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Commissioners Meeting

November 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

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

The October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** reported the stone shoulders for the **13 Community Crossing Grant** projects should be completed by the end of the week if all goes well. He will then contact **INDOT** so they will come to Decatur County to verify the projects have been completed. Hopefully the State's \$1,000,000 match monies will be sent to us in November. The asphalt approaches to Bridge #2 have been repaved by **O'Mara Paving** at no charge; the striping has also been completed. New appraisals have been completed after property line discrepancies were resolved for purchasing 'right-of way' for Bridge #168. Mr Mohr is hoping the two property owners agree to sell, which avoids a long delay in this bridge project. Once the right-of way is purchased, he will contact **INDOT** for a 'letting date'. Mr Mohr will meet with **INDOT** for an early co-ordination meeting on Bridge #236 project on East Central Street near the Greensburg Junior High School. He did 'sign up' for a pilot program where the County will do the advertising and **INDOT** will take the lead on this project-negotiate all the contracts and do the inspections.

**County Coroner Doug Banks** presented his budget concerns to the County Council at their October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting- the autopsy appropriation is \$-2800- they suggested he speak to the Commissioners. He told the Commissioners 2016 has been a strange/odd year in that an above normal number (13 so far) autopsies have been done and the year isn't over. Since the Coroner's Budget has only \$20,000 for an estimated "one autopsy per month" the County Auditor suggested Mr Banks speak to the Commissioners, who may have monies in their 2016 Budget to cover those additional autopsy costs. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to consider Mr Banks' request and get back to him.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** didn't have anything to present to the Commissioners today.

**Robert Anderson of Liberty National Corporation** spoke about the various 'plans' his company offers for term life insurance as well as for cancer and critical care insurances. The Commissioners referred him to our Insurance Committee.

**Patty Jackson of Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission** held 'bid opening #2' for HVAC and Construction work for the **Decatur County, Greensburg and Westport Home Rehab Project**. Four contractors submitted bids for HVAC: **Dodson Comfort Solutions, Grant's Pro Contracting, Stier's Heating and Cooling and Mitchell and Sons**. There were also four contractors who submitted bids for construction: **Grant's Pro, Ertel Construction, Bob Crosthwaite and Jackson Construction**. After Ms Jackson read aloud the bid amounts for the eight properties, Mr Buening moved to take the bids under advisement, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Ms Jackson will review the specifics of the bids and then will make recommendations to the Commissioners. Work has been completed on two houses in **bid opening #1**, just waiting on the home inspector to complete his part on those two.

**Attorney John Molitor**, who specializes in land use and zoning, explained some options the Commissioners have in making appointments to the **Area Plan Commission**. Mr Molitor had spoken with Commissioner Buening about the **Area Plan** structure and terms; he has also spoken to **Comprehensive Plan** consultant Cynthia Bowen. According to Mr Molitor the Commissioners have two options: adopt a local ordinance setting out organization/structure and service terms or follow **State Statutes**. The incorporated small towns must also adopt the same ordinance if the County Commissioners chose this option. This local ordinance would also specify who makes appointments to the **APC** as well as the 'service term schedule'. He also recommended passing a 'ratification ordinance' to legitimize zoning ordinances going back as well as any plans going forward. Mr Buening asked if the three current 'voting, Greensburg APC members' would become 'ex officio' members. Mr Molitor answered he's not sure how or why those three are on the **County's Area Plan Commission** and since **Greensburg** is not participating in the **County's APC**, they're not entitled to sit on the **County APC**. Mr Nobbe asked if they keep the

current setup of six members, delete the three city appointments and add the **Advisory Council on Small Towns'** appointment, could they keep the **Board's** existing terms' schedule? Mr Molitor stated if they (County Commissioners) adopt an ordinance setting out the number of members, the starting and ending dates of terms of the **Area Plan Commission members;** they could also state how many appointments the Commissioners, County Council, Decatur County School Corporation and the Advisory Council on Small Towns would have. Mr Richards stated he prefers to follow **State statute** which requires one member of the **Board of Commissioners** and one member of the **County Council** to be on the **Area Plan Commission**, which gives some oversight-accountability. Mr Buening is okay with leaving the 'terms' as they are already staggered plus the two new appointments to expire on December 31, 2018. He wants to 'get this right so as not to delay the **APC's** business. Ms Duvall stated the **County Surveyor** can't be appointed as a 'citizen' as that is an elected position, so the Commissioners would have to write and adopt an ordinance- the four incorporated towns would have to adopt that same ordinance- as previously stated. The **APC** will recommend their '**draft Comprehensive Plan**' to the **Commissioners** for their consideration to be adopted by the end of 2016. Mr Buening suggested working on a 'draft ordinance' stating options for the County Commissioners and County Council to make appointments in an effort to maintain the current makeup of the **APC**. Mr Richards reiterated he favors elected officials on the **APC**. **County Attorney Drew Young** and Mr Molitor will draft a few options for the Commissioners to review. Once the Commissioners decide on an 'ordinance', they will send that to the small town boards/councils so they may adopt the same ordinance.

**Decatur County Memorial Hospital EMS Manager Scott Chasteen** presented information on **H-GAC-** a company who has instituted a cooperative purchasing program- who does the steps of writing specs, advertising, taking bids for whatever a municipality might need, whether it's mowers, pickups, police cars, ambulances. Mr Chasteen stated it makes a lot of sense and is more effective in use of time and funds. This is an 'interlocal contract' for cooperative purchasing where the 'purchase' includes the membership fee. Mr Young will review the contract and he will let Mr Chasteen know if this might work for the purchase of an ambulance by the County Commissioners.

**Decatur County resident Ed Bohman** expressed his concerns on the bovine testing agreement sent to the **County Commissioners** by the **Indiana Board of Animal Health** requesting \$2,560 to be paid by the County for **TB Testing** on cattle herds in eastern Decatur County. Mr Bohman stated there are ten herds of cattle within one mile of an infected herd in Franklin County. This TB testing needs to be done by the first of 2017. He's hoping the **IBOAH** won't put his herd under quarantine. Mr Nobbe moved to transfer the \$2,560 from the Commissioners' budget line item- Plans and Implementations- to a new line item for TB Testing. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. The Commissioners signed the contract to budget monies each year for the TB Testing.

**Main Street Director Wendy Blake** shared information concerning her "**Request for Use of Facilities**" on December 10<sup>th</sup>- the **Downtown Holiday Walk** where Santa returns to visit with all. There will also be horse drawn trolley rides, two live reindeer in the County Parking lot to see and a timeline of events to be announced later. Mr Nobbe did ask Ms Blake to check if those reindeer are current for TB testing. Mr Buening moved to approve Ms Blake's request, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe asked the Auditor to 'put some notes together' on updating the County's Personnel Policy for the Commissioners to review and act on at their November 21<sup>st</sup> 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 November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

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John Richards, President

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