

**November 5th, 2012
Commissioner Meeting
8:00 a.m. – Room 106**

Present: Chairman Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

The minutes for the October 15th meeting were approved as submitted.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent discussed a change order on Bridge 25 that occurred during construction and consisted of a sub-base failure on the west end. It was dug out and shored back up and INDOT agreed to the change order. The project looks good but the paperwork needs signed for the county to receive 80% reimbursement for the additional \$15,000 cost. Mr. Mohr also provided a paving update. O'Mara's is out of town until Wednesday but Mr. Mohr is hopeful that the paving and milling projects will be done within a week depending upon the weather. He also reported Rossburg Hill is reopened. Mr. Mohr mentioned that RFP's for bridge inspection are to be opened at this meeting. All agreed that just naming the submitters in the minutes will work. Mr. Mohr will review the submissions and will need an ERC committee formed. Mr. Mohr indicated he will be one of the three members of that board. Commissioner John Richards will be a second member with the third yet to be determined. Submitting RFP's were

Clark Dietz
Butler, Fairman and Seufert
Rumschlag
Frost Engineering and Consulting
United Consulting
RW Armstrong
DLZ Indiana LLC31
USI Consultants
Janssen & Spaans Engineering
Beam, Longest & Neff

Mr. Mohr reported that Bridge 19 is short on funding. John Speidel of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, prepared an agreement and discussed it at length with the commissioners. The supplemental agreement asks the state to recognize the amount of the initial contract which allows for 12 ½% maximum reimbursement of the estimated cost. The bid let for significantly less than the estimated cost. The job had a few occurrences that caused the project to go over the allotted time. BF&S is requesting the state allow the company to go with the original estimate. The county would then be liable for the remaining 20% of that amount. The county would have \$5000 more out of pocket. It was noted that the project took 4 ½ months longer than estimated, almost twice the time estimated. There was a lot of discussion regarding change orders, state monitoring of costs, vendor monitoring, timely notification of all parties involved and a multitude of other points. Mr. Mohr's opinion was that the commissioners should consider the supplemental. The commissioners decided to take the matter under consideration and render a decision at the next scheduled meeting on November 19th.

Commissioner John Richards mentioned a particularly dangerous intersection that has some impending construction and the fact that one of the property owners doesn't want to give any right of way to help correct the situation for the overall good. County Attorney Peg Polanski did suggest posting signs warning of the danger. Mr. Mohr explained that there is an old concrete box from the early 1900's that needs replaced because the area is too narrow and while doing

the work, they would like to enlarge the intersection and only one property owner isn't willing to let the county do what is necessary to correct the situation. Ms. Polanski pointed out that if the county knows there is a dangerous intersection and doesn't do anything about it and eventually there is an accident, the county could be found at fault. She did suggest the land could be taken through court action. The other property owners are willing to work with the highway and even those people could be held liable if the intersection work isn't done properly because of the one property owner. Mr. Mohr pointed out that most landowners are willing to cooperate in these instances but if the county starts buying property to use as right of way, it will set a precedent and it really isn't fair to those who willingly give to help the common good.

Mr. Nobbe questioned Mr. Mohr on the Stop Sign Ordinance. Mr. Mohr indicated that it had been reviewed and found that the unincorporated towns still utilize words instead of numbers so they've rewritten it to use 911 approved data.

Mr. Rob Duckworth, Emergency Management Agency announced that the County EMA was awarded a competitive grant of \$4054 based on July 1st, 2011 through June 30, 2012 performances and an assessment score that exceeded the baseline requirement. Officer Duckworth reported that the money would be used to purchase a portable conference phone, LCD video monitors and IPAD equipment . The equipment would be used to create weather monitoring sites. He mentioned that on November 9th an organizational meeting is planned for the Lake Santee area. The EMA will try to split out the equipment among agencies throughout the county so first responders have it when emergencies occur. After discussing all of this, Officer Duckworth presented a non- collusion and acceptance agreement from the Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security that needed signed prior to receiving the grant money. Mr. Buening moved that the Non-collusion agreement be signed and he also thanked Officer Duckworth for his efforts in obtaining the grant. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a brief discussion about the tracking of assets in the county and special attention that needs to be paid to assets purchased with grant money.

Marc Coplton, Economic Development Director updated the Commissioners on new jobs coming into the community and discussed he and the Mayor's recent trip to Japan. Both Mr. Coplton and the Mayor felt that the trip was very successful and they feel that it will have a positive impact on local industry in the near future. Mr. Nobbe thanked both gentlemen for their efforts. Mayor Herbert mentioned that he had learned that the reason our county didn't get a plant that chose Seymour instead was because our wastewater treatment plant was inadequate. He said the city has now improved it and that won't be an issue with future prospects.

Jodi Comer, SIRPC brought a signature page for the Letts Volunteer Fire Department grants. The page will be used for comparison when draws are requested from the funds.

Ms. Comer asked about a Fair Housing Ordinance and mentioned that there is a five day rule on payment processing for this grant. There will be bid openings at the courthouse at the next Commissioner meeting. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the VFD in order for bidders to see what the project will entail.

Bryan Robbins, Mainstreet Greensburg reported that the Farmers Market had another successful year and thanked the Commissioners for allowing that and other activities held on the square. He reported that the 2nd Friday events were well received and discussed plans for the upcoming Holly Walk that kicks off on November 30th through December 21st. The first night will be 4:30 – 9:00 p.m. and that is the night of the parade and the welcoming of Santa to the downtown. The remaining nights the hours will be from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. for Santa. He is doing decorations like last year and Taff Furniture is will provide a chair for Santa. He reported that

there will be more outdoor decorations than last year. He discussed other potential ideas that may take place. Mr. Robbins also supplied an update on the trails program and that Andy Scholle is currently writing up property descriptions of the area.

The official request for use of the courthouse grounds was presented by Mr. Robbins. Mr. John Richards moved that the courthouse be made available for Mr. Robbins and Santa Claus on Fridays from November 30th through December 21st. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe asked if the EDC listed the walking paths as another positive local feature. Mr. Coplon said that would go into future brochures touting the area.

Ms. Polanski reported that the revised Animal Shelter ordinance would be acted on next week. She pointed out the discrepancies between the existing county ordinance and the updated city ordinance concerning the selection of the board members.

ADA Compliance Proposals were opened.
RW Armstrong bid \$25,900
Aecon bid \$23,800

Due to the short timeframe in which the survey needs to begin, there was a discussion about what was expected. Differences in the two proposals were pointed out by the two vendor representatives present. After some discussion, Mr. Richards moved to accept the lowest bid which was Aecon. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. The board thanked Tom from RW Armstrong for his help and input during the process.

Ron May laid out the basic start of the services. He suggested that in approximately one month that the basic survey would be ready to be reviewed. That would a good time to decide what the next steps should be.

Ms. Polanski discussed right of way acquisition and landowners that are now wanting to settle prior to actual court action and what action would be taken.

Mr. Buening moved to recess. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Mr. Nobbe concurred. The motion carried. The meeting recessed. The commissioner will reconvene on November 19th at 8:00 a.m. in this same location.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____