

Commissioners Meeting

September 21, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The September 8th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported **Precision-** contractor responsible for the roads the gas lines went under- is ready to 'settle' and pay \$39,000 to cover repairs where the pipeline 'cut' through several county roads. Negotiations for payment to repair the road damages are on-going with **Enterprise** since they are responsible for damage incurred on all roads used to transport pipe and equipment on. Mr Mohr asked if there are any available monies in the Commissioners' budget to pay for a concrete pad to mix the salt and sand for treating roads during the winter months. Currently this procedure is done on a gravel area which adds foreign material to the 'mix'. The cost of the concrete pad would be approximately \$5,000. He also requested monies for an asphalt approach near the salt building to keep water from running down Base Road into that area. Mr Mohr will contact **Dave O'Mara Paving** to lay the asphalt as 'reclaimed materials' wouldn't last with the truck traffic going to the salt building. He estimated that cost to be around \$6,000. The Commissioners approved Mr Mohr's two requests and they will pay the two invoices from **Plans and Implementations and/ or Cum Cap Development**. Mr Mohr told Commissioners the trees have been trimmed on County Road 1100 South and Water Plant Road and will need trimmed again next April. **CHA** should be done with **Phase II of the Bridge Inspection**.

Sara Anderson, **Constellation Energy Pricing**, told Commissioners there will be about a five cent increase in natural gas prices for 2016. She suggested going to a new program- **Management Portfolio-** which uses a 'variable rate' which floats with the market; so Decatur County would pay only for what we use. Currently **Vectren** is charging \$5.50 per dekatherm where **Constellation** charges \$3.50 - \$3.75 per dekatherm. Another option would be to buy sixty percent of what we may need and buy the remainder at market price. Mr Buening moved to enter into the **Management Portfolio Program** with **Constellation**, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve a **Request for Use of Facilities** submitted by **New Directions** to have their display set up for seven days. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. The display is to raise awareness of domestic violence.

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 October 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President
