

Commissioners Meeting

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

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The July 20th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, told the Commissioners Bridge #188 is nearing completion on Vandalia Road; a crew has been working on a bridge on County Road 850 West reinforcing the 'walls'. Mr Mohr and David Israel of Clay Township have reviewed/discussed the drainage problems in Burney and surrounding farmland. Mr Israel stated years ago some residents of Burney had put in tile and sediment tanks hoping to alleviate the problem. He also added that tile has most likely collapsed and changes in ownership little or no maintenance has been done. Mr Mohr has some concerns over another related problem- septic systems in the drainage problem area. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed Mr Mohr would do some investigative work/digging on a small scale next year since some of the affected area has crops to be harvested this Fall.

Matt Ballard described the 'shaking windows' in his house when "booms created by the bird cannon" is set off by **Hulsbosch Farms**. The noise is disrupting his children's sleep as well as their homework activities. The cannon isn't 'fired' continuously, but what if more people start using them? He lives approximately one-half mile from that dairy farm. Commissioners agreed neighbors should get together and work these types of things out. Mr Ballard asked about a "specialty ordinance" or even a ban on such cannons. **County Attorney Drew Young** stated currently Decatur County doesn't have an ordinance to address this issue. Mr Young will contact neighboring counties to see how they handle similar issues.

Prosecuting Attorney Nathan Harter and Children's' Advocacy Center spokesperson Sara Brichto presented updates on investigations/interviews provided by the **CAC** group for a nine county district. Mr Harter stressed the importance of "discovering or getting to the facts" in the **CAC's** forensic interviews and several agencies (law enforcement, DCS, Prosecutor) may share information from an interview, so the child doesn't have to 'tell the event' again to each agency. Mr Harter suggested the Commissioners make an ongoing commitment to financially support the **CAC**. Mr Nobbe suggested Ms Brichto "get in front of the County Council" to request funding; also she may want to contact the **United Fund** and Tami Wenning at the **Community Foundation**.

Ron May, Greensburg City Engineer, told Commissioners a new analysis survey has been completed and submitted to the **Department of Natural Resources** as one of the final steps in revising the flood maps along **Gas Creek** on the east side of Greensburg. Mr May said about forty to forty-six parcels would be removed from the flood hazard plain and maybe four to six would be added. He asked if the Commissioners would consider signing an "overview and concurrence acknowledgment form", as the City has already done this, to be sent to **U.S Dept of Homeland Security FEMA**. Mr Buening moved to sign the acknowledgment form, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Richards signed two forms, one of which is for the Commissioners' records.

Mr Nobbe had asked Scott Kohler of **Peine** for costs to repair the boiler and replacing it with a more efficient boiler. The repair cost would be approximately \$15,000 while replacing the boiler would cost \$60,000 and the County should see a savings of around \$7,000 in heating bills and \$5,000 in operating costs. Mr Buening stated it makes sense to pay for a replacement boiler out of the Commissioners' budget line item- plans and implementations

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 August 17th, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____