

Decatur County Commissioners

June 18, 2012 – 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as presented.

The June 4th meeting minutes were approved with the following corrections: Where Mr. Coplton refers to a Mr. Wheeler, insert “Dan Wilson”, Ms. Wenning should end the meetings with “recessed” instead of “adjourned”. Commissioners also requested that Ms. Wenning just send financial information once a month.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent updated the Commissioners on Bridge 25 in Adams Township. It has been demolished and the area is being prepared for footers. Bridge 19, a Federal Aid project, has been approved and will be blacktopped within a couple of weeks. Bridge 18 is in the process of right-of-way acquisition and the Requests for Proposal scoring has been sent to INDOT for final approval. This project will possibly have a bid-letting in December. Mr. Mohr also reported that the County Road 450 East project is completed with the signage up. The road will remain closed until the rest of the easements have been signed and recorded.

Mr. Mohr presented a list of sign locations that are referenced by longitude and latitude in the placement descriptions. County Attorney Peg Polanski voiced her concern over what those descriptions would mean to an average person. She was concerned that the list didn't specifically state which roads at an intersection were required to stop. After some discussion, Mr. Mohr will provide a map along with the list and Ms. Polanski will cross-reference the two documents to see if the necessary requirements are met. Once there is an agreement, Mr. Mohr would like an ordinance to get the updated list logged into county records.

Mr. Mohr also reported that his crews are working on CR 400 N between 250 and 350 putting in pipe and doing some shoulder work. Commissioner Rick Nobbe commented that the ditch work and pipe work are looking very good.

Carol Davis of Aging and Community Services was present to make the agency's annual request for matching funds. She gave a brief but thorough presentation of what the agency does, which counties it represents and what they have achieved. In order to continue their work and to receive the money they need to operate, she has to ask each county for their portion of the “Leverage Older Americans Act” funding to provide services for residents age 60 and over. The amount being requested is \$15,000. Ms. Davis also introduced **Lynda Smith** and thanked her publicly for her work in Decatur County. She had been involved in grant seeking and was instrumental in getting the proposed senior housing project off and running. Commissioner Nobbe thanked both ladies for their efforts. No action was taken on the request for funding.

Jenny Harrison, Regional Director of Centerstone Clinic Services introduced **Kelly Benedict** as the new **Decatur County Clinic Coordinator**. She provided a report of services provided and asked for the Commissioners continued support of this very important program.

Amy Matzet, SIEOC Childcare Resource and Referral for 11 counties asked the Commissioners to consider placing a “blue button” placed on the Decatur County website to enable local people to find their agency and locate quality childcare.

After some discussion, Mr. John Richards moved that an Anti Nepotism policy be adopted and **Ordinance 2012-01** be signed signifying the Commissioner's adoption of the policy into the County Personnel Policy. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. President Rick Nobbe concurred, the motion passed and the ordinance was signed.

Mr. John Richards moved that an ordinance adopting the suggested language for e-verify be signed and become part of the Personnel Policy. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion, and with President Rick Nobbe's concurrence, the motion carried and the **Ordinance 2012-02** was signed.

Veteran Service Officer Harold Sample reported that the former Jennings County Veterans Service Officer had passed away and had requested that his "scooter" be donated to Decatur County's office in appreciation of the care that he got in Decatur County. There was discussion concerning legal issues involved with loaning it out. Mr. Sample volunteered to get the manual to Ms. Polanski for her review and she'll put together a one page form for potential borrowers to sign that would negate liability on the loaning entity's behalf.

An ordinance proposed to change the manner in which Election Workers are fed on Election Day was reviewed and will be held onto until the next meeting to allow time for public comment.

Maximus representative John Mallers appeared before the Commissioners. Commissioners explained they are happy with the work that has been performed but wondered why the vendor wants a contract signed so far in advance. There was also some question on what contract is currently in place. This will be revisited at the next commissioner meeting.

Mr. Jerome Buening moved that permission to use the gazebo for a wedding on July 3rd be granted. Mr. John Richards seconded the motion. Mr. Nobbe concurred and the motion carried. Ms. Wenning will contact the couple and let them know of the decision.

There was one bid received for Parcel #16-07-01-410-005.000-006 in Clarksburg. Mrs. Teresa Scudder bid \$1000 for the property. After some discussion, Mr. Jerome Buening moved to accept the bid. Mr. John Richards seconded the motion. Mr. Nobbe concurred and the motion carried. Ms. Polanski has a purchase agreement for the Clarksburg property and will have the deed ready for Ms. Scudder at the July 2nd Commissioner meeting.

Mr. John Richards discussed some issues concerning future tree removal at the fairgrounds. He had spoken with District Forester Rob McGriff and was advised that one of the pin oak trees in question is in good shape but the other two will need to be removed in the future. Mr. Richards will let the Fair Board know.

Mr. Buening asked if any action had been taken on a lease agreement with the Fair Board. Ms. Polanski reported she has not heard of any action on that.

Ms. Wenning reminded everyone about the upcoming "Healthy Fair" at Greensburg Elementary School on Thursday, June 21st. Once again, County Employees will be rewarded if they stop in and provide proof of having their blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels tested. An additional reward will be provided for those who donate blood.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe gave an update on the search for an EMA director. Over 20 applications were received for the position and there are some very good options. He commented that the Mayor is also on that board. He also thanked Mayor Gary Herbert for the dirt received from the watershed project.

Mr. John Richards moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. Mr. Rick Nobbe concurred and the meeting was recessed.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____