

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Present: Jerome Buening, Rick Nobbe, John Richards  
Claims were approved as submitted.

Minutes were approved with one small change in regard to an Area Plan meeting scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent presented an INDOT LPA contract for the proposed rehabilitation project for Bridge 168 (CR 1100 S). This project will be a 2017 construction year. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion to enter into the LPA with INDOT. The motion carried.

AECOM Engineering, represented by Ron May, presented preliminary plans for Bridge 124 on CR 100 South over Clifty Creek. The four span stone arch bridge will be a rehab project. Mr May discussed the particulars of the design and answered questions. He provided an estimate of \$330,184.82 with 120 days of construction. Mr. Mohr discussed additional steps that would need to be taken once the commissioners grant approval. He also mentioned that he had worked numbers with Frank Cummings and that he feels the county can responsibly finance the rehab project in-house. Mr. Nobbe moved to approve the preliminary plan for Bridge 124 and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Mohr will approach the council about putting the additional funding from cum bridge into the highway budget.

There was some discussion of new equipment needs at the highway department and it was mentioned that the county is officially out of brine after the last snow and ice event.

Ms. Sarah Robinson was on the agenda but called to say she was unable to make it due to weather related problems with her vehicle.

Mr. Jim Cummings was not on hand to discuss the Learning Center's annual request for funding but Commissioners discussed it and it was agreed that it was part of what was budgeted in Plans and Implementations. Mr. Cummings should plan to attend a council meeting to have the council create a line item specifically for the Learning Center. Mr. Nobbe also mentioned that the Learning Center is the county's new WorkOne location.

Mr. Nobbe spoke with Mayor Gary Herbert concerning the landscaping around the square and the Mayor said that Ms. Robinson had appeared before the Board of Works and discussed getting things where they need to be.

The Mayor had delivered a copy of a resolution to the Commissioners on Friday and was on hand to discuss the particulars with them. The resolution was for the Commissioners to sign indicating their thoughts on pending legislation to repeal the business personal property tax. He stated that the law

would be better if the legislature spent more time on it. After some discussion, the Mayor stated that he would carry the signed resolution to Representatives Frye and Ziemke and Senators Leising and Nugent. Mr. Nobbe moved to support the resolution concerning SB 1 and HB 1001. Mr. Richards seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe had asked SIHO and Neace-Lukens if they could do anything to help offset the increase in the cost of the county's health plan. Mr. Pepper Cooper took a \$5 per person per month reduction in his normal compensation and saved \$8700 for the county and SIHO waived the cost of printing the statements of benefits forms.

Prosecutor Jim Rosenberry had created a claim for payment but there was some question as to whether the council needed to approve the money being spent from the deferral plan. The claim will go before the council before the commissioners will authorize payment. County Attorney Peg Polanski will research the state laws governing the prosecutor deferral fund.

County Clerk Janet Chadwell discussed the details of a contract that was presented for the Commissioners to sign. The voting system panels were upgraded and an 8 year warranty was added. The work had already been completed and the claim approved by the commissioners in 2013 but Clerk Chadwell had held onto the check until the work was completed. She didn't realize that the company would be providing a new contract. Mr. Nobbe moved to approve the MicroVote Infiniti contract extending the warranty. Mr. Richards seconded the motion which carried.

Melanie Maxwell had submitted something from the Indiana State Historical Society Memorial Marker program documenting where a plaque would be erected on the courthouse lawn. A marker commemorating Carl Fisher will be erected on the north side of the courthouse at the Washington Street entrance. Mr. Richards moved to grant official permission for the marker. Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion. The form was signed and the state will be notified by Ms. Maxwell.

Mr. Nobbe thought that SIRPC representative Patty Jackson would be giving an update on the recently finalized Rehab program. Tami will check on that.

SDHS submitted a request for donations for their after prom. No action was taken.

A RBSK invoice for a replacement computer in Probation is to be turned into the county's insurance.

Double EE Roofing submitted an invoice for materials for heat tape and materials. The Commissioners wanted a more detailed breakdown. Mr. Nobbe will follow up with the roofing contractor.

Steve/Turnkey dropped off a proposal for HVAC maintenance for the courthouse including backflow preventive care and filter changes.

A claim from State Farm insurance was received seeking compensation for a claim they paid to someone that damaged a motorcycle on Reservoir Road. The claim did not contain enough information to determine where the accident took place and the only place commonly known as "reservoir road" is actually owned by DNR. More information will be requested.

Mr. Richards reported he has been talking to Bill Meer with Bruns and Gutzwiller about pricing so that when the weather cooperates, work can begin.

Mr. Richards moved to recess. Mr. Nobbe seconded. The Commissioners will reconvene on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Jerome Buening, President

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