

**Decatur County Commissioners**  
**April 16th, 2012 Meeting**  
**8:00 A.M. Room 106**

Present: Commissioner President Rick Nobbe, Members Jerome Buening and John Richards

The minutes from the April 2nd meeting were approved with one word amended.

Claims for payment were approved as submitted.

Decatur County Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr opened the meeting. Commissioner Jerome Buening advised him of a situation involving a sign being blown down on Highway 421. Mr. Buening moved the sign but it will need re-set and stabilized. Mr. Mohr will follow up on that issue. Mr. Mohr announced that there is currently a call for projects through INDOT. One of the stipulations is that requesting entities can't have a project in the books within a two year letting. If a current project needs additional funding, entities may request that additional funding through this process. Mr. Mohr reminded the commissioners that money had been taken from the Bridge 2 project to use on Bridge 18 and that this would be a good opportunity to request money to put back onto the Bridge 2 project. President Rick Nobbe asked for a motion. Commissioner John Richards moved that a request be submitted asking for funding to be replaced for the Bridge 2 project. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried and Mr. Mohr will make the formal request.

Mr. Mohr provided a summary report of Bridge 2 and will leave it with Mr. Jerome Buening since the bridge is in his district. Mr. Mohr also discussed the county's brine making process. He also discussed the possibility of adding an additional building near the county highway garage that could house equipment. If the Commissioners were thinking of future expansion, this would help the highway department immensely. A possible location would be on the west side of NE 80. The north two bays could be used for the brine making set up, with the holding tank being right outside. The farthest bay could be used to remove snow and slush from equipment. Mr. Buening suggested if a building is considered in the future that aesthetics be considered.

Mr. Mohr reported that the structure on 800 is finished except for seed and straw. Residents have phoned expressing appreciation for the work that has been done. They are ready to do the same type of structure near Hoeing's home on CR 100 as soon as the weather is right. The pipe has been delivered to the jobsite on CR 450 E. Crews will start doing brushwork this week. Mr. Martin, Mr. Moore and Mr. Koors will be signing off on the right of way paperwork that Surveyor Andy Scholle has been working on.

Mr. Mohr reported that he is also getting on the council agenda to request consideration of additional funding for roadwork. He is very close to getting rollover on the existing paving contract and if O'Mara's makes the offer, according to Mohr it would be a no-brainer. This was the best winter Mohr has experienced in 16 years in regards to the resulting road conditions. Due to the mild winter, Mr. Mohr reported that his crews have gotten most of the typical after-winter road work completed already. However, without additional funding this year, getting extra road work done will be "slim pickings".

Commissioner Rick Nobbe asked about road evaluation. Mohr reported every 3 – 4 years is perfect. Stoned roads have all been re-stoned already this year. Mr. Mohr will be at the council meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday to make his request. Mr. John Richards mentioned a few areas with potential problems. 1100 S, just west of highway 3, has a couple of places with orange

barrels. Another location is near Larry Evans' place. Another troublesome spot is on a gravel road near Johannigman's workshop. Mark will check on those locations.

Prosecutor Jim Rosenberry appeared before the Commissioners to let them know about a grant application he has been working on. The grant is through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and can be used to purchase equipment. Mr. Rosenberry is applying for funding to purchase I-Pads to use in the courtroom. This equipment will work with the wireless video system that has been installed in the courtroom. He is also applying for enough to purchase a laptop for the Prosecutor's office. Mr. Rosenberry did share the information about the grant with local law enforcement. Entities can apply for up to \$10,000. The grant proposal requires a signature from the County Executive. Mr. Rosenberry is requesting \$4,291.00. Mr. John Richards asked if the equipment would meet the needs that the Prosecutor's office has. Mr. Rosenberry did investigate and it will. Mr. Richards also commended Mr. Rosenberry on his work with State Representative Randy Frye on getting legislation passed that would close loopholes in an existing law that created specific problems in a recent Decatur County case and has ramifications state wide. Commissioner President Rick Nobbe signed the grant request. County Auditor Tami Wenning signed also.

Extension dropped off some bills from the Allen Construction Company. Auditor Wenning wanted to see where Commissioners wanted the claims paid from. She also asked about an invoice from Moore Electric concerning a generator at the Sheriff's Department. President Rick Nobbe asked Wenning to check with Interim EMA Director Rob Duckworth.

Decatur County Community Foundation requested permission to use the county courthouse lawn for their 20th year celebration. The County's insurance company wants a million dollar certificate of coverage from the DCCF, and proof of liability from the inflatables vending company and from any outside food vendors. The request was reviewed and the Commissioners requested that the Auditor let the DCCF know of the needs of the liability company. Those certificates of liability may be forwarded to the Auditor who will then forward to the liability company.

A request to use the gazebo for a wedding was presented. After some discussion, Commissioner John Richards moved to allow the usage. Commissioner Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Wenning asked the Commissioners if they want an official request made every time someone wants to do a wedding on the lawn. This request and the Community Foundation request generated a lot of discussion on wanting the public to be able to use county property but keeping the county's liability in mind.

Commissioner Jerome Buening moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting will be May 7th at 8:00 a.m.

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Rick Nobbe, President

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