

Commissioners Meeting

May 18, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Rick Nobbe and Jerome Buening

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

The May 4th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr told the Commissioners he would like to 'roll over' the 2014 asphalt bid with **O'Mara Paving** with the stipulation a specific completion date agreed upon to for all work. Mr Buening moved to sign the 'roll over' bid, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Mohr has been contacted by **INDOT** stating they are over-budgeted on their 2016 bridge projects. They have offered an agreement to the County if we would 'push back' our Bridge #168 rehab project, **INDOT** would pay the County's twenty percent match, but this project may not 'let' for two to three years. After some discussion on the current condition of the bridge deck, the Commissioners decided not to delay this project. Mr Mohr will be accepting sealed bids for two pickups in a couple of weeks. The Commissioners reminded Mr Mohr about 'videoing' county road 700 west before the bridge work on State Road 3 in Jennings County begins.

Rob Duckworth, **EMA Director**, presented two grant agreements for the Commissioners review and approval. The first grant proposal is through **Homeland Security** for \$31,305.82 and the \$911.82 administration fee goes to **EMA** which they plan to use for computer upgrades. Mr Nobbe moved to sign the grant proposal, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. The second grant agreement is the result of 'unspent' monies at the Federal level being offered on a 'first-come request' basis with \$20,000 being the maximum awarded per request. Mr Duckworth submitted **EMA's** request in three days and has been notified **Decatur County EMA** will receive \$8,536 which will be used to replace the old generator in the mobile command unit. Mr Buening moved to sign the agreement, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Duckworth stated this grant puts Decatur County at receiving \$50,000 plus the fifty percent reimbursement for up to three EMA salaries. Mr Nobbe stated the **Decatur County LEPC** has met the State's criteria to receive \$5,500. Mr Duckworth gave a brief update on the **Central Dispatch** project which is a 'one million' dollar project completely funded without tax dollars. This project is scheduled to 'go live' in February 2016.

Clarksburg residents, Valeria and Scott Burchett, presented their concerns and complaints about two of their neighbors' stuff and trash littering properties along Main Street- County Road 640 North and County Road 690 E. She presented photos of the properties next to her property and across the road. Ms Burchett had spoken to Area Plan Director David Neuman last year and Larry Scudder and Richard Motz were warned to remove the old vehicles, old tires and trash from their properties, but most of those items are still there. Mr Burchett also asked about a building permit requiring a survey. A building permit was issued to Mr Scudder, which the Burchett's opposed, to put a 40' x 40' building on a 54' lot. Mr Burchett asked if Mr Scudder could close the ally, making it a private access to the new building. The Commissioners stated several steps are required to officially close an ally. **County Attorney** Drew Young has discussed this matter with **Area Plan Attorney** Melissa Scholl. Another issue brought to the Commissioners' attention is a building permit for a front porch (Scudder) is set to expire July 28, 2015- has been 'red tagged'- stopped by the Building Inspector.

Greensburg Mayor Gary Herbert and **City Engineer** Ron May discussed the steps for transferring real estate- 128 Railroad Street- from the **Commissioners' Tax Sale** to the **City of Greensburg**. This property has some environmental issues, mainly underground storage tanks. **IDEM** has recommended not removing the tanks just yet- an application from both the City and County requesting an 'exemption from liability' under Indiana law and/or IDEM policy should be obtained prior to transferring the property.

Mr Nobbe asked Mayor Herbert if the City would be agreeable to sharing the landscaping costs to the Courtyard. Mayor Herbert agreed to pay half of the \$2,910 cost.

Carl Faris and several adjoining property owners voice they concerns about a property which doesn't have the electric turned on, the septic system has collapsed, the well is contaminated and the stench is horrible. The **Board of Health** has not pursued this matter/issue. The Commissioners asked Mr Young to

send property owner Doug Burton a letter with a specific deadline to 'get the property cleaned up' and if Mr Burton doesn't comply, file a complaint through the Courts.

Mike Baumgartner, **Veterans Service Officer**, presented a copy of a letter concerning someone falling in a van owned by the **Disabled American Veterans**. The van driver wasn't aware anyone had fallen and Mr Baumgartner stated the County is not responsible.

The Commissioners signed **Ordinance 2015-2 to limit parking on certain County property**. This ordinance was approved at the May 4th meeting.

Mr Young will take a closer look at a thirty-six month contract submitted by **Cintas** for janitorial supplies since the Commissioners would prefer a twelve month contract.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve a 'Request for use of facilities' submitted by **Right to Life** to place white crosses on the Courthouse lawn for seven days. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Repairing one of the Courthouse boilers versus purchasing a new, energy-efficient boiler and what monies are available was discussed. Mr Richards stated capital expenses have been paid out of **EDIT monies**. Mr Buening also suggested using **EDIT monies** to pay for landscaping on the west side of the Courthouse which would include replacing twenty-four boxwoods and spirea, putting mulch down and "refilling of the flowerpots" on the light poles. Mr Nobbe will check with Mayor Herbert and Wendy Blake of **Main Street Greensburg** for finance assistance.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be June 1st, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____