

**Decatur County Commissioners**  
**December 3rd, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. Rm. 106**

President Rick Nobbe opened the meeting with a request for a moment of silence in observation of the plane crash over the weekend causing loss of life to four local residents in respect for the victims and their families.

**Present:** Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

The minutes were approved with minor amendments.

There were a few questions on claims with claims being approved as presented.

**Rob Duckworth, Decatur County Emergency Management Director** appeared before the board to let them know that the local library is getting a new bookmobile and that the old vehicle would convert nicely into a mobile command vehicle. The library indicated it would accept \$1000 for the vehicle and Mr. Duckworth reported that additional retrofitting would cost approximately \$12,000. A new vehicle outfitted in the same manner would cost around \$89,000. The library would be able to hand over the vehicle in May or June of 2013. Commissioners asked a few questions and will revisit the subject at their December 17th meeting.

**Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent** reported that all of the paving on the list for 2012 has been completed and cost just slightly over \$20,000 than originally anticipated. He also shared the bid opening date for culvert pipe, gravel etc. for 2013 will be at the January 22nd Commissioner meeting at 9:00 a.m. He has continued working on the stop sign ordinance and has put the 25 page document into a spreadsheet. He made what corrections he could see that needed to be made and it is currently under review by a foreman. It will most likely be ready to be reviewed at the meeting on the 17th. The speed limit document is also under review.

**Debbie Ault, INDOT** presented paperwork for the Commissioners to sign that will allow for reimbursement for the unofficial detour that was utilized for the SR3 Project on the bridge replacement over Sandcreek between Jennings and Decatur Counties. Mr. Richards moved to accept the contract as presented in the amount of \$13,496. Mr. Buening seconded the motion and the paperwork was signed by the Commissioners.

**Ron May, AECON** reported on his progress with the recent ADA Compliance Survey contract that his company signed with the county. He has worked with Parks and Rec and they appear to have already been working on a plan. Extension reports that Purdue has not indicated they are acting on the issue and the same report came from the Fair Board. Mr. Nobbe commented that the fairgrounds had made some steps because the pathways are blacktopped and there had been some sort of ADA ramp constructed at the track. Mr. May suggested an audit of the facility. He hasn't heard from the hospital but everyone present felt that the hospital is progressive enough that it has probably factored ADA issues into their constant renovation of their facilities. Mr. May submitted a list of the remaining properties that need to be considered and asked for the board and County Attorney Peg Polanski to review and comment on. Mr. Nobbe indicated the list looks like a good place to start. Mr. May said the actions taken so far indicate a good faith effort on behalf of the county. Mr. Nobbe did suggest that Mr. May contact the city to see if they are addressing ADA needs with the Animal Control building. Mr. May submitted two documents for review and possible adoption. Accessibility Standards and another that address Public Right of Way guidelines. He encouraged the Commissioners to adopt the two sets of standards. He also mentioned the need to provide notice to the public and that a grievance procedure needs to be established. The board needs to designate a position that will be responsible for being the contact for ADA issues. Mr. May suggested the Building

Commissioner position would be a logical choice to give the ADA Compliance responsibilities to. Mr. May would be responsible for preparing a Public Notice of the county's ADA provisions for the county to adopt and distribute. Once adopted, it would be published and publicized on radio, newspaper, county website with printed copies at all public facilities in large print. The promotion of the ADA plan would have to be on a recurring basis. Mr. Nobbe asked if a calendar or checklist could be created to lay out a timeline for achieving these goals. Mr. May indicated he would be doing much of the work during the next two weeks and would plan on finalizing at the beginning of the year. County Attorney Peg Polanski suggested a coordinator position would need to be named and the other provisions could then be adopted.

