

Commissioners Meeting

April 6, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

Mark Mohr, **Highway Superintendent**, told Commissioners there is a meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> with **O'Mara Paving** regarding the asphalt approaches on Bridge #2. He, as are the Commissioners, has not been satisfied since the re-opening of the bridge last November. A meeting is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> with **United Contractors** on to preview the rehab project on Bridge #168. Two new pickup trucks have been purchased from **Hubler's** for \$65,232 out of the **EDIT** allocation. The Commissioners pre-approved Mr Mohr's request to pay that 'bill' today. **INDOT** will be closing County Road 600 East just off of State Road 46 for replacing the 'bridge deck' over I-74. After completing that project, County Road 850 East near the Ross Point Truck Stop will be closed for bridge deck replacement over I-74. These two bridge projects are expected to last two months. County Road 100 North will be closed to prevent damage from detoured traffic.

The March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The claims were reviewed and approved as presented.

The Commissioners approved two rezoning petitions presented by **Area Plan Director** David Neuman: Petition 2014-11, submitted by Rick and Kim Hoeing to rezone 2.5 acres from A-1 to A-2. Petition 2014-14, submitted by Bob and Suzi Johannigman to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-1.

Barbara Gallegos, Kelly Zullo and Edward Cooper of **Neace Lukens** presented the renewal data for property, casualty and workman's comp insurance. Mr Nobbe asked Ms Gallegos to come to their next meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> to give the Commissioners time to 'look over' the vehicle list as well as 'covered drivers' list.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve the 'use of facilities' submitted by **Decatur County Children Services and Decatur County 4 Kids** for the week of April 20-27 to display signs and pinwheels on the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Commissioners tabled another request submitted by Dave Thomas to set up a hot dog stand on the county parking lot next to **Links** as they need more information from Mr Thomas.

Commissioners signed a "**proclamation**" setting the week of April 12 through 18 as **National Telecommunications Week to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.**

**Family Court Counselor** Deb Cruser discussed different options moving into a larger office. She explained having a bigger office is for the convenience of her clients not having to 'scrunch in' when meeting in her current office. Ms Cruser had spoken to **Sheriff Greg Allen** about office area in the **Sheriff's Department**, but the items stored there by the Sheriff would need to be moved and then the room itself would need 'fixed up'. The Commissioners are okay with Ms Cruser moving into the vacated **Community Corrections** room on the first floor of the Courthouse and if a second move to another office is needed, Ms Cruser is okay with that.

**County Attorney** Drew Young discussed issues at/with **Lake McCoy**. He needs a map of the area and a list of property owners to begin bringing that area up to standards.

Mr Nobbe stated he is waiting for Jill Hensley to back with him regarding the **Stay Well Clinic Contract**.

Mr Buening moved to accept the 'roll over contract' with **Knecht's Lawn Care** contingent upon it is in line with the 2014 contract. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Bill Reed of **RK Restoration LLC** asked Commissioners about replacing the louvres on the other side of the clock tower, finishing patchwork on the Courthouse exterior and performing the 'sound work' on the stone on the Courthouse. Mr Reed stated the 'stone strengthener' also acts as 'water proofing' the masonry works on the Courthouse. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Reed to submit a quote for those projects, but he told Mr Reed these projects may have to be put on hold until next year due to budget constraints. Also, the Commissioners are considering hiring an engineer to inspect the Courthouse to report the 'state of the Courthouse' and needed upkeep. Mr Buening has met with **United Consulting** to request a summary and quote for 'long range plans' which he should have before the next Commissioner meeting.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Buening moved to recess, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Meeting recessed.

The next Commissioner meeting will be April 20th, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

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John Richards, President

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