Commissioner Meeting

May 5th, 2014

Present: Jerome Buening, John Richards, Rick Nobbe

Claims were approved as presented.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent reported that REMC has done some of the utility relocation work on the Bridge 2 project and Frontier has done some work also. He stated that closure should happen sometime later in June. He also reported that RFP’s for Bridge 168 have been advertised with INDOT with a deadline of May 30th at 4:00 p.m. Proposals will be mailed to the Commissioner’s Address. A three person panel will need to be appointed to score the proposals. Mr. Mohr also mentioned that a structure issue has caused CR 1000 South to be closed between 700 and 800 West. He discussed the actions being taken to remedy the situation. On the Bridge 124 local project, all of the right of way paperwork has been signed and all of the utilities have been met with. Ron May of Aecon was on hand to discuss the plans.

Mr. Ron May presented and discussed in detail the proposed work to be done on the historic bridge and how gabion baskets would be utilized to stabilize portions of the deck that will be offset to allow for straightening of the roadway and to preserve the stone understructure. He indicated he had shared paperwork with the County Attorney and the Highway Department and is ready for the commissioners to give their approval so the process can begin. Mr. Mohr voiced his support of the project. Mr. Richards moved to approve the plans, Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr. Buening concurred. The motion carried.

He did report an estimated 120 day closure with 1050 W/100S closed for less than 30. Mr. May stated that bids would be opened at June 2nd at 8:30 a.m. Mr. May filed a copy of the contract, the final engineering estimate and the plans with Tami Wenning/County Auditor.

Mr. Mark Shonk came before the commissioners seeking approval to close an alley on the south half of lot 15 and 16 in Kingston. The alley has never been operable as it has a creek running through it. He is planning to drill a well. After some discussion about whether the proper procedures, advertising and paperwork had been followed, everything appeared in order and Mr. Nobbe moved to close the alley. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Marla Van Shaik, Cottonwood Lake Subdivision, came before the board to update the Commissioners on the acquisition of funding for the subdivision road improvements. She was happy to report that funding was secured through Napoleon State Bank and she produced a letter from the bank stating so. She asked that the Commissioners please form an Economic Improvement District to allow the group to manage that project. Mr. Nobbe made certain that the parcels had been verified. After a few more questions and comments, Mr. Nobbe moved to create the Economic Improvement District. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.
It was discussed that the Commissioners need to appoint a 3 party board. After some discussion, Mr. Nobbe moved that Denver Cheek, Marla Van Shaik and Danielle Wiley be appointed. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commissioners requested that the newly formed board please keep the highway department informed of their progress. (Tami Wenning is to send a copy of the ordinance to Ms. Van Shaik once the document is recorded.)

Patty Jackson, Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission spoke with the Commissioners about the possibility of the county being involved with another housing rehabilitation project. The USDA Housing Preservation Program should be opening up soon and Ms. Jackson wanted to know whether to pursue funding. If the Commissioners are interested, she would like to apply for the Housing Program Grant Program and use that money towards the match for the Indiana Housing Grant. That grant is maxed at $350,000. Ms. Jackson did a wrap-up on the most recent grant and provided some statistics. With the approval of the commissioners, she would like to run the public notice as soon as possible so deadlines can be met easier if grant funding is available. Mr. Nobbe asked about the county’s obligation if state funding isn’t available to help with the match. Ms. Jackson reassured the board that there is no obligation to continue if funding isn’t available.

Ms. Jackson also discussed the details of the Traffic County Program. Decatur and Franklin County have finally gotten their contracts approved. There will 111 counts in Decatur County. 21 of those will be rails and the remaining 90 will be roadways. Jodi Comer and Kerry McConnell will be running that program. The commissioners gave their okay to proceed.

Pat Koors from Decatur County Right to Life had dropped off a request to place crosses on the courthouse lawn as a memorial for unborn babies from May 24th – 31st. Permission was granted.

Marc Coplon, Economic Development Director gave his 1st quarter report of activities. He discussed the various activities that have taken place and gave some interesting statistics. He mentioned new companies, expansion plans and a variety of upcoming events. The Annual Meeting is set for June 12th with Kelly Walsh as speaker.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe is the local elected official for the SEIWIB and there were two local appoints to be approved. The Chamber of Commerce recommended Laura Welborn and the Economic Development Commission recommended Amy Bray. Mr. Nobbe stated that he thinks both candidates would be fine representatives and requested that one of the representatives please keep him up to date on happenings at the meetings. Mr. Nobbe moved to appoint Amy Bray and Laura Welborn to the SEIWIB. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sarah Robinson, Director of Mainstreet Greensburg, and Mayor Gary Herbert were on hand to discuss landscaping around the square. There was a comparison of what Fletcher’s and Vohland’s proposals. In Sarah’s opinion, Vohland provided a better value. The Mayor was happy with that suggestion as well. Mr. Nobbe thanked everyone for their effort. Sarah pointed out that none of the quotes included
hanging baskets on Broadway. She will see what she can get Vohland to do about that. Mr. Nobbe moved and Mr. Richards seconded award the work to Vohland Nursery.

The Mayor reported that scoring the RFPs for the Comprehensive Plan Update is ongoing. Area Plan has a meeting on Wednesday and Mr. Buening suggested asking Area Plan if they are interested in pursuing a shared update with the City on the comprehensive plan. That line of thinking will be pursued.

CINTAS representative Justin Burt and a Minutemaids representative were on hand to discuss buying cleaning supplies and paper products through the group purchasing network. After much discussion, it was agreed that CINTAS provides a better degree of service and that Minutemaids is amicable to working with them. After a little more discussion, Mr. Nobbe moved to have Minutemaids work with CINTAS on ordering paper and cleaning supplies until further notice. Mr. Richards concurred. The motion carried.

An addendum from SRI was presented for the Commissioners to approve. That prompted discussion of a certificate sale being held as soon as possible. Mr. Richards moved to sign the SRI addendum and Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion. The motion carried. Tami will have Rhonda Heger check on whether a certificate sale can be set this far ahead. Once a date is set, the commissioners will be informed so they may put it on their calendars.

Reappointment paperwork was received from the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library. Andrea Ingmire attached a letter stating that Judy Cupp would like to be reappointed. Mr. Nobbe moved to do so, with Mr. Richards seconding the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Nobbe suggested that the list of appointments be consulted to make sure the timing of the reappointment is correct, and if it is, to reflect the accurate time for reappointment on the master list.

Mr. Nobbe reported that the compressor has a leak in the cooling system. Peine has given a quote of $5800 plus the cost of refrigerant. Commissioners were fine with that but did ask about whether there is an existing warranty on the compressor. (It has since been verified there is no warranty).

Bids on preventative maintenance were received from Peine, Havel/Indy, and Turnkey. Peine appeared to be the best value at $8000 per year checking the boiler, chiller, HVAC related maintenance, filter changes, exhaust fans and ventilation and a better hourly rate. Mr. Richards moved to award the bid to Peine with Mr. Nobbe seconding the motion. Motion carried.

There was a question about Cobra rates.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19th, 2014.