Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as presented. Minutes of the April 1st, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent discussed the renewal for purchase of materials from Dave O'Mara and said that the rollover cost on blacktop is saving the county at least $10 per ton based on what surrounding counties is paying. Mr. Mohr recommended that the Commissioners consider signing the renewal. Mr. Richards moved to sign the renewal contract. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Mohr reported that the contracts with INDOT and United for the Bridge Inspection that the Commissioners had reviewed prior to submission to INDOT review have been returned with INDOT approval so the approved documents require Commissioners signatures on them. The Commissioners signed and the Auditor attested their signatures.

Bridge 18 has all of the construction requiring work in the water completed. The remaining work will be able to progress without having to worry about violating any DNR regulations. Stoning, grading, and the patching of potholes is keeping the rest of the highway department crew busy and there are four or five projects from last year that need some final landscaping. Commissioner Nobbe asked about the overages for Bridge 19 and Mr. Mohr informed him that INDOT had approved the request for reimbursement for an overage and Butler, Fairman and Seufert had agreed to cost share on the difference.

Sheriff Greg Allen requested money for new vehicles for 2013. He wants to replace 3. He had bids from Fletcher Dodge and Acra Automotive. The trade-in offered by Acra Automotive was the most attractive offer. He requested $75,000 from the Motor Vehicle fund and proposed to replace the 1999 Dodge Caravan Transport vehicle along with getting three new cars. Commissioner Nobbe discussed the possibility of purchasing natural gas vehicles. Sheriff Allen replied that he didn't think it was available in the “police package” but he would check. Commissioner Richards said there would be a big savings in maintenance. The Sheriff will check on options available. Commissioner Buening voiced his concern over the availability of natural gas pumping stations but echoed Commissioner Nobbe’s opinion that the county should explore options. Mr. Richards moved to approve the Sheriff department’s purchase of 3 2013 Dodge Charger at $24,978 each from Acra Automotive and the purchase of a used 2009 Volkswagen Ruitan for use as a jail transport vehicle for $11,500. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EMA Director Rob Duckworth presented the Salary Reimbursement Agreement for 2012 Wages for EMA. The amount to be reimbursed to the county is $8,423.75. County Attorney Peg Polanski reviewed the reimbursement agreement. Mr. Buening asked if the reimbursement is tied to performance and received an affirmative answer. Mr. Duckworth also reported that the library bookmobile will soon be available for the county to convert to an EMA Mobile Command.

Pepper Cooper and Barbara Gallegos of Neace Lukens discussed at length the differences between quotes from Bliss McKnight and HCC on coverage on EPLI (Employer Practices Liability Insurance), Public Official Wrongful Act Insurance and Civil Rights Coverage. Randy Teltoe from HCC was on hand to discuss his company’s renewal offer. Commissioners asked a variety of questions to clarify differences in terminology on coverage’s offered. At the end, Mr. Cooper recommended Bliss McKnight. Ms. Polanski
reviewed and recommended HCC. Mr. Nobbe mentioned that the additional cost of keeping the current carrier would be worth it because we’ve had a good working relationship with the company. After more discussion, Mr. Richards moved to renew the property and casualty insurance package with HCC for $199,467 (including Neace Lukens fee of $19,942). Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were some questions on the blue iron bridge at the park and the type of coverage it has.

Thomas Weartz of Sterling HR, Inc presented the Commissioners with a brief overview of the services his company could offer. Human Resources, the Affordable Care Act and the “ConsultaDoc Program” were explained.

Ms. Polanski reported that she should have the complaints ready to file on three of the property owners in Sardinia by the end of the week.

Mr. Nobbe discussed a quote of fixing or replacing the roof on the north side of the courthouse and whether EDIT money could be used to do the project. There was discussion of the age of the roof and what the timeline would need to be. Mr. Nobbe will discuss the particulars with Double E Roofing and make them aware of the county’s intent to replace the roof later this year.

Knecht’s Lawncare submitted a proposal to continue caring for the courthouse lawn. Everyone was fine with allowing him to continue.

There was some discussion on getting quotes on an Emergency Response vehicle storage building and on a Kubota and trailer also. No action.

Mr. Buening moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting of the Decatur County Board of Commissioners is Monday, May 6th.

Rick Nobbe, President

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Date: _____________________