

Commissioners Meeting

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

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The July 6th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, told the Commissioners his Department worked several hours over the weekend clearing trees, limbs and other storm debris from the roadways, as well as assisting **REMC**. He commended Rob Duckworth on the effectiveness of the **Mobile Command Center**-communications made a huge difference. The Commissioners confirmed the "traffic counters" on various county roads are part of **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's** steps in acquiring 'county data' for the "home repair grant" they are applying for. Mr Mohr offered to 'knock on doors' to let people know Franklin Street will be closed on August 4th when **United Consulting** brings in a crane with a 'basket' to go up to inspect the Courthouse Clock Tower. Mayor Gary Herbert is fine with closing the street and asked once the crane is on the Courthouse lawn, could the north lane of Franklin Street be opened- Commissioners agreed.

Danette Kennedy asked for a progress report on the ongoing issues on the Douglas Burton property on County Road 100 West. She stated over the weekend a huge tree fell on the house while people and children are still camping in tents on that property. Mr Richards said he has been in contact with Mr Burton personally and advised him he needs to go before the **Area Plan Commission** to ask for a variance before he can demolish the house. Mr Burton has contacted Krista Duvall, **Building Inspector for Area Plan** on filing the required forms for the variance. **County Attorney** Drew Young stated **Child Protective Services** has gone to the property at least once to assess the situation. He also reported the well is a good well and the septic has been inspected and is approved, but Mr Young didn't know what size of dwelling the septic system would service. Mr Nobbe feels there is a need for a "harder push" on enforcing ordinances regarding the camper while he wants to make sure these people have a place to go. Ms Kennedy stated there have been quite a few calls requiring the police to visit the property and she and others don't want anger to escalate over this situation. Mr Nobbe said it takes a long time to follow the correct process to accomplish removing anyone from a property. Marcia Foley said she is frustrated with this situation as she is trying to sell her property, but the nearby Burton property is having a negative impact on prospective buyers.

Children's' Advocacy Center spokesperson Sara Brichto presented updates on the investigations provided by the group for a nine county district. A staff of three has "seen" 262 children in Decatur County over the last five years. The **CAC** is requesting \$10,000 in funding for 2016 or any amount the Commissioners/county could provide would be much appreciated. Mr Nobbe asked for additional information including what other counties contribute.

Rob Duckworth gave an update on the **Spillman Project**. After about twelve weeks of onsite training, it has now been "live" for about four weeks. The Jail is scheduled to go live August 10th. He will be asking the **Redevelopment Commission** for additional monies for purchasing a "locating module". Also, a certified system administrator will be trained per the **Spillman** agreement.

The Commissioners thanked Mr Duckworth on/in the **EMA's Command Center** - the storms which rolled through Decatur County last Friday evening (July 17th) put it to the test and the **Center** proved to be a very useful tool.

Mr Duckworth is almost finished with his portion of the **Courthouse Security project**- upon completion he will turn it over to the **Sheriff**. The parking signs should be up this week, so the "go live" date is set for next Monday, July 27th. He's ready to proceed with notices stating the only public entrance is the north door. Mr Duckworth also told the Commissioners he will be presenting an "inter-local agreement" regarding funding for **Central Dispatch** for their approval.

Drew Young reported a dumpster has been delivered to the Motz family in Clarksburg for cleaning up their property. He also reported the Scudders will eventually get their property in compliance. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Young if he has sent the letter to **DNR** regarding the Reservoir property as the Commissioners would like to start plans for a bike path using this property. Mr Young stated will get that letter sent today.

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 August 3rd, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____