

Commissioners Meeting

July 21, 2014

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening, & Rick Nobbe

Minutes were read and corrected. Claims were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendant was at meeting to report that Bridge 2 is in demo stage and only 1/3 left. Everything looks to be on schedule for October paving. Road should be open 1st of November. Also Bridge 124 progress is going very well. Mr. Mohr also reported on local project on 1000 S where there is a sink hole. Road should be open soon. Progress is being made as long as weather stays good. Mark also spoke about the chip and seal map to see if commissioners had any roads or thoughts that need to be looked at. They are going to try to get it put together and stay within the budget. Lastly Mr. Mohr talked about having signed all the contracts for the new equipment. The highway now has 3 backhoes that they are wanting to put up for sale to the public as an auction or sealed bid. Mr. Nobbe thought about advertising them and selling them by marketing them. Mr. Nobbe thought there would be enough interest in the community to find some local buyers. Mr. Richards thought the silent auction over a week period. Everyone agreed this might be the better route.

Brian Wenning asked the commissioners about closing Millhousen Road for the Eagles Wings 5K on August 23 2014 from 8am to 10 am. Mr. Wenning had already been to the City Council and Board Works and they were fine with the area being closed. Last year there were 1,100 participants. As of right now they are at 200 participants. They look to have the same about this year or more. It was felt that everything ran well last year and Emergency Director Robert Duckworth concurred.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nobbe. Seconded by John Richards and Mr. Buening concurred.

Jenny Harrison & Kelly Benedict of Centerstone was present to give an annual report and discuss services they will be providing. They do have a full running clinic with psychiatry services, substance abuse treatment, and family counseling. They provide for families, individuals and couples. A big part is depression and anxiety. They received tax revenue of \$167,534 from Decatur County. Kelly informed the commissioners that there is an adolescences team to help with substance abuse. They have also expanded into the schools of Decatur County. They look to expand more.

Barbara Gallegos from Neace Lukens and Mark Ennis from Bliss-McKnight were at the meeting. Mr. McKnight handles risk management for Bliss-McKnight and wanted to share some information. The company had served Decatur County several years ago. They have a number of different services. They work with sheriff's office as well as the highway department. He discussed that he would be working with the auditor's office for web training to meet state & federal statutes. Also helping with issues in termination and FMLA to be sure procedures are done correctly. There is also driving training on a simulator for departments that drive a lot. Mr. Nobbe asked that if training was done does Bliss-McKnight offer a discount that the county could be eligible for. Mr. Ennis stated they don't offer discounts but he said their feelings are that if we participate in these particular programs its likely to see a reduction in the amount of claims and injuries. He did say there would be credits for participating. They planned on meeting with several departments later that day.

Johnny Budd the county school superintendant asked about a representative for a field house project. He stated that they need to have another wage hearing. He asked the commissioners to appoint Mr. Mark Mohr to serve as representative for Decatur County for the wage hearing. Mr. Nobbe made the motion to have Mr. Mohr appointed, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Judge Bailey and Judge Day had two requests for the commissioners. The first was the community corrections advisory board appointments. Judge Bailey recapped that a couple of meetings ago they had been there to ask the commissioners to pass a resolution to make an advisory board. The commissioners are half the appointments of the board along with the prosecutor and judge. They hope to be able to have the advisory board by August for a meeting to bring budget and other information together to be approved. Commissioners have the right to terminate if they feel need. The Judges brought a list of people with them that they thought would serve if the commissioners wanted to appoint them. Steven Teverbaugh, Criminal Defense Attorney; Tim Griewe, Community member; Bill Metz, County Council;

Matt Hoeing, Chief Probation Officer; Tom Hunter, Superintendent of Greensburg School and Mark Shonk, Community member. Judge Bailey stated they had talked to each of the people about being on the board and all of them agreed. The board would be four (4) year terms except for the ones that would be virtue by their office. Mr. Nobbe mentioned to maybe contact Kelly Benedict of Centerstone to be part of the board for the mental health spot. Judge Bailey felt they would be good active participants. The Judge asked for them to be appointed to the board. Mr. Nobbe made a motion to approve, Mr. Richards seconded it and Mr. Buening concurred.

