

Commissioner Meeting
May 19th, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Present: Jerome Buening, Rick Nobbe, John Richards

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were reviewed and approved as presented.

Decatur County Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported that patchwork had been completed on Highway 421 North near Love's Truckstop by St. Paul. He asked Commissioner Buening if he had seen the completed patch and Mr. Buening said he had.

Mr. Mohr reported that bids for Bridge 124 should be in by next meeting and county highway workers are currently working on the prep work in anticipation of getting the project started.

Mr. Mohr reported that closure for Bridge 2 on Highway 421 North is expected to happen around July 7. There are currently some issues with getting utilities relocated.

Highway workers are currently patching roads and Mr. Mohr is working on getting a paving program put together and is working with O'Mara's in case the company is prepared to do a rollover of last year's pricing.

Mr. Mohr reported that he has been in discussion with Brittani from Solid Waste regarding illegal dumping. They are trying to determine who is responsible for clean-up of those areas...landowners or highway department or who?

Don Schilling, representing the Redevelopment Commission reported that a resolution had been adopted to expand the Economic Development area. The resolution expands the EDA but does not expand the allocation area and also recognizes and incorporates two parcels that were left off of the original parcel list. The resolution does conform with the county comprehensive plan. He presented copies of the approved version of the resolution and included a list of proposed projects. The plan also included a copy of a property acquisition list which the group had to list in the event that they decide to purchase in the future but there are not currently plans to do that. Commissioners commented on the amount of work that was involved in getting to this point. Mr. Schilling gave this update and reported that the Commission would come back to the Commissioners for formal approval following the public hearing.

Mr. Richards moved to approve the resolution and approve the addition of the inclusion of the additional two parcels and to go forward with the public hearing. Mr. Nobbe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dave Stults, representing the Westport Area Business Association, came and requested permission to close the road and the Covered Bridge for use during the Westport Covered Bridge Festival scheduled for June 14th. Permission was granted for the closure for the evening before and the day of the event with Mr. Nobbe making the motion and Mr. Richards seconding it.

Area Plan Director David Neuman presented five rezoning petitions to the commissioners for their approval.

2014-2 for Jason Raver A-1 to A-2
2014-4 Milestone LTD (Obermeyer Agrigroup)
2013-9 Jim Luken A-1 to A-2
2013-10 Matt Morris A-1 to A-2
2014-3 Lowes Pellet and Grain A-1 to B3 to match rest of property

The rezoning petitions were approved and signed.

Gary Murray, City Engineer, reported that a wage hearing will have to be conducted for the Veteran's Way project and the hearings are normally set for the last Wednesday of the month. If all of the appropriate paperwork has been completed by Wednesday, May 28th, it will be held then. If not, it will be held the last Wednesday in June. He asked for a representative from the county legislative body and an additional volunteer. Mr. Buening volunteered for the 28th and Mr. Nobbe offered to step in if it was held at a later date.

Mayor Herbert was present but had nothing to discuss.

The Commissioners approved a quote for fixing the chiller and had received a quote on having an auxiliary cooling system in the server room. Mr. Nobbe will bring up the issue at the GIS/IT meetings scheduled for the 21st. He also reported that the roof repair is almost complete. Bruns and Gutzwiller will be repairing the probation department. There was also some discussion of the need to learn how to manually override the heating/cooling system for evening meetings.

Mr. Richards reported he had spoken with Brock Wiggins regarding trimming the tree.

County Attorney Peg Polanski had nothing to discuss.

There were members of the public who questioned the rezoning petitions. Ms. Wenning let them see the originals. They were concerned with confinement buildings and were asking questions regarding how planning and zoning meetings are structured. They were advised to speak with Mr. Neuman for specifics.

The meeting was recessed. The group will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2nd.

Jerome Buening, President

Attest _____

Date _____