,361 towards helping rehabilitate homes for 25 families. She also mentioned that a 501(3C) had been formed several years ago and it has some leverage funds that it might be willing to utilize to help achieve the match. After some discussion and a suggestion by County Attorney Peg Polanski, Commissioner John Richards moved to commit $15,361 with the possibility of adjusting down based on what Westport contributes. Mr. Buening seconded the motion, Mr. Nobbe concurred and the motion carried.

Mary Miers – Animal Control Board, Ms. Miers appeared before the commissioners to report
that Ms. Robyn Smith had resigned from the Animal Control Board and that Dr. Hank Martin had agreed to fill the position if the commissioners approved. Mr. John Richards moved to appoint Dr. Martin, Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion and with Mr. Nobbe’s concurrence, the motion carried.

RBSK – Trend Micro Renewal contract was mailed to and presented by Mr. Nobbe. No objections were voiced to continuing the coverage.

Title signed for trade-in ambulance.

Sardinia – Commissioner John Richards had a copy of the grant. County Attorney Peg Polanski reported she had not contacted Mr. Alan Crosby of the Health Department yet. The Sardinia issue was tabled.

Commissioner President Rick Nobbe asked for a motion to sign a 3 year agreement with SIHO. Mr. Jerome Buening moved to sign the agreement. Mr. John Richards seconded the motion. Mr. Rick Nobbe concurred. The motion carried.

**Mowing Bids –**

Excel - $130 per mow

Brian McCullough - $150 per mow

Knecht’s Lawn Service - $100 each mowing/trimming, with pricing for fertilizing, weed control and mulching adding additional cost on top of the mowing.

Gary Wolter - $1,290 mowing/trimming

Bruce at Cops Lawn Care – 24 – 30 services $75 per, winterization $150

Mayhugh’s - $100 28 times over an 8 month period, With chemical treat - extra $120 each time

Although it isn’t required that the Commissioners advertise for bids, it is only fair. Because the ad didn’t specify what sort of services should be priced out, the Commissioners will review the bids and possibly ask for more information from different bidders before making their decision.

Interim EMA Director Mr. Rob Duckworth made an emergency purchase of light stands for $133.96 and asked the Commissioners if they would cover the cost. They agreed to.

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

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Rick Nobbe, President
Attest: ______________________
Date: ______________________