

Commissioner Meeting
October 15th, 2012 – 8:00 A.M.

Present: Rick Nobbe, John Richards

Claims were approved as presented.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Department updated the Commissioners on the gas line company and their efforts to work together to do proposed routing within the county. He reported that some intersections will need improvements and that the planning is in limbo at the moment because the local gas wants to work directly with the line installer instead of going through the highway department.

Mr. Mohr also reported on Bridge 25 at Adams. The Pre-final is scheduled for the 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and the project looks really good. It is now open to the public with “road construction ahead” signage in place to cover the final work being done. Also, Rossburg Hill should be paved and open by next week. Rain has hindered the project as well as the relocation of a gas line. Paving has just started and Mr. Mohr listed several areas where it has already been completed. 650 North, the new approach to Bridge 19 to the Star Baptist Church, the paving to complete the area from Bridge 25 to Adams and 700 South are finished. Mr. Mohr reminded the Commissioners that the Bridge 25/Adams section was paid for from TIF money. 700 East is scheduled for a mill project to 400 South from Hwy 46. His crews also have multiple intersection and problem areas to take care of. The ADA Consulting firms have contacted Mr. Mohr and requested a listing of the county owned properties including structures and sidewalks. They need the lists to use for proposals. County Attorney Peg Polanski had already created and cover page to be used by Commissioner Rick Nobbe to use to send to firms possibly interested in submitting a proposal.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe asked about Bridge 18 right of way acquisition. The county is still waiting on the court to make a decision. Ms. Polanski has been checking with the courts but the paperwork allowed up until the 22nd.

There was some discussion of the Stop Sign Ordinance. Mr. Mohr did state that there are no longer any yield signs in the county. Mr. Mohr reported that the Bridge Inspection RFP's are due to be received in the Auditor's office by November 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Gerry Ostendorf appeared before the Commissioners to voice his displeasure with the performance of the highway department. He stated they had created a dust patch in front of his property in mid-July and he has been trying to get the highway department to fix it ever since. Commissioner Nobbe stated there are a lot of circumstances that can interrupt the highway department's planning and that Mr. Mohr is generally very good about getting work taken care of in a responsible fashion. Mr. Ostendorf commented that he was more upset about the lack of communication and is worried that it will get put off until it is too late to do the work this year. Commissioner Richards reassured him that it would get taken care of yet this year. Mr. Mohr said when the project on Mr. Ostendorf's road is complete; it will be better than the original job that was performed on it.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe asked Mr. Mohr about where the millings from the earlier project mentioned will be utilized. Mr. Mohr stated that they might just stockpile for future use.

Dana Murphy – Natural Gas Partnership did not appear.

Commissioner John Richards asked about whether Ms. Polanski had heard any more from Sardinia concerning the septic system projects. Mr. Nobbe asked if the project was maybe ready for final testing by IDEM. Ms. Polanski stated that it should be up to our local health department to initiate the testing but she indicated she would check with Allen Crosby at the Health Department to see if he was ready to do so.

There was some discussion about the 2012 Holiday Schedule concerning New Year's Eve (December 31st). After much discussion, Mr. Richards moved to keep the calendar as it was originally approved with the courthouse being scheduled to be open from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31st. Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tami Wenning was asked to provide a calendar for next year's holidays at the next meeting. Commissioner Rick Nobbe received and reviewed a letter from Westport resident George Cann concerning the animal control ordinance.

There being no further business, Mr. Richards moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 5th, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____
Date: _____