

Commissioners Meeting

August 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The July 18th meeting minutes were corrected and approved as corrected.

The claims and payroll claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr stated that the Road Asset Plan was submitted to LTAP on July 27th. Also on same day, the Community Crossing Grant Application was submitted to INDOT. There are 13 total projects with a total of 42 miles. INDOT will review applications and make awards in mid-August. Dave O'Mara's Construction had to sign a contract/cost agreement saying they are able to commit to project. All money is sitting in correct fund with the Auditors Office ready to go when approved. Mr. Mohr thanked Tim Ortman for all of his time gathering information and crunching numbers to get this grant for the County. Mr. Mohr has sent off the commitment letter to INDOT for **Title IV**. He will email Commissioners link to the job description for the Title VI Coordinator position. Commissioner Rick Nobbe asked **Greensburg Mayor Dan Manus** who is in charge of this for the City. Mr. Manus stated that Ron May is in charge. There may be interest in using the same person to cover both City and County. **Burney Drainage Project** found a tank and outlet that was completely plugged. Gordon Smiley stating he is willing to give over an easement so the County can have access for future services. United Consulting was picked by the RFPs for the Bridge Inspections. Once approved, will be ready for signatures. Pricing is up by 20% due to more in depth inspection requirements. There is an 80/20 reimbursement.

EMA Director Robert Duckworth is asking for approval for a communications site to be located in Letts. The tower has been approved by TIF. County will pay lease and electricity from the 911 fund. State of Indiana will take over the cost of updates. There will be a 20 year contract with Motorola. Project is scheduled to be finished by March of 2017. Mr. Buening was pleased with how the meeting went and made motion to approve funding. Mr. Nobbe seconded and Mr. Richards concurred. Contract was given to attorney Drew Young to look over and have back at the next meeting.

Tourism board member **Bill Smith** talked about the reorganization of the Visitors and Recreation position. **Gary Herbert** is the new interim director as of August 1, 2016. The goals are to be more transparent and open up lines of communication. The board will meet on a monthly basis and will be open to the public. Mr. Smith announced that they do have a **public address system** that is free to use for events. A \$100.00 deposit is required at time of rental but is refunded when equipment is brought back in good condition. Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Ernie Gauck and Mr. Rick Nobbe for keeping this issue moving and holding them accountable.

County Attorney **Drew Young** presented an **Oath for Board Members**. This oath binds board members to their duties they need to hold up to their responsibilities. Mr. Young will get this to the Auditors office and they will distribute out to each board president.

Arts and Culture Council submitted a **Request of use of facilities** for the Courthouse lawn on August 5, 2016. Mr. Nobbe made the motion to allow, Mr. Buening seconded the motion and Mr. Richards concurred.

Attorney Drew Young has not heard back from lawyer regarding the Bell Family issue.

Commissioner Jerome Buening had a meeting with Rick Hall of Barnes and Thornburg, Matt Eckerle with Umbaugh and a few other County employees regarding the funding for the Courthouse Renovation. Mr. Eckerle will put together some options for funding and return to the Auditors office for review.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe stated that a Dedication Mass for the new St. Mary's Church will take place on August 13, 2016. There has been some concern regarding the gravel road on Base Rd East and 46. There may be more traffic once the church opens to justify turning the gravel road to black top. Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr is open to doing a traffic count.

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

John Richards, President

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Date: _____