

Commissioners Meeting

May 2, 2016, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The April 18th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall distributed the May 4th agendas for both the **Area Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals** meetings. **Decatur County Ordinance 2015-9**, Don Mauer petitioning to rezone ten thousand square feet from A-1 to A-2 for a cell phone tower and **Decatur County Ordinance 2016-5**, Darrell Hull petitioning to rezone 2.41 acres from A-1 to A-2 for construction of a single family detached dwelling were approved by the Commissioners. Mr Richards asked Ms Duvall if the claim/invoice for **Burke Engineering** was regarding the storm water for **REX** and she confirmed it was. **County Attorney Drew Young** will send it to the **Burke Engineering's** attorney.

Sheriff Greg Allen presented his request for three new vehicles for 2016 at a price tag of \$78,000. He would like to purchase two all-wheel drive **Chargers** and a **Ford** utility vehicle. Mr Allen explained he tries to stay on a schedule "purchasing three vehicles per year" which puts those vehicles on a five-year rotation. He will be trading four vehicles and purchasing three. Mr Richards asked how many miles are on each vehicle. Mr Allen stated between 130,000 and 140,000 miles. Currently the **Sheriff's Department** has 19 or 20 vehicles which include the **Jail's** vehicles. Mr Richards asked if officers log their mileage- Mr Allen stated he receives a 'gas sheet' from **Country Mark (Premier Ag)**. Commissioners voiced concerns on officers using vehicles for 'jobs on the side'. Mr Allen said that is no longer done. Mr Buening asked if there are any other expected purchases this year and Mr Richards said the **EMS Director** has asked for a new ambulance. Mr Allen has made some changes concerning the patrol car for Courthouse Security- the car will remain in the sally port when the Courthouse is closed; so all three officers drive their personal vehicle to the Courthouse. Mr Nobbe moved to purchase a **2016 Dodge Charger and a 2016 Ford Explorer utility vehicle**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. On another topic, Mr Allen has received a staff analysis report, so he will be meeting with **DLZ** to discuss a feasibility study for a new jail sometime in June. He has asked both judges and the prosecutor to be on this committee; he'll also need one of the County Commissioners and one Council person.

Wendy Blake, Main Street Greensburg Director, presented her "Request for Use of Facilities" for the seasonal **Farmers' Market** beginning May 13th and continuing through October 14th. Their current insurance certificate is on file in the Auditor's office and Ms Blake will send the renewal insurance as soon as she receives it. Mr Buening moved to allow **Main Street Greensburg** to conduct the Farmers' Market on the south side of the Courthouse lawn for the specified dates. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Tim Ortman told the Commissioners that on November 9, 2015, the **Decatur County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee** and **CHA** agreed upon meeting dates and times, topics and to use sign-in sheets for attendance. In the last couple of weeks, a member of the **Steering Committee** has decided to schedule a special meeting for May 9th at 7:00 pm which is not included in the contract with **CHA**. The contract with **CHA** specified a set schedule of events as well as a website for the public to respond/comment on the Comp Plan Drafts. Since the comment period has ended, Cynthia Bowen and Adam Peaper of **CHA** are deciphering/compiling the public's input into a report for the Steering Committee. Ms Duvall commented she hasn't received any communications since the 'comment period' ended. She believes everybody needs to get 'back on the same page'- maybe call a special meeting. Mr Ortman reiterated this is **Decatur County's Comp Plan**, so 'we need to follow the contract's steps/process to completion'. After the first draft was emailed to Steering Committee members and no comments were received, a 'resend or second email' was sent out. Mr Nobbe suggested calling steering committee members to let them voice their opinions/thoughts. Mr Richards believes if there are enough issues to call a meeting, Ms Bowen of **CHA** should lead the meeting, being neutral as possible. She probably should email steering committee members reminding them of the steps/process for adopting a

final Comprehensive Plan. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed emails are fine for the time being as meetings without structure may do more harm than good.

Mr Nobbe will check with **EMA Department** to see what **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is available- maybe through grants- since the AED on the second floor needs a new battery. Ideally we need two- a new one for the second floor as well as have one at the Security Desk in the north lobby.

Security Officer Darin Miley answered questions on the proposed modifications for two cameras for better monitoring. There have been 36,359 individuals screened since July 27, 2015 and 9,536 'alarmed' on the first attempt. One camera outside the north door- installing a 24 inch arm to extend the camera to achieve a full 180 degree view (currently 90 degree) and installing a 20 inch arm to extend the camera for a full 130 degree view (currently 70% view) behind the Security Desk. The quote by **Simplex Grinnell** is \$1,598 for both arms installed. Mr Buening moved to allow the purchase of the proposed modifications, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Miley will contact both Judges for any available monies for modifications.

Mr Nobbe moved to enter in an agreement with **SRI** for tax sale services. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. **SRI's** fee increased from \$70 to \$75 per parcel.

Counties, cities, all political subdivisions are mandated to adopt standards for internal controls setting materiality thresholds for reporting irregular variances, losses, shortages and thefts. Ordinances adopted by Wells County officials and Delaware County officials were reviewed to better understand what information should be included when our Commissioners and Council adopt the ordinance(s) for Decatur County employees.

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 May 16th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____