

Commissioners Meeting

February 1, 2016, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** reported the right-of-way agreements for **Bridge #168** have been approved by **INDOT** and he will go forward in acquiring those. Bid openings for stone, aluminum structural plate, corrugated aluminum pipe, gasoline, diesel fuels, milling and patching and hot mix has been advertised for 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr Mohr is researching financial issues on the **Decatur County Pedestrian Trail** project. He hopes to discuss this with **INDOT** at their quarterly report Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Schneider Corp** believes there are outstanding invoices to be paid. **County Attorney Drew Young** has reviewed the road usage agreement between **Rockies Express Pipeline LLC and Board of Commissioners** for the construction of the Rockies Express Pipeline St Paul natural gas compressor station to be located at 7683 N Co Rd 650 W, Greensburg, IN 47240. After some discussion, Mr Nobbe moved to sign the agreement, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. This project has a 2017 completion date.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** presented **Decatur County Ordinance 2014-15, Tall Grass (Rockies Express Pipeline)** is petitioning to rezone 20.06 acres, out of an 80 acre tract, from A-1 to B-3. According to Ms Duvall, after the project is completed only nine acres will be classified as 'permanently disturbed', the remaining acreage will be 'in production'. **Building Commissioner Kenny Buening** has investigated complaints from a St Paul property owner's attorney due to an adjoining building falling in causing water leakage to their building. He has taken pictures of the exterior, but he has not entered the property. A lawsuit has been filed by Dee Hogg against the property owner to the west of her property. Decatur County is not being sued for the time being, but Mr Young believes the County has a duty to ensure no ordinances are being violated.

Allen Stewart, spokesperson for the **Cottonwood Lake Economic Development Board**, presented an annual update. He requested a list of property owners who have paid the 'other assessment' fees for paving the roads in their subdivision. Their Board is discussing/reviewing an option to ask the County to 'take over' these roads/include them in our 'road inventory'.

**Central Dispatch Director Tiffany Bowling** updated the Commissioners on the new **Central Dispatch Center**. The official opening of the center has been delayed for a couple more weeks due to delivery delays of touch screen computers and telecommunications provider completing their tasks. All of the personnel have moved into the **Sheriff's building** which has helped in cross-training. Ms Bowling requested approval to apply for a **Wal-Mart** card for emergency purchases since her department works 24/7. After some discussion, Mr Buening moved to allow Ms Bowling to establish a **Wal-Mart account** for her department, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Ms Bowling presented a twenty-four month **"Agreement for SIP trunk Services" from ETC**. Mr Nobbe moved to enter an agreement with **ETC** for trunk services, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

**Sheriff Greg Allen** asked the Commissioners to purchase three new vehicles for this department. Currently, there are fifteen deputies plus himself which requires sixteen vehicles. Sheriff Allen would like to stay on a five-year rotation for each vehicle. He plans to trade four vehicles and get two new **AWD Dodge Chargers** plus a **Ford Explorer SUV** for a little over \$76,000. The Commissioners decided to study the request a little bit more and will give their answer later.

**Sheriff Allen** presented information on the current jail building, current number of inmates and the monthly average and the impact of changes in the laws on case types and sentencing. He would like to form a committee to sit down and come up with a solution to an aging facility and an increasing jail population which will most likely point to 'doing a feasibility study'. Sheriff Allen is meeting with a jail inspector in March in hopes of getting some insight/help with options and solutions.

Mr Young will present updated forms/contracts for usage of County properties, along with revised rental fees for the Fair Grounds at the next Commissioners' meeting. Mr Nobbe gave an update on his meeting with Barbara Gallegos of **Assured Neace Lukens** on the County's liability insurance. Ms Gallegos suggested requiring all departments to use a 'standardized work application form'. Mr Young and the

Commissioners will review the form. Mr Nobbe will contact the different Boards whose members' terms do not end on December 31 of any given year; then Mr Young will draft a letter requesting those Boards change to an "end of term on December 31<sup>st</sup>". The goal of the **Technical Review Committee** is to facilitate the process for submitting a legal survey/plat since several departments in the Courthouse are involved. Those departments meet to review submitted surveys, notify the party of any needed corrections, changes and/or needed information for the final approval/acceptance of the plat for recording. This committee was formed in hopes of 'streamlining' the recording process. Mr Young will also present the revised cell phone policy for the Commissioners' approval at their next meeting.

Mr Buening moved to approve a Request for Use of Facilities submitted by Deon Fogle and Danielle Matthews to use the Westport Covered Bridge on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Nobbe moved to approve a request for use of the south side of the Courthouse lawn for the **Decatur County United Fund's 'Strawberry Festival'** on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe has received the **2016 Stay Well Contract**, a couple of changes were requested so he will present that at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting.

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 February 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

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John Richards, President

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