

Decatur County Commissioners  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 8:A.M

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as presented. Minutes were approved with a spelling change on Marc Coplon's last name.

**County Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** reported that 1400 South is closed between 950 and 1050 West. It could be closed up to three weeks for the replacement of a concrete structure. He is currently waiting on authorization from INDOT so the county wide bridge inspection can begin. He is accepting Requests for Proposals on Bridge 2. There is currently patching on CR 950 near New Point but the road is open to traffic. According to Mr. Mohr, work on the pipeline passing through the county is going smoothly.

**Mr. Rob Duckworth, Decatur County EMA Director** requested the use of county facilities in case of severe weather during the Fall Festival. He asked for permission to use the courthouse basement in the event of emergency. After some discussion, Mr. Buening moved to allow use of the courthouse and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Marla VanSchaik, Cottonwood Lake Subdivision** presented a petition from the property owners for review by the commissioners. No action was taken.

**William Seegers, Department of Natural Resources** was on hand to see if there were more questions or interest in the county taking possession of the old reservoir property. He provided a copy of the deed. Mr. Bob Barker from the Parks Department was concerned that the property would become an additional parcel that the parks department would have to take care of. County Attorney Peg Polanski asked what would happen if the county agrees to take the property and asked for clarification of the surplusing procedure. The Commissioners haven't made a decision yet. Mr. Nobbe asked Mr. John Miller to draw a diagram to provide to the commissioners an example of what the property could be developed into with a minimum of expense. Ms. Polanski would like to see a restriction that it would be held for public benefit. Mr. Nobbe asked about any environmental issues concerning the property. Mr. Miller and Mr. Seegers both felt that there had been an assessment of some sort done around 2009. Mr. Buening asked questions concerning adjoining property owners and restrictions on them. There was much discussion and many concerns were voiced. County Attorney Peg Polanski will draft a letter of acceptance with some terminology aimed at keeping DNR responsible for any environmental issues that may be involved. She will revise to contain more of the commissioners concerns and have the letter reviewed by the commissioners prior to any decision to accept.

Under "topics" it was noted that Work One is going to change locations.

The Park Board asked the Animal Control Board for a letter of support to the Community Foundation for financing for dog park fencing south of the playground at Rebekah Park, referred to as Phase 1.

The Mayor sent a letter asking the county to consider helping pay for his China trip. After some discussion, Mr. Jerome Buening moved to pay \$1000.00 to support the trip. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was some discussion of the most recent version of the County Personnel Policy. Proper procedure would be for the Commissioners to review it and take it to the Council to get their input to make any final changes.

**Bryan Robbins** was in on behalf of the Pedestrian Trail project. He provided a cost breakdown of the trail project.

Mr. Buening moved to recess. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Rick Nobbe, President

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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