Judge Bailey then talked about Courthouse Security. He wanted to give an overview of the process to where they stand. He and Judge Day acquire to adopt a rule for courtroom security. Judge Bailey stated that he along with Judge Day and the Courthouse Security Team has come together with a plan. The Security Team would meet every couple of weeks and go to the GIS meeting to discuss their thoughts. They had decided early on that they were close to budget so they wanted to focus on things where they needed to spend money. The things that the public would see is east and west doors would become secured and would be accessible through a card reader system. This card would also be an id card for county employees. There would be a machine purchased to make cards. This machine could also set levels of access to each card. The idea would be for county employees to come and go through those doors. Each door as well as the stairwell door on east side would have an alarm. The north entrance would have a metal detector and an X-ray machine to screen people as they come in. There would be a flexible divider line down the middle of that hallway. The X-ray machine will have a table and belt where people could put their bags and such through it. The people would be able to see their property at all times. The purpose of the X-ray machine is so their bags and purses do not have to be gone through but still have security and people can still have privacy. There will also be a counter or work station for a deputy sheriff. Judge Bailey pointed out that there is an old counter from the treasurer's office that could be used. There will also be sheriff deputies assigned here that is in the sheriff's budget. The deputy will be wearing a sheriff's department uniform and equipment and be properly trained. There will also be 12 cameras to monitor entry ways. Judge Bailey presented a paper with cost of equipment. They had started looking for grant money at various agencies and there were none to be had. Judge Bailey said we would need to find another way to fund the monies for security. If commissioners approve this the next step is to write a security emergency plan and have some training for the employees. Judge Bailey said he will be giving the same information to the County Council at their next meeting in August. The Judge said he wanted to bring it before the commissioners before budget time so they had time to think about it. Mr. Nobbe asked if they thought \$100,000 would cover it as a total. The Judge replied he thought it wasn't unreasonable. The commissioners agreed to do the budget.

Lisa Huddleston of minute maids was present to show the commissioners some wear on some tiles and stairs and gave some thoughts and quotes on taking care of these problems.

Harold Sample Decatur County Veterans Service Officer was there to speak with the commissioners about retiring at the end of the year and to speak about Mike Baumgartner who is a veteran to possibly taking over the position. The position is a part time position with no benefits. It is an annual appointed position by the commissioners. The commissioners thought maybe to advertise the opening position on the radio and in the local paper to be fair. They will appoint someone to the position September 1, 2014 or around that time.

Thomas Shannon & Cynthia Bowen from CHA were there to talk about developing the county's comprehensive plan. Cynthia explained how important it is to the county to have a comprehensive plan. She wanted to discuss what the county might want in a comprehensive plan and how the plan works. She explained how the growth was studied and put to use so the county could get the best out of itself. Mr. Buening commented that Decatur County has a few small incorporated towns and wanted to know if there was an avenue for them other than attending public hearings to get their thoughts and feeling noted. Cynthia said they could hold specific meetings for them or CHA could attend one of their council meetings. Mr. Buening asked in general what the cost would be since it is budget time. Mrs. Bowen said without specifically knowing what was needed in county it can range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 depending on what was needed and what county wanted to do. She said if we joined with Greensburg there could be some efficiencies saved in terms of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Nobbe asked what would be the procedure with going forward to meet with Area Plan to get budget worked out. She said

she could sit down with them and ask few key questions of what they want. She said it take usually less than a week to get an amount together. She said things can be adjusted to work with budget. Mr. Buening asked Mayor Herbert if he was still waiting on their grant and Mayor Herbert said yes but they are going forward no matter what. Mayor Herbert said its needed and past due. Mr. Buening said CHA needs to take the lead on getting with Area Plan. Mrs. Bowman said she could meet with area plan and the city and get things planned out with them and wondered if she needed to come back to talk the commissioners through the presentation. Mr. Buening said they may be involved in the meetings but thought it would be a good idea to come back to them. Mr. Shannon commented that the process might be a little slow at first because of the initial gathering of information. Mr. Nobbe told Cynthia that Mr. Neuman is currently off of work and she might need to contact Mr. Albert Armand for Area Plan. Cynthia was going to get on the agenda for the next Area Plan meeting.

Mr. Richards motioned to recess. Mr. Nobbe seconded it and Mr. Buening concurred.

The next commissioners meeting is August 4 2012 8 a.m.