

December 2nd, 2013 – Commissioner Meeting
8:00 a.m. Room 106

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Minutes for the November 18th meeting will be presented at the December 16th meeting.

Claims were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent asked the Commissioners if they knew about him delivering stone to Solid Waste. Mr. Richards said that the stone needed to be put where the dumpsters sit and that City Street Commissioner Mark Klosterkemper was supposed to have the dumpsters pulled out so the county guys could get the stone put in place.

Mr. Mohr spoke with Mr. Richards to try to determine where a location of a pipe was that he was supposed to check on in Jackson Township. It was north of Bob Clark's place between 1000 and 1100 south on country road 800 west.

Scoring for Bridge 2 (HWY 421) was completed by Mr. Buening, Mr Mohr and Mr. Ortman and United Consulting was the top scorer on the contract for bridge inspection. The contract is the basic INDOT "boilerplate" contract. After brief discussion, Mr. Buening moved to sign the contract. Mr. Richards seconded the contract. The motion carried.

Mr. Mohr discussed the chances of Bridge 168 (near Covered Bridge) being accepted as a Federal Aid bridge. After much discussion, it was agreed that it couldn't hurt to run it through the Federal Aid system because the county wouldn't be out anything by trying.

The Lake Santee Regional Wastewater board asked the Commissioners to consider appointed Greg Montgomery to take the place of current board member Bill McVey. Mr. McVey's term ends December 31st and he does not wish to be reappointed. Mr. Richards moved to appoint Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe asked that Mr. Fredrickson convey the Commissioner's thanks to Mr. McVey for his service and to please thank Mr. Montgomery for his willingness to serve.

Lisa Davies, Minutemaids was in to discuss the cleaning contract. She stated it has been five years since there was an increase. Ms. Davies explained the reasons for the increase and discussed what county properties are included in the contract. The Sheriff's department is included in the proposed cost. It was pointed out that the work release people are expected to take care of their own area. The Highway department, Board of Health, Extension and the courthouse are all part of the contract. County Attorney Peg Polanski reviewed the contract. She inquired about criminal background checks and would like that wording included in the contract. Ms. Davies said it is part of their process to include those background checks. She will update the contract to include that and will provide an updated copy for Tami to bring to December 16th meeting.

Sheriff Greg Allen requested money from the vehicle fund to purchase a four wheel drive utility vehicle for the newly created school resource officer position. He also announced that Officer Rob Duckworth would be taking that position starting January 1st. Sheriff Allen had researched vehicles and found that the Chevy Tahoe 4WD was the best deal through the state's QPA at \$29,061. He stated that the trade-in value after 5 years and \$100,000 miles is guaranteed to be \$14,000. Also, it has a suitable towing capacity for other county-owned equipment. After a brief discussion, Mr. Richards moved to allow the purchase. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Scott Simmonds, representing the Hospital Board, presented a resolution requesting that the County Commissioners approve increasing the number of hospital board members from 7 to 9. Mr. Simmonds stated that the volume of tasks being performed by the board necessitated the request. After some discussion, Mr. Buening moved to sign the resolution changing the number of board members from 7 to 9. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Herbert was present and discussed the impending visit by the delegation from Suichang for the sister-city program. The delegation will be touring the courthouse on Thursday morning.

Commissioner Nobbe attended the last County Council meeting during which the EMA employee performance appraisal was discussed. The EMA Advisory Council was well-pleased with the performances of the director and assistant director. It was announced that on December 5th there will be a training event for community emergency response team members. Mr. Nobbe stated that he believes we are well-prepared. He asked about the progress on the emergency response vehicle. EMA Director Rob Duckworth reported that he is waiting on a \$10,000 grant to get released so that money can be used. While waiting on the money, they are working on some external wiring on the vehicle.

Mr. Nobbe read a letter from the hospital announcing that Dr. Jennifer Fletcher has been elected to be Chief of Staff for 2014-15.

A gentleman from Summit Microsystems presented a proposal for IT support for the county based off of the current contract the county has with RBSK. He discussed what would be covered and how his basic contract would work including a bill by minute-to-minute for any time beyond what the contract covers. He stated they have been local for 12 years and can provide a long list of references. Mr. Nobbe stated that this information will be shared at the next GIS meeting.

Tami Wenning reported that since implementation of the new county personnel policy, 308 hours had been donated to Luke Schmidt.

There being no further business, Mr. Richards moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioners will reconvene at 8:00 a.m., Monday, December 16th.

Rick Nobbe, President

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