The Decatur County Commissioners opened their April 2, 2012 meeting with the following present: Rick Nobbe – President, Jerome Buening, John Richards and Tammy Wenning – Auditor.

The March 19, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Payroll claims were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr – County Highway Superintendent- Mr. Mohr discussed a 2 year agreement with Milestone is coming to an end. The agreement allowed the county to use rip-rap in exchange for letting Milestone utilize county ground to stage equipment near the New Point/I-74 Interchange. Mr. Mohr reported that the agreement worked out well for everyone involved and saved the county a lot of money on stone. Milestone held up their end and left the location in great shape. Although he had hoped the situation could have granted long term access to the milling, he was very happy with the savings over the last two years. Mr. Mohr discussed two upcoming closures. The first structure to be closed is at 800 South by New Point. The project began last fall and is now at the point where they are ready to close so they can finish up. The second project is on 100 North between 500 and 600 East and is something that has needed to be fixed right for years. It is now closed, the pipe should be delivered Thursday and installed next week. Both roads should be open by the third week of April barring any weather related setbacks. Mr. Mohr also reported that the last few weeks his crew has been doing a lot of road patching, and some grading, seeding and strawing to finish up some of the older projects.

Bridge 19 is about two weeks away from getting the floor poured which is ahead of where the project was targeted to be at this point. Mr. Mohr also wanted to let the Commissioners know that a fiber optic company is laying lines in the county, mostly on PSI or REMC easements but in some cases, it will be on county right of way. His concern was the proximity of the 42” cuts to the road structures and the possibility of causing structural damage to roadways. He reported that the company has been good to work with so far but just wanted to give the Commissioners an update.

Ron May – Aecon – Mr. May appeared before the board with appraisals on Bridge 18. Along with the appraisals were “statements for basis of just compensation” forms that are necessary due to the federal government being involved with the bridge. There are always more regulations with state and federal projects. There are several parcels and four of them were appraised with something called a waiver evaluation. That is due to the small size and value of the land being taken. The remaining parcels are more involved. Mr. May asked the commissioners to consider his submissions for approval. Mr. Jerome Buening moved to approve the appraisals and authorize President Rick Nobbe to sign the paperwork following the meeting. Mr. John Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mark Brown - Indiana Region 9 Workforce – Mr. Brown presented a document that describes the restructuring of the workforce board and reported that Mayor Gary Herbert has been nominated to be the Local Elected Official (LEO) representative on the new board. Mr. John Richards moved that the agreement be signed and that Mayor Gary Herbert be accepted as the LEO for Decatur County on that board. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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: ______________________