

Decatur County Commissioners
February 18, 2013 – 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

The minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved as presented. It was noted that the minutes did mention the next council meeting which had since been cancelled. Mr. Buening moved to approve and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The claims were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent reported that work had been taking place on the stone roads with attention being paid to the ones in the poorest shape first. The department will continue to work on these roads as conditions allow.

CR 950 East is still closed and there is tree clearing taking place. A substantial amount of fill dirt will need to be hauled in to make a proper shoulder.

Northern Clearing (r.o.w. clearing for Enterprise Gas Pipeline) is working through a “punch list” of problems that the highway department made for them. There was nothing too serious.

Last week, Mr. Mohr and Ron May/AECON went through an ADA Rule 6 questionnaire and Mr. Mohr submitted their answers to the Commissioner for their approval prior to submission to INDOT. All present agreed that the questions on the document were INDOT’s method of meeting federal requirements and Mr. Mohr stated he answered all questions as best he could. Mr. Buening and Mr. Richards both commented that they didn’t see anything of major concern and Mr. Mohr was given permission to submit the form.

Mr. Mohr reported that a Preconstruction Meeting will be held on Wednesday for Bridge 18. He has sent in the match credit information and is waiting on INDOT to let him know how much the match will be. He requested permission to get a check cut as soon as he gets the amount of the match confirmed. The Commissioners were okay with his request.

Mr. Buening has received an historical file from Duncan-Roberts and he gave it to Mr. Mohr to be kept at the Highway Department.

Dave Richter, United Consulting was the high scorer on the bridge inspection proposals. He was present to let the Commissioners know that he is looking forward to working with the county. He would like to work with the county prior to the fees and proposals process to determine what a feasible work plan would be, what the fees would be and how and when a “notice to proceed” would be issued.

Mr. Nobbe shared some information from State Representative Randy Frye concerning the possibility of additional funding for bridge projects.

Bart Brown, Beth Blasdel and Mayor Gary Herbert were on hand to discuss the transition of the **Regional Workforce Development** agency into the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Brown explained that all regional boards are making the transition. Mayor Herbert has been chosen to work with Governor Pence to get this region through the transition. The goal is to have the new board in place by July 1st. Mayor Herbert discussed the responsibilities of the board and how Mr. Brown’s agency (REACH) was contracted by Region 9 to work with River Valley Resources.

There have been some issues at recent meetings and there is concern that some problems may not be resolved timely. If that delays the transition, the Governor takes over and makes appointments. The next scheduled meeting is March 15th and the commissioners were encouraged to attend. Mayor Herbert has indicated that he would be happy to have the City of Greensburg take fiscal responsibility but there have

been some issues with the restructuring that indicate that others might not want that to happen.

County Attorney Peg Polanski discussed the wording of the updated ambulance contract that she and Hospital Board Attorney Don Wickens have drafted. There was much discussion on the current ambulances and the circumstances that led to the current number of ambulances. Commissioner Rick Nobbe mentioned that the plan is to rotate the ambulances often enough that the outgoing ambulances still have trade-in value. Mr. Nobbe and Ms. Polanski discussed the language for the contract. The commissioners discussed various scenarios of hospital/county ambulance services.

Mr. Nobbe suggested that there needs to be a better definition of what is required so council/commissioners know what is required. After much debate over the terminology of the contract, Ms. Polanski agreed to make changes and Commissioner Buening moved to accept the contract with the changes and to enter into the contract between the hospital board and the county. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Polanski reported that the ordinance codification process has started.

Ms. Polanski is still working with Sardinia to see what septic issues still need to be addressed.

Mr. Richards moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. President Rick Nobbe concurred and the meeting recessed. Commissioner will meet again at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4th.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____