

Commissioner Meeting

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

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as submitted. Minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent announced a public meeting on the Bridge 2 Project (Hwy 421) would be held on July 17th, in Room 106 at 6:00 p.m. to give the public the opportunity to ask questions or make comment on the bridge project. R.W. Armstrong representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

Mr. Mohr also presented an appraisal review done by R.W. Armstrong for Bridge 2 that needed reviewed and signature (s) of approval by the County Commissioners. Mr. Nobbe asked Mr. Mohr if he felt the \$2400 fee seemed to be a reasonable amount and Mr. Mohr indicated that he felt it was a fair price.

Mr. Mohr reported that progress continues to be made on Bridge 18 with the deck being poured last week and that the pour was successful in spite of the unpredictable wet weather. Approach work has been started and, weather permitting, Mr. Mohr feels the project should meet the August completion date.

Mr. Mohr reported that he had met with the Enterprise Pipeline people last week. They are just a few weeks from beginning to lay pipe in the county. Mr. Mohr reports the company has been very responsive to any concerns the county has had.

Jenny Harrison and Kelly Benedict of Centerstone were on hand to give the commissioners an update on their organization's activities during the past year. 1,208 Decatur county citizens were served during the last year for a variety of issues with 27% of those people being children under the age of 19. A major portion of those served fell under the 200% poverty guidelines used by the agency. Depression, anxiety and stress are major needs for services. Addictions services are also offered and utilized by the agency and local facilitator Michelle Wright has developed a very effective relapse prevention component. A teen addiction program is currently being developed and, at the request of the local elementary school, a therapist has been placed in the city elementary to be available during school hours. There has also been a mental health training for police and the agency has had personnel participate in the local "Out of the Darkness" campaign and the recent Health Fair. Mr. Nobbe asked about county schools having access to an on-site therapist. Ms. Harrison said the schools had not requested this service yet and they are curious to see what the results will be of having a therapist in the city schools. Mr. Richards discussed the growing meth problem in the county and asked about preventative measures being taken. Ms. Benedict said there is an educational program aimed at prevention and that their agency works closely with probation, community corrections and the criminal justice system. The commissioners thanked the ladies for their work and for the report.

Rob Duckworth, Emergency Management Agency Director presented a salary reimbursement agreement and discussed the recordkeeping necessary to back up the claim. Mr. Duckworth requested the commissioners review the agreement and sign off, indicating that requirements were met in order to claim the \$8400 reimbursement from the state. Mr. Duckworth discussed the various training requirements met by him and Ms. Peggy Brown. Mr. Duckworth reported that 20% of counties will be targeted for audit in 2013 so the recordkeeping requirements in place need to be as detailed as possible. Mr. Buening moved to sign the reimbursement request, Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Duckworth reported that there is **\$4000 Hoosier Safety Grant** that he has applied for that, if received, would be utilized to implement a county-wide credentialing system. It has a barcode system that would help with tracking who is on-site and would provide an extra measure of accountability for reimbursement from the state and federal government if major events take place. He has also applied for a **2013 Homeland Security Grant**. The amount requested was \$10,000 to be used for developing capabilities on the Mobile Command Center vehicle. Mentioned were a television monitor and antenna, whiteboard and projector and data recording capabilities that would be useful in the event of litigation. A color printer, laminator and defibrillator were also mentioned as possible purchases if the grant is received.

Mr. Duckworth also discussed the **Mobile Command Center** and the costs associated with getting the external portion resurfaced. The existing bookmobile graphics were painted on. Mr. Duckworth had a quote from Ennekings for \$4,716.57 to resurface the vehicle and asked the commissioners if it could be funded through the vehicle line item. Mr. Richards moved to approve the expense and Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Duckworth also asked the board to consider the purchase of a UTV vehicle to enhance mobility at events such as the fair, Fall Festival, Power of the Past and other venues where emergency personnel may need to access a site that a larger vehicle couldn't easily get to. He also discussed the option of having a snow plow blade that could be used at the sheriff department. After some discussion, the proposal was taken under advisement for planning the usage of remaining dollars from various funds (vehicle line item, cum cap). Mr. Duckworth provided letters from other agencies agreeing that the purchase is in everyone's best interests and that those agencies wouldn't try to get funding to replicate the purchase for their own agencies.

Mayor Gary Herbert and County School Superintendent Johnny Budd appeared before the board to discuss a "sister-city" proposal. The City has agreed to sponsor the city school superintendent on a trip to China and Mayor Herbert and Superintendent Budd were requesting that the county consider sponsoring Mr. Budd. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz will be taking a group of educational professionals on a trip to China and this would be Decatur County's chance to be a part of something big. There have been a lot of economic issues that have China considering doing more business in the U.S. and programs of this sort help open the lines of communication between cities. There was much discussion about the trip and the benefits it would provide. The trip is October 9 – 19th during Fall Break. The city that Greensburg and Decatur County is paired with is in Shanghai, Hangzhou Province, and is the town or city of Zhenjiang. After more discussion, it was decided that EDIT money could be utilized to fund this trip with the understanding that the schools will begin budgeting this in future years. Mr. Richards moved to fund the county school superintendent in an amount not to exceed \$4000 for the October trip to China. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Mayor and Superintendent were instructed to contact Auditor Tami Wenning with information on collecting the EDIT money to pay for the trip. The Commissioners requested a follow-up report when the trip is over and asked that the report be given to the council as well.

County Attorney Peg Polanski presented an ordinance that would allow timely payment on certain kinds of expenses. She utilized the state's model and listed all of the possible circumstances that could create the need for prompt payment. After some discussion, Mr. Buening moved to allow action on the ordinance at the current meeting. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards then moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried and Ordinance 2013-5 was approved. Ms. Wenning will have it recorded and then forward it to the company currently codifying the county ordinances.

Doug Banks, EMS was present to discuss quotes on getting an ambulance funded in the 2014 budget. Mr. Banks was asked to present his request to the council.

The Greensburg Fire Department sent a request for funding for educational materials. No action was taken.

Mr. Nobbe discussed the ongoing efforts to reorganize the Region 9 Workforce into a **Workforce Investment Board**. After some discussion, it was acknowledged that since the two proposed county representatives were placed on the WIB that the county would be well-represented. It was agreed at a prior meeting that Mr. Nobbe would be the elected county level representative. After the discussion, it was agreed that there is no reason to delay the signing of the official document. Mr. Richards moved that Mr. Nobbe be the County's elected official and that the document be signed. Mr. Buening seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Wenning will send the signed document to Mr. Dennis Wimer.

Mr. Richards moved that the meeting be recessed. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next scheduled session will be Monday, July 15th at 8:00 a.m.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____