

Commissioners Meeting

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

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The June 15th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr stated there will be a “field check” on Bridge 168- a walk-around to locate utilities, etc. ; gave an update on his recent requests to the County Council for additional monies for the **Highway, LRS and Cumulative Bridge** funds- the **Department of Local Government Finance** approved the \$300,000 for **Highway**, denied the \$290,000 for **LRS** and the \$100,000 request for **Cum Bridge** is pending per letter from **DLGF**. Mr Mohr gave the Commissioners a list/map of paving jobs which would benefit the most residents- he asked for their input. Several property owners in the **Cottonwood Subdivision** have asked Mr Mohr to pave a ‘stretch of stone road’ near County Road 500 South going west. Seven different property owners who would benefit have offered to pay \$20,000 of the estimated \$60,000 cost. The Commissioners have decided to take this request under advisement.

Jenny Harrison and Kelly Benedict of **Centerstone** presented an overview of services provided to Decatur County residents in 2014. Decatur County paid \$171,890 from tax revenues as mandated by State Statute. **Centerstone** has provided \$313,143 value of care to residents with no insurance or financial resources. Operational expenses, salaries and fringe benefits totaled \$987,777 which was paid by **Centerstone**. Ms Benedict, Decatur County Clinic Coordinator, told Commissioners each high school will have their own therapist as school based services are expanding. Most of their services are for “mood disorders” as well as the drug and alcohol abuse. She stated anyone can “walk in” during business hours for help.

Amy Cain explained her situation regarding the property owned by Douglas Burton located at 5734 S Co Rd 100 W. Ms Cain stated she has a verbal land contract with Mr Burton and it is a “work in progress” to “fix the property”. The power/electric is back on; she’s working on the pump in the well; hopes to demolish the garage and shed this year and next year the dwelling since it has termites. She is planning to place a log cabin on the property to live in. Ms Cain did say family members are camping on the property because they will help in “cleaning up” the property, but the rainy weather has delayed their plans. Mr Nobbe told Ms Cain she has more problems than what she is stating: she needs written contracts for the property and any work to be done on it. **County Attorney** Drew Young asked Ms Cain if there is a paved or gravel driveway; the status and size of the septic system- whether it will service a one bedroom dwelling. Ms Cain said she was told the septic system is okay for a two bedroom dwelling. Mr Young stated Mr Burton is the person he and the **Board of Health Sanitarian** should be having this discussion with since Ms Cain is not the legal owner of this property. Mr Young did send a letter to Mr Burton twenty-five days ago, but hasn’t received a response. He also believes filing a lawsuit against Mr Burton may be the only solution to this situation.

Edward Cooper and Kelly Zullo of **Neace Lukens Insurance** asked the Commissioners to make an official change in the County’s health insurance **Plan Document**. A clear explanation needs to be stated when an employee resigns, retires or is dismissed as to when their health insurance coverage stops. Employee benefits end on the last day worked, and then **Cobra** “takes over”. Our **TPA/Health Smart** sends a letter to the person to offer **Cobra** which is the same health plan but they would pay the **Cobra** rate. Mr Young will draw up a statement to change our **Plan Document**, send it to Ms Zullo to review and add to our “document”. On another matter, Mr Cooper told the Commissioners he believes the issue with **Sagamore’s** repricing on a certain employee’s bill is a “collections issue”. Ms Zullo stated the “**Sagamore network**” won’t disclose ‘discounts’ applied to their billing, not even to **Third Party Administrators**; still the TPA should have ‘caught’ the clerical error. The first quarter report on the health insurance coverage was presented to the Commissioners. Reimbursements to ‘covered employees’ has been slow due to **Health Smart** not having id numbers for local physicians. There will be a “health insurance” meeting on July 20th at 10:00 a.m. to review the first quarter report and Mr Cooper promised the Commissioners will have the Plan Document, in printed form, by July 20th.

Marc Coplan, **Economic Development Commission Director**, presented the quarterly report on our community’s growth. Decatur County currently has seven Japanese companies with direct investments, so he’s thinking this may be the direction to go in his search for businesses looking to build or relocate.

The **EDC's Revolving Loan Fund** helped the **Blueberry Hill Pancake House and Restaurant** developer on North Lincoln Street get their business up and running. Mr Coplan believes an "event center" would be a regional draw for those looking for a place for wedding receptions, class reunions, etc.

Mr Young told Commissioners he doesn't believe **Sagamore** will not respond favorably to his letter and if the County files a lawsuit, they may have to add **IU Health** to the list of defendants. On another matter, he told the Commissioners he is working with Krista Duvall, **Building Inspector**, on the Larry and Teresa Scudder property in Clarksburg and he sees a solution: if Mr Scudder would put up a nice, eighty-four inch high fence around his property, it would make things look better. Mr Scudder showed Mr Young and Ms Duvall four other properties with 'issues' in Clarksburg. Mr Buening believes there's "a lot of gray areas" in our current ordinances which should be addressed in our next Comprehensive Plan.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve a "request for use of facilities" submitted by Deanna Young of the **First Baptist Church** for July 12th. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve a transfer of \$2500 from "Microfilm to Outside Consultants" within their budget. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. After some discussion on a second transfer request for janitorial supplies in the Courthouse budget, Mr Nobbe moved to transfer \$3,000 from the "Telephone appropriation to Janitorial supplies". Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe asked Mr Young to send a letter to Steve Harless, **Deputy Commissioner Indiana Department of Administration**, stating Decatur County does want the **DNR property** also known as the "Old Reservoir" property west of town. Mr Nobbe stated Nathan Smith of **Government Services/Indiana Region** told him specifically the **State of Indiana** would give this property to the County at no cost. He also talked about some needed changes in the **Personnel Policy**- the **Personnel Policy** committee usually meets late Summer, early Fall to review any proposed updates or changes.

Mr Richards said a job description has been drafted for the Area Plan Director's position by a committee of Albert Armand, Andy Scholle and Mr Richards. They also reviewed Dearborn County's Area Plan's responsibilities thinking some duties Dearborn County includes could be "married" to our AP Director's duties. Mr Young will review and check with Mr Richards by the end of the week.

Mr Buening asked if any work is planned on the Courthouse roof since Doug Ellerman had submitted two proposals. Mr Nobbe had reviewed a quote from Mr Ellerman for \$46,200 to work on the west side roofs where the chillers are located; also a quote for \$24,675 for the roof over Judge Day's office area. He further stated July or August would be a good time to do that. After reviewing funds in the **Plans and Implementations** appropriation, Mr Nobbe suggested authorizing the work over Judge Day's office area be done in 2015 and the job on the west side roof be scheduled for 2016.

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 July 20th, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

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Date: _____