

Commissioners Meeting

April 18, 2016, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The April 4th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr told Commissioners work on the **Rockies Pressure Station** is 'going strong'. Mr Mohr will contact **INDOT** regarding their 2018 proposed work on **I-74 East** since our County Road 850 East was listed as a 're-route' for traffic ; he will ask **INDOT** to use the exit at Batesville instead. Mr Mohr asked the Commissioners if they would approve spending approximately \$15,000 in Cumulative Bridge Funds to improve some drainage issues near **S & M Farms** (Smiley's), on the west side of Burney. They (Smiley's) are currently doing some tiling in the fields and now would be an opportune time for the Highway Department. The Commissioners discussed involving the **Soil and Water Department** or maybe use leftover funds in the **Sardinia Project**. **House Bill 1001** has created some confusion on road funding for counties with a population of less than fifty thousand. **LTAP** (Local Technical Assistance Program) is offering 'schooling' on road assessment since the **HB 1001** specifically requires several programs be in place to qualify for those 'grant funds'. Mr Mohr will send a letter to **Greensburg Community Schools Superintendent Tom Hunter** stating Bridge #236 on East Central Avenue near the **Greensburg Middle School** was inspected by **United Consulting** who submitted a 'repair solution' for that bridge and that repair has been completed. **Zayo Utilities** contacted Mr Mohr about putting 'utilities' in the County's right-of-way on Highway 421 and also near Downeyville. He informed **Zayo** workers if those utilities have to be moved, it will be at the owners' expense. Mr Richards did request to be updated anytime contact information changed. Mr Nobbe moved approve the permit for **Zayo**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Mohr about control methods for Canadian Thistle. It's still the property owner's responsibility to control- which is done when planting crops- but not so much is done on the roadsides/ditches. He will contact **INDOT** to ask where their responsibility lies and where the County's would be.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have any reports to present this morning.

David Straughn, representing Camp Woodsmoke, requested permission from the Commissioners to replace a dozen signs along various roads directing people to **Camp Woodsmoke**. He is working with Ms Duvall and Tim Ortman, as well as the **Area Plan Commission** to replace the deteriorated/vandalized signs. **APC** rules state no signs in zone "A-1" are to be in the public right-of-way unless they are owned by the County. Mr Mohr asked if any of these signs would be 'grandfathered in'. Ms Duvall stated if **Camp Woodsmoke** finds/uses the same poles for the 'replacement signs', they could proceed with this project.

Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Ashley Hungate to the **Decatur County Contractual Library Board**, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

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 May 2nd, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____