

Commissioner Meeting

April 1st, 2013 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with commissioners Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and John Richards in attendance.

The minutes from the March 18th meeting were approved as presented. Claims were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent reported that the bridge crew is currently working on the new footers for the piers for Bridge 18. There was a glitch with the REMC relocation and right of way that was already acquired but they figured out a way to utilize the existing right of way instead of purchasing additional. Mr. Mohr said that other projects were being seeded and landscaped. Mr. Richards asked if Mr. Mohr had heard anything from Enterprise and Mr. Mohr reported that they are just getting ready to award contracts.

Mr. Dave Neuman, Director of Area Plan presented a rezoning resolution for NEXT GENERATION, (APC 2013-2). Mr. Buening moved to approve the rezoning and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On behalf of **SIRPC's Patty Jackson**, Tami Wenning presented an **Acceptance of Bid** notice and a notice of intent to rebid to the commissioners. Mr. Buening moved to accept the bid and to rebid for competitive quotes on the properties indicated. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe discussed Napoleon State Bank being listed as "second" on the Letts Volunteer Fire Department loan for their new building. OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) is the first lienholder. Ms. Polanski indicated she would need to review OCRA documents to see what their guidelines are.

Pepper Cooper needed to reschedule due to illness.

Clearsound Design submitted a quote for replacing the motorized screen in Superior Court. Labor and materials were quoted at \$4748.00. The Commissioners discussed the purchase and agreed it should come out of building maintenance. All three Commissioners agreed to go forward with replacing the faulty screen.

Bob Barker, Director of Parks and Recreation notified the Commissioners that the old DNR reservoir has been offered to the county with certain restrictions being placed on the donation. DNR removed the dam and stipulates that the county could not replace the dam or dredge the reservoir and that the area would be used for a nature area. If a private entity purchases it, it can be repaired and used for whatever. The 36 acres encompasses the lake and a small wood surrounding it. There was discussion as to whether or not access to the site is part of the donation. The issue of liability was discussed and it was agreed that more research would be done on the topic. Mr. Nobbe said he would speak with the County Surveyor to see if it could be determined who would own access.

Mr. Barker also discussed what the next steps would be in addressing the Park Bridge at the City Park. He was under the impression that the Highway Department was going to do repairs to the bridge cheaper than it could be done by someone else. No action has

been taken and the bridge (walking bridge on south end of island) has been closed for a while. Ms. Polanski stated she believes the city and the county should pay for the repairs jointly and should both put money into the parks budget for the repairs. Mr. Barker stated he would bring the topic to the attention of the Council. Mr. Barker also stated that it is his job to bring these issues to the attention of the City and County government leaders and he has been doing so for quite a while.

Mayor Gary Herbert stated that the dam also needs replaced and the lake needs dredged to the proper depth. He mentioned that the prior dredging caused some issues with the country club. Mr. Barker will look into engineering and the costs and will go back to County Council. Mr. Nobbe indicated he has checked with SIRPC and at the time, there wasn't any grant money available for projects of this type.

With Library Board member Shelley Hadler moving out of her jurisdiction, the Commissioners moved to recommend Jenny Robbins to fulfill her current term that expires in May and to also reappoint her for the following term. With Mr. Richards making the motion and Mr. Buening seconding the motion, the motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe asked Ms. Polanski if there had been any developments with the septic system situation in Sardinia. Her response was that she hadn't gotten any replies from the same people and that she is looking for direction from the commissioners on whether to file suit against the non-compliant property owners or not. There was much discussion on the compliance "hold-outs" and everyone expressed their opinions. In the end, it was agreed that Ms. Polanski will file the suits against the property owners. There are three property owners that will be sued. A fourth property will not be sued due to having a letter of "okay" penned by former Sanitation Director Ed Badgley in 1993.

Chairman Nobbe mentioned the Public Hearings being held to discuss Vote Centers on April 16th and April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Decatur County Community Schools Corporation Headquarters (formerly A to Z Occasions).

Tami Wenning reported that the ordinances are being copied, slowly but surely, for the codification project.

Mr. Richards mentioned his concern over the proposed Area Code changes.

There being no further business, Mr. Buening moved to recess. Mr. Richards seconded the motion and Mr. Nobbe declared the meeting recessed until 8:00 a.m., Monday, April 15th.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____