

Commissioner Meeting
June 16th, 2014 8:00 a.m.

Present: Jerome Buening, John Richards, Rick Nobbe

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

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr stated that REMC has relocated poles/lines in preparation for Bridge 2. They are set for a July 7th closure date. INDOT will take care of news release and Mr. Mark Mohr will keep Honda informed.

The contract form Bridge 124 was awarded to Force Construction. They have issued a work schedule and will start on Monday, June 23rd.

Options for Graders and Backhoes were discussed. They are looking at options of lease and purchase to make the best choice. Mr. Mark Mohr will take the discussion to County Council at their next meeting.

David O'Mara Paving was awarded the Contract for 2014-2015. Mr. Nobbe moved that the bid be awarded. Mr Richards seconded. Mr. Buening concurred. The motion carried.

Some discussion was made concerning the speed limits on County Roads. There is a lot to consider when looking at what to set the speed limit at. The first step is to have an engineer study done. Road conditions, traffic count, alignments, curves, etc are all taken into consideration. There is a statute in place that says Commissioners do not have the authority to make the decision to change the speed. There will be more discussion on this and taken to the correct people.

Julie Riggs with Thrive Alliance was here to ask for \$15,000 for their 2015 Budget. That is the amount given to them last year and they thanked Commissioners for that. Mr. Buening thanked her for her presentation and said they will consider.

Lana Martin requested the use of the Courthouse lawn and parking lot for the Fall Festival on September 26th and 27th. She will fill out a request of facilities form. A question about insurance came up on whether or not they provide their own insurance. Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley will check on how it has been in the past and let the commissioners know.

Judge Day and Judge Bailey were present to discuss the DOC Grant Program. As of July 1st, low level felons will be put on house arrest. Therefore Community Corrections office will need additional staff. For the Grant, an Advisory Board will need to be formed consisting of 11 people. This Board will decide on a case by case basis the outcome of the criminal. There will be a significant savings in not having to house the low level criminals. According to Judge Day, the office will be self sufficient due to the fees that will be collected. Commissioner Nobbe suggested using office space at the Jail. Commissioner Richards made a motion to move forward. Commissioner Nobbe seconded and Commissioner Buening concurred to sign resolution. The Judges will put together a list of suggested Board Members.

Mike Walker with the Redevelopment Commission presented the progress on Honda Economic Development Area. There was a public hearing on June 11, 2014 for property/land owners to discuss any concerns about the expansion. The original area was 1700 acres originally and now expanded to 4400 acres. This expansion is not a TIF district. It broadens the footprint so Honda money can be used for road and infrastructure improvements. Area Plan was presented with options and they chose the smallest district option to start with. Commissioner likes the project and said it will help the whole community.

Commissioner Nobbe motioned to have the Resolution to expand signed. Commissioner Richards seconded and Commissioner Buening Concurred. Commissioners thanked Mike Walker for all of his effort.

Robert Duckworth was pleased to announce that Decatur County received a Grant for \$3,999.00 from the Hoosier Safety Organization. This is funded by the Red Cardinal License Plates. The County purchased a Patient Rescue Sled to fit on a Kabota UTV. This will allow emergency personnel to get to patients quicker and easier from places that the Ambulance cannot get to. The whole Mobile Command Unit, including the UTV has been funded with grant money brought into the community. Commissioner motioned to accept the award. Commissioner Nobbe seconded and Commissioner Buening concurred. Award Accepted.

Commissioner Richards moved to recess, Commissioner Nobbe seconded the motion. Meeting recessed. The next meeting will be held on July 7, 2014