

Decatur County Commissioners

June 4th, 2012 8:00 A.M.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as submitted.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent filed his Annual Report with the Commissioners. He also gave an update on CR 450 East and discussed the signage that will be placed on the road. He discussed having Requests for Proposals for Bridge 18. He will be contacting INDOT for RFP's for bridge inspection. Bridge 19 is basically done with just the approach work needing finished up. Bridge 25 closed last week and the bridge has been removed. The rest of the project is expected to go smoothly. Mr. Mohr did state that the completion date is October, not August as was previously stated. The Highway Department will be working on a drainage project on 700 West near Burney and Milford. Smiley's have given up some land to help with the project. Mr. Mohr did state that the County Council needs to be made aware that the contract with O'Mara's did roll over. He also reported that the covered bridge festival in Westport went smoothly as far as the road and bridge closing. Bridge 2 on Highway 421 has to be made available to the public if someone is interested in saving the structure. County Attorney Peg Polanski discussed signage on Vandalia Road. She spoke with Mark Klosterkemper and he reported that it is the state's responsibility to get the proper signs installed.

Rob Duckworth, Interim EMA Director produced a reimbursement request for the commissioners to review and sign. The request will recoup money paid out in 2011 for the position's salary. Of the \$16,582 spent by the county, \$8,291.42 will be reimbursed and will go back to the general fund. Commissioner John Richards moved to approve the salary reimbursement for the EMA Director salary for 2011. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. The request was signed and given back to Mr. Duckworth.

Pepper Cooper, Neace Lukens Insurance and **Mr. Randy Teltoe** appeared before the Commissioners. Mr. Cooper reported that thanks to the diligence of Commissioner Rick Nobbe, Neace Lukens reviewed the numbers used to create the Property Liability insurance renewal and came back with a much better proposal. According to Mr. Teltoe, he followed up on Mr. Nobbe's concerns and confirmed that the numbers were in error. Mr. Nobbe was complimentary of the adjuster used for the job. Mr. Bruce Clapp was in turn, complimentary about the job the county had done to help keep the cost of the repair work reasonable. Mr. Cooper apologized on behalf of his company and that of the liability insurance. All of the commissioners stressed the importance of getting future renewals in a timelier fashion so they might have time to review them.

Bryan Robbins, Mainstreet Greensburg presented his 2011 Annual Report. He reported he was returning as requested earlier in the year to inquire about funding. He did report 3 – 4 new businesses in the downtown area, discussed the 1st Annual five mile big wheel race, the Farmer's Market and relayed upcoming events. **David Miers, Mainstreet** Board member discussed how successful the Mainstreet/Downtown Greensburg Development group merger has been and that all members are working towards making their organization even better. Mr. Miers mentioned an upcoming retreat. Mr. Robbins requested the same level of funding as in the past. Mr. Nobbe stated he did not see a problem with that. Mr. Buening commented on the fabulous job they've done. He commented that the organization seems persistent and focused and the community is reaping the benefits. Mr. Richards touched on whether Mr. Robbins could foresee the organization becoming self-supporting in the near future. Mr. Robbins said that is the goal but it isn't clear when that can happen. He did mention several upcoming fundraising

events. Mayor Gary Herbert also complimented the agency. There were some budgetary questions asked and Auditor Wenning will walk Mr. Robbins through the process of requesting funding that is already approved.

Bids were opened for a county-owned property in Clarksburg. Mr. **Robert Robbins** bid \$2600 and Mrs. **Teresa Scudder** bid \$1000. Mr. Jerome Buening moved that parcel #16-07-01-410-005.000-006 be sold to Robert Robbins. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Robbins then proceeded to request that the county have the parcel surveyed for him and marked accordingly so that he could build a fence on the property. County Attorney Peg Polanski stated that the property was sold as is. After some discussion, Mr. Robbins withdrew his bid. Due to some of the discussion concerning the property, Mr. Nobbe suggested that perhaps the property needed to be visited. The Commissioners rejected Mrs. Scudder's bid and Mr. Nobbe plans to visit the property. The details of the sale of the property will be discussed and possibly re-advertised after Mr. Nobbe discusses his findings with Ms. Polanski.

Mark Coplon, Economic Development Corporation presented the EDC's quarterly report. Since his last visit to the Commissioner's, Mr. Coplon reported that he had visited Westport's Area Business Association and toured the community to see some of the properties that could be marketed. He also visited New Point and at Town Clerk-Treasurer Viola Minning's suggestion, he visited with Mark Vice concerning the town and its' potential. He visited with Commissioner Buening in the town of St. Paul and they toured some commercial property available near the truck stop. Mr. Coplon reported that EDC is in the process of obtaining new land options north of Interstate 74. He has visited 7 firms and has several new business prospects. He reported that a TIF seminar in Indianapolis was well-attended by Decatur County. Bryan Robbins, Jerome Buening, Mike Walker and a Mr. Wheeler (Mr. Wilson) were all there to represent our area. He did ask the commissioners to mark their calendars for June 14th for the annual meeting luncheon where new officers will be installed for the year.

Janet Chadwell, Clerk of the Circuit Court appeared before the board to request their consideration of an ordinance to change the manner in which poll workers are fed on election day. She asked for a \$25 per day per person payment and would like the individuals to be responsible for arranging for their own meals. There have been complaints and she felt the best way to handle it would be to allow each to arrange for their own meal. County Attorney Peg Polanski reported that Mrs. Chadwell and her election deputy had researched this to see if it was a viable option. There was some brief discussion and Ms. Polanski was asked to draft an ordinance.

A request was made by the **Adams Township Fire Department** to utilize the parking lot along the south side of the square for a charity motorcycle ride. After some discussion, permission was granted with one of the commissioners volunteering to contact the department to emphasize where participants should park. Tami Wenning reported that the proof of insurance for the Rotary Club's request had been received so that request was approved also.

SIRPC - Some paperwork regarding the Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department grant was presented for signatures from the Commissioners. After some discussion, the paperwork was signed signifying that the fire department will be contributing \$25,200 and the Decatur County Community Foundation will be contributing \$14,800 towards the project with the rest being a loan from Napoleon State Bank.

The inclusion of an anti-nepotism policy in the county personnel policy was discussed. Ms. Polanski explained how Attorney Kent Irwin, who submitted the proposed ordinance, came to be involved. This will be put on the next meeting agenda.

There was a brief discussion of septic systems in Sardinia. Mr. Richards reported that someone is living in the one house that was in question. Ms. Polanski did receive a call from one of the

properties and during that call, the gentleman told her in great detail about the installation of a septic several years ago.

There being no further business, Commissioner John Richards moved to recess. Commissioner Jerome Buening seconded the motion and Commissioner Rick Nobbe concurred. Meeting recessed.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____