

Decatur County Commissioners

July 16, 2012 - 8:00 A.M.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Commissioner President Rick Nobbe called the meeting to order. The minutes for the July 2nd meeting were approved as presented.

Claims were approved with one change to claim #20. Any funds left in the Sheriff's Building Fund should be applied to the claim and any remaining amount will come from Plans and Implementations.

Mark Mohr – Decatur County Highway Superintendent reported that Bridge 18 Requests for Proposal had been scored with Butler, Fehrman and Seufert submitting the highest scoring bid. They will be presenting a contract in the near future. The construction on Bridge 25 in Adams Township is going well. Bridge 19 is pretty much complete, seed is sowed and sod has been installed in front of the residences and is awaiting final inspection from INDOT. Mr. Mohr presented a preliminary report of work that he'd like to complete in 2012. He referred to the document as a rough sketch for paving, patching and radius work and informed the commissioners that some work would be done in-house while some would require a contractor. In the event there is still funding left, Mr. Mohr suggested having a project on 700 East, south out of New Point by the water tower. Mr. Mohr was happy to be able to inform the board that the request for reimbursement for funding on the Bridge 2 project has been approved and INDOT will be replacing the money borrowed from that project. Bridge 2 will have a 2013 bid letting. He reported there will be a few historical issues with the bridge and if anyone knows of anyone who wants the bridge, he will be the contact person. After some discussion, Commissioner Jerome Buening moved to enter into a contract on Bridge 2 with the additional funds. Mr. John Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Mohr did mention his concern on the City of Greensburg using the Honda TIF funds to replace a bridge on Vandalia road. His main concern was that the bridge will become county concern after construction so he'd like to review the plans prior to construction.

David Graham – Workforce - Mr. Graham explained his role as an insurance broker for approximately 12 companies and explained how he could provide better elective coverage for a lesser price to county employees. After discussing the costs and benefits of the products he offers, he highlighted his accessibility to those who choose to partake of the plans he offers. Commissioner Jerome Buening mentioned that he would prefer that employees seek out additional coverage on their own. Commissioner Nobbe suggested that he would mention Mr. Graham's presentation at the insurance meeting immediately following the commissioner meeting. Mr. Graham was thanked for his time and Commissioner Nobbe will contact him.

Leo Rumschlag of Rumschlag Technical Services discussed offering the county his services as a bridge inspector. Mr. Rumschlag is an independent engineer and works for several Indiana counties. He was thanked for his presentation.

James Coy – Decatur County Citizen appeared before the commissioners to voice his concerns about the gravel roads that his newspaper delivery routes cause him to travel. He expressed the costliness of maintaining his vehicles and enumerated several instances of wear and tear. He suggested that only 8.4 miles would actually need to be paved while the other areas of concern could just require some maintenance. He was informed by Commissioner John Richards that the county has 651 miles of roadway with around 83 of those miles remaining unpaved. To pave 8.4 miles would wipe out the entire budget for a year because roads have to

be brought up to certain standards prior to paving them. Mr. Richards expressed his appreciation to Mr. Coy for his concerns and agreed that some areas may need some looking at. Mr. Nobbe suggested that calling the County Highway with any concerns would help the Highway Department know how to prioritize maintenance and get problem spots taken care of sooner.

Patty Jackson – Southern Indiana Regional Planning Commission reported that the grant for the owner-occupied rehab program was approved in full. She reported that she had already sent the legal notice requiring a request for release of funds and an environmental review. She has to send the publishers affidavit to the state and then advertise for a home inspector and that the whole process will take about a month. 24 families have already been identified for the program but additional homes could be put onto the waiting list. She'll work on "work write-ups" and then advertise for a bidding list for contractors. The bidders list is good for 6 months so she will wait till a little later in the process to request it. She advised the commissioners to encourage any contractors they know to submit. The bids will be opened at a commissioner meeting with the expected construction to start in winter and early spring. Local funding won't be needed until construction actually begins. Commissioner Rick Nobbe thanked her for her efforts in making the grant happen.

Don Peters – Concerned Citizen appeared before the board and expressed his anxiety at the lack of railroad crossing warning signs and four-way signs. He has witnessed some near-accidents and is worried because the railways no longer adhere to a set schedule. There was some discussion about the concerns everyone has. Mr. Peters was thanked for his concern and for taking the time to attend. There was additional discussion about potential funding sources and several options will be checked on.

Toni Collins – Decatur County Memorial Hospital Board Member and Hospital CEO Linda Simmons came before the board to let them know of several upcoming events at the hospital including a ground breaking ceremony scheduled for August 4th. The ceremony will include an "all- county cookout" with free hotdogs and burgers. The women did report that the hospital did take out a loan to fund the first phase of the latest building project. The hospital also purchased Dr. Datta's building and Ms. Collins mentioned that the board is very happy to boast that each committee has 3 community members on it so that their expertise can be utilized in making important decisions that will benefit the community as a whole.

Rob Duckworth, Interim EMA Director recommended that the Commissioners continue the burn ban and the Commissioners concurred with his recommendation.

Joey Roberts – Decatur County Youth Soccer League requested permission to use grant money to extend a fenced in area around the soccer field area. The United Fund provided grant money and Indiana Wire will be doing the work to install a chain link fence that will keep youngsters from running into dangerous areas. Mr. Roberts indicated that the Parks Department is aware of the potential fence being installed and approves. Commissioner Buening expressed his appreciation at what Mr. Roberts and the Soccer people do to help. Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Roberts for his work as well.

County Attorney Peg Polanski opened bids from three companies interested in doing the general reassessment.

Appraisal Research \$324,500

Ad Valorem Solutions \$486,610

Tyler Technologies \$573,430

Ms. Polanski suggested that County Assessor Dorene Greiwe review the bids with the County Commissioners at a future meeting.

Ms. Polanski produced a document for Animal Control that suggested changing the recommended time frame for appealing citations. After some discussion, Ms. Polanski and the Commissioners agreed upon the county policy should mirror what the city policy is. Ms. Polanski will review and make the appropriate changes.

The commissioners decided there is no reason to enter into a contract with Maximus this early.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe discussed the EMA Director Position and reported that he had spoken with Frank Cummings and it had been suggested that the council would need to adopt a resolution amending the salary ordinance. Ms. Polanski reviewed the proposed amendment and indicated it would be fine.

Commissioner John Richards moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____