

Commissioner Meeting
January 20, 2015 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Rick Nobbe and Jerome Buening

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

Mr Richards announced the January 5th meeting minutes stand approved after the Commissioners' review. The claims were approved as presented.

Cynthia Bowen of **CHA** explained the **Area Plan Commission** has made some changes to the proposed **Decatur County Comprehensive Plan** which will affect the cost of the project. The usual fees (\$145,000) may be reduced (estimate \$143,500) because the County's GIS is providing a 'good base' for the Comprehensive Plan; also, the number of meetings and locations will determine the final cost. The **APC** would like to have eight meetings (4 at the start of putting a plan together and 4 after the plan is completed) at a cost of \$117,000. The four locations would be: Westport, Greensburg, Lake Santee and St Paul. The Commissioners would like to add New Point which would change the price to \$124,200. There will be six phases used to accomplish the plan's adoption. The first step is communications which is essential in getting our public to support/own this plan for setting a path for growth: social media; focus groups; public workshops and public meetings. Other phases include: existing conditions analysis- flood plains, soils, transportation, open spaces; vision- develop goals, objectives, land use maps; implementation/draft plan and the final plan and adoption. The City of Greensburg is in the process of appointing twelve people to their Steering Committee and the County could appoint twelve if the two entities decide to do a 'joint' Comprehensive Plan in order to reduce the cost for each. Mr Buening moved to enter into a contract which includes the eight meetings; then later, if needed, do an amendment to the contract to add two more meetings for a total of ten and the contract should not specify the meeting locations. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Ms Bowen will send a contract draft to County Attorney Drew Young.

Barbara Gallegos of **Assured Neace Lukens** presented information for the property and casualty liability and workmen's comp insurance with a renewal date of May 22, 2015. Decatur County has had a favorable claims experience this far. Currently the deductible is \$25,000 and Decatur County has paid out \$13,134.97 on our auto policy; \$552.58 in liability when a vehicle got tar on their car on county road 150 S and \$3,000 in workers' comp.

Marsha Miller Smith, Brenda Nielsen and Edward Cooper of **Assured Neace Lukens** presented updates on the County's current health insurance costs. The renewal date for the County's health insurance is March 1, 2015. In the last two years, claims/expenses have been higher which has the Commissioners looking at additional options to keep costs down.

Mr Buening moved to recess until after the County Council's January meeting. Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

The Commissioners reconvened at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Mr Richards signed the **Covered Bridge Certification for 2015**.

Mr Nobbe moved to sign the contract with **MicroVote for 2015** for the Clerk's Office. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Richards stated that Clerk Adina Roberts should request **MicroVote** not outsource any work to subcontractors.

Mr Buening moved to approve the "Use of Facilities" –to hold a wedding, September 5, 2015, on the Westport Covered Bridge -submitted by Emily Jessup. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to adopt **Resolution 2015-1**, transferring property located at 128 West Railroad Street, Greensburg to the **City of Greensburg**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Rob Duckworth reported the phone system for the Courthouse has been ordered. An additional ten phones/handsets is needed. Commissioners are okay with the change.

County Attorney Drew Young presented a “**HIPPA** authorization form” for the Commissioners’ review. The form will be used when employees want to restrict or approve their information being given to family.

Mr Nobbe reported a letter from **Eastern Bartholomew Water Corp** is asking for the Commissioners’ support for a water line coming into Decatur County for a short distance. Mr Nobbe contacted Doreen Osteen of **Decatur County Rural Water** and she is aware of that project and **Rural Water** is okay with it.

Animal Control is in need of a newer used truck. Mr Nobbe stated the **Land Of Lakes** fleet department has several **Ford** trucks for sale. The Commissioners agreed the savings are probably more than buying locally. Mr Nobbe will forward this information to the **Animal Control Board**.

Mr Buening moved to appoint Todd Mauer to the **Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board) School Corporation Ex Officio**. Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to recess, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Meeting recessed.

The next Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2015.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date _____