**Ms. Polanski** presented the Road Usage Agreement with Enterprise Pipeline to Hwy. Superintendent Mark Mohr. Mr. Mohr stated that the contract is very usable. There was some discussion of the potential problems that might be encountered, lump sum permitting and a reminder of the provision that there will be a utility meeting once a month. In addition to the oversize permit fees, there is also a provision for a one time lump fee. There was some discussion concerning a potential problem with a county drive way that is used for a commercial purpose. Questions concerning trailer length and turning radius' prompted Mr. Mohr to state that choosing the right contractor would help facilitate keeping damages to a minimum. Mr. Richards moved to approve the Decatur County Roadway Usage Agreement with Enterprise Pipeline. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Barbara Swank-Gallegos, Neace Lukens** insurance representative presented the quote for Workmen's Compensation renewal and the Accident and Sickness policies as well. Both are due to be renewed as of January 1st. There was much discussion of the renewal data and comparisons that Ms. Gallegos presented. After several questions from the Commissioners, it was decided that another quote would be obtained early in the spring to see if a better rate could be obtained by combining this insurance with the Property and Casualty coverage renewal in May. The Commissioners agreed to renew as presented and then authorized Ms. Gallegos to rebid and rewrite for the May proposal. Mr. Buening moved to approve the renewal. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Workmen's Comp renewal amount was \$87,642 and the Accident/Sickness renewal was for \$650.

**Patty Jackson, SIRPC** was present to open bids for a rehabilitation grant received from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Please see attachment A for bid amounts that were read out loud by County Attorney Peg Polanski. Mr. Richard moved to take the bids under advisement. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Nobbe did advise bidders present to visit the Area Plan office to ensure compliance with local rules. Ms. Jackson discussed how the bids are itemized out and can be gone through to make sure the budget is met. Ms. Jackson also carried a Sub-Recipient Agreement with IOCRA for SIRPC's Jodi Comer who is working with the Letts VFD Building project. The Commissioners reviewed the document and signed it.

**Ms. Polanski** discussed a new Fair Housing Ordinance she has worked on. A motion to repeal the existing Fair Housing Ordinance was made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Mr. Buening. The motion carried. Mr. Richards moved to accept the new Fair Housing Ordinance (2012-11). Mr. Buening seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A request for use of county property for the Annual Right to Life event on January 23rd was reviewed. Mr. Richards moved to allow the agency to use the courthouse grounds. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. Tami Wenning will let the agency know they have approval.

There was much discussion on board appointments. The Auditor's office will check on various

appointments and advise the appropriate “appointers” of their need to reappoint.

**President Rick Nobbe** reviewed a list of boards and appointments and attempted to split up the responsibilities among the Commissioners. EDC, SIRPC – Commissioner President is always on this board, Solid Waste board – all three Commissioners, Service Officer needs reappointed (Harold Sample), Mr. Nobbe will contact EDC. Redevelopment Commission, PTABOA (RN will contact), Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water (RN will contact), DCMH Association (RN will contact), Highway Superintendent, Health Board, Fair Board, County Attorney, Alcoholic Beverage Commission (RN will contact)

**Mr. Richards** asked about getting electricity ran to a sign in front of the Sheriff’s Department. He has a bid from a local contractor. Mr. Nobbe suggested an additional bid might be sought. There was some discussion as to whether there is already electricity there.

The 2013 Holiday Schedule was reviewed and adopted. It is the same calendar adopted by state government. Mr. Buening made the motion to adopt and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Mr. Nobbe** mentioned that Dana Parker with Proliance/Natural Gas Partnership would have a contract for review and signing at the Dec. 17th meeting. Of the 9 meters that the county has on various properties, only four will be changed over to Proliance, including Parks and Rec, the courthouse and the jail. After a little more explanation and some questions, Mr. Buening and Mr. Richards both agreed that entering into the agreement would be a wise choice.

**Mr. Nobbe** discussed the need for a new EDIT plan and the need to determine what is coming into EDIT so improvement plans could be drafted accordingly. Statue says that 75% of income from CEDIT is to be dedicated towards projects.

**County Attorney Peg Polanski** presented a “Terms of Employment” document for her renewal with the County Commissioners.

**Commissioner Nobbe** requested information on upcoming GIS meetings.

**RJ Kunkel Company** is interested in submitting bids to do the clock tower repair. Commissioners agreed it would be nice to have two bids.

**Mr. Nobbe** distributed copies of the exit audit held recently with the State Board of Accounts. He wanted the other two commissioners to be aware of the SBoA findings.

**Ms. Polanski** mentioned that the Decatur County Ordinances are just barely organized and are supposed to be codified. She will seek out quotes on getting the documents properly codified.

**Mr. Buening** moved to recess. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting is 8:00 a.m., December 17th, 2013.

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Rick Nobbe, President

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