

Commissioner Meeting
March 17, 2014

Present: Jerome Buening, John Richards, Rick Nobbe

Claims were approved as presented. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Rob Vollrath of the Perfection Group discussed the recent energy efficiency review he and his company performed on county owned buildings. The results of the feasibility study on the utility bills were presented to the Commissioners along with projected savings. Mr. Vollrath was accompanied by Greg Horn and Brad Davis who each explained their part in the study. The commissioners asked several questions. There were several comments about preventative maintenance contracts and it was mentioned that there is currently interest in getting something set up. The Perfection Group people pointed out that the cost of the maintenance would basically be paid for by the savings. The gentlemen were thanked for their presentation.

Sarah Robinson, Director of Mainstreet Greensburg, discussed the lack of response she received when trying to get RFP's for landscaping. The only one returned was from out of town and the amount was more than the city or Commissioners thought feasible. Ms. Robinson reported that the Mayor had agreed to fund a part-time person to do the city portion of the landscaping. Mr. Nobbe stated that he feels that the entire project should be started over, done correctly and then a maintenance plan put in place. Ms. Robinson will continue the search for a local entity to do the work.

Ms. Robinson reported that the Farmer's Market will begin on May 9th and continue through October 31st from 2 – 6 p.m. on Fridays. She stated that the YMCA will be offering free fitness class demonstrations on the lawn and that the ACCDC is thinking of having a band play. In her request for use of facilities, she also mentioned that the 2nd Friday Movies on the Lawn would still be offered if it were okayed by the Commissioners. Other activities planned for downtown included the Fisher 5 Mile Big Wheel Race on May 17th at 3:00 p.m. and the first ever Tenderloin Throwdown will be held on July 19th. The contest will be judged and is being advertised state-wide. Mr. Rethlake of the ACCDC is thinking of doing a Sidewalk Art Chalk contest that day too. Ms. Robinson prepared the appropriate requests for usage of the courthouse facilities and those forms were approved later in the meeting. Mr. Nobbe suggested that just prior to each event that Ms. Robinson check with the Auditor's office to make sure the outside electricity is on if needed.

Ms. Barbara Gallegos was present to discuss the Property and Casualty Insurance renewal proposals and the Worker's Compensation renewal proposal. The renewal date is May 22nd, 2014. Her presentation included quotes from the current carriers as well as proposals from other carries. Ms. Gallegos explained the various components of the proposals and how P & C carriers determine their risk of liability in order to quote. Mr. Randy Teltoe was on hand representing the county's current P & C carrier so he could explain what the underwriters took into consideration when preparing his company's proposal. There were a lot of questions and definitions of terms. Some carriers wouldn't quote inland marine coverage separately so note was made of that so that comparisons between coverage would be reviewed fairly. There was no formal action taken at this time.

Ms. Marsha Miller Smith thanked the Commissioners on their recent health insurance renewal with Neace Lukens. Ms. Miller-Smith reported that open enrollment went very well, especially considering the time crunch. She asked if the commissioners had any comments or feedback from the county employees. She state she would like to continue to work with the insurance committee and maybe in late summer put together several "lunch and learn" sessions with the county's employees. She thanked the commissioners for their confidence in her and Neace Lukens.

A motion was made and seconded to close the bid acceptance for cyclical reassessment at 9:20 a.m. County Attorney Peg Polanski opened the sealed bids in no particular order.

Property Assessment Solutions bid \$400,000 for the 4 year cycle.

Ad Valorem bid \$398,300 for the four year cycle.

Appraisal Research bid \$414,500 and a representative on hand for the opening mentioned another option that wouldn't fit the current bid specifications.

Tyler Technologies bid \$343,175.

Mr. Richards moved to take the bids under advisement. Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Indiana Small Business Development group requested (in writing) a request for \$5000 in funding for 2014. Mr. Richards moved to continue the support of the agency. Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Joshua Rutherford gave an update on his efforts at verifying inaccuracies in the Civil War portion of the War Memorial. Mr. Rutherford presented a book that he created that contains a comprehensive list of every soldier. He also provided a list of factual errors to the commissioners. The list contains names of missing soldiers but Mr. Rutherford pointed out that like other researchers, he is not infallible. The largest omission is of the 123rd regiment being overlooked on the memorial. He reviewed several of his findings. He detailed his efforts in contacting family members and out of county people to verify different discrepancies and details. He provided his contact information. Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Rutherford for his hard work on researching the information presented. Ms. Polanski asked if Mr. Rutherford was hopeful that the county would do something about the bricks with misinformation.

Note has been made and when a project is done with the bricks, that will be addressed at that time.

Melaine Scudder filed a RFUP and was granted use of the gazebo for a wedding on April 11th. The other RFU forms for the Mainstreet activities were approved and signed at this time.

A Fee Agreement Proposal from Siho was approved with Mr. Nobbe making the motion and Mr. Richards seconding.

Mr. Richards stated that an affidavit from law enforcement will be necessary before the title for the new community corrections vehicle can be obtained because the vehicle was purchased out of state.

Mrs. Wenning mentioned that Mr. Yeskie from ESPY Services is on the agenda because he keeps asking about whether the county is going to act on any of the areas where his company's audit indicated savings potential. The Commissioners decided that the savings were so small that there was no point in entering into a business relationship with ESPY.

Mr. Richards moved to recess and Mr. Nobbe seconded. The meeting will reconvene on Monday, April 7th at 8:00 a.m.

Jerome Buening, President

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