

Commissioner Meeting

July 15th, 2013 8:00 A.M.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as adjusted. Minutes were approved as corrected in the last paragraph, with Mr. Buening moving to approve and Mr. Richards seconding the motion. The motion carried.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent reminded those in attendance that a Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in room 106 at the courthouse. Mr. Buening indicated he would be able to attend and Mr. Mohr will also be in attendance. The meeting is being held to allow the public to comment or get their questions answered on the Bridge 2 building project.

Bridge 18 has been disassembled and is in a trailer destined for St. Paul. The approach slabs, fill and alignment work is beginning and the project should wrap up within the next 30 days.

Enterprise Gas Line – The right-of-way work has started and they are moving top soil. Any overweight or over length loads are to be reported to the highway department. Enterprise contracted with Ron May/Aecon on setting up structures that need to be inspected. Any structures 9 square foot or larger are to be inspected. On 1100 South, the covered bridge and the new bridge are both off limits. Ironmine road between 1100S and Hwy 3 is not to be used either. Mr. Richards asked if anyone was keeping an eye on the bridges on 1100 and Mr. Mohr said that the public is pretty good about reporting use and/or abuse of roadways and bridges in that area.

Rob Duckworth, Emergency Management Agency Director provided a quote with a couple of different options on it for the purchase of a UTV Response Vehicle. He reported that a demonstration vehicle had been available at the fair and it proved to be useful and a popular idea. He explained the benefits of having a smaller, more maneuverable vehicle available for more rapid access to emergency sites. Mr. Duckworth also reported that the Mobile Command Unit is currently being repainted and he discussed potential decal work that could be done in exchange for a free plug for the company supplying it. Mr. Nobbe asked if the council was aware of the potential purchase of the UTV vehicle. The Kubota quoted is equipped for a snow blade and after much discussion, it was determined that the blade wouldn't be important to purchase along with the initial vehicle and could be added later. After more discussion, Mr. Richards moved to proceed with the purchase of the Kubota UTV with the exception of the snow blade. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Nobbe added that he feels it will be a valuable addition to the EMA. Mr. Duckworth expressed his appreciation and all present agreed that the purchase of the snow blade would be revisited later this fall.

Ms. Emily Edwards was on the agenda but was not present.

Linda Edwards, Experience Works was on hand to discuss a program that helps workers over 55 become part of a training program that helps develop skillsets that can get them back into the workforce. Participants have to meet income/employment eligibility guidelines and those who qualify are matched with non-profits groups at the federal, state and local government level. Their wages are paid by Experience Works while they are training with the agencies. Ms. Edwards was specifically hoping to form a partnership in

Decatur County with the highway department or similar agency so she could place a 56 year old male looking for experience as a heavy equipment operator. Ms. Edwards explained that her agency would be responsible for any liability issues. Mr. Nobbe took the information she provided and will share it with the highway department and any other departments that may find it useful.

Dave Neuman, Area Plan Director submitted a rezoning petition for Tom Horan. The commissioners reviewed, signed and accepted APC Rezone 2013-4.

The Department of Natural Resources has a meeting scheduled for July 25th at the courthouse to review new flood plain maps. DNR will be responsible for sending letters inviting different agencies in for the review.

A Request for Use of Facilities form was presented requesting use of the Westport Covered Bridge for a wedding later this fall was presented. After much discussion, it was agreed that Tami would call and let the couple know that they are approved pending permission from the Covered Bridge Committee. Mr. Richards will check with the committee and obtain a copy of the suggested load (weight distribution) for the bridge.

Mr. Nobbe reported that a copy of the **ADA Deficiency Report** prepared by Ron May/Aecon is now available for review. The information needs to be reviewed and an improvement plan with a timeframe needs to be created. The overall process is designed to make the county aware of where county-owned property and buildings can be improved for accessibility to the disabled community. Overall, a 25 year plan needs to be created with a breakdown of yearly activities to correct these deficiencies. Mr. Nobbe would like to have a final draft ready by September and then have a public meeting in October for presentation of the plan to the community. Mr. Nobbe asked for everyone present to review so the final plan could be sent to INDOT.

Dave Richter, United Consulting was on hand to discuss where progress is on executing the Bridge Inventory contract. There was some discussion. Mr. Richards asked the overall timeframe of the entire project. Mr. Richter stated that the whole process usually is a 6 month sequence from the notice proceed to the finalization.

Mr. Buening moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Mr. Nobbe concurred and the meeting was recessed. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 5th, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____