

Commissioners Meeting

November 21, 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 November 7th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported the stone shoulders for the **13 Community Crossing Grant** projects have been completed. There are a couple of issues with 'shoulders' for the Westport Covered Bridge, so they may put in 'matrices' since that is a high-water area. Mr Mohr met with **INDOT** for an early co-ordination meeting on Bridge #236 project on East Central Street near the Greensburg Junior High School. This project is going forward with RFP notices due out next April. The Commissioners signed the 'acceptance letter' to **INDOT** on Bridget #2 since the repaved asphalt approaches and the striping met highway standards. **INDOT** will now 'close' this project.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented two rezoning petitions for the Commissioners' consideration. **Decatur County Ordinance 2016-18**: petitioner Dave Wilson requesting to rezone 2.8 acres from A-1 to A-2 to build a new house; **Decatur County Ordinance 2016-14**: petitioners Paul Dunagan and James Thomas requesting to rezone 4.6 acres from A-1 to B-2 for a business to be located on property previously owned by the **American Legion**. **The Westport Town Board** did approve their resolution for rezoning (which Ms Duvall included in the paperwork for rezoning). The Commissioners approved both petitions.

Association of Retarded Citizens Board Member Paul Pank thanked the Commissioners for continuing financial support for 2017.

Patty Jackson of Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission read recommendations for 'bid opening #2' for HVAC and Construction work for the **Decatur County, Greensburg and Westport Home Rehab Project**: bids for the four HVAC projects: one bid awarded to **Dodson Comfort Solutions and** three bids awarded to **Grant's Pro Contracting**; for the eight construction projects: three bids awarded to **Ertel Construction**, four bids awarded to **Bob Crosthwaite and** one bid awarded to **Jackson Construction**. Mr Nobbe moved to accept the bids as recommended, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Ms Jackson also presented two lien agreements for Mr Richards' signature. Homeowners agree to live in the 'repaired homes' for three years, then they would not have to 'repay the grant-repair costs. Ms Jackson will have the agreements recorded as a lien against each property.

County Sheriff Greg Allen presented a request to purchase two vehicles for the Sheriff's Department- a **2017 Dodge Ram 1500 truck and a 2017 All-Wheel- Drive Dodge Charger**. The truck would be used for the K-9 officer since it is not 'pursuit rated.' The total for both vehicles would be about \$55,000 minus trade-in plus light bars. He hopes the trade-in value would reduce that \$55,000 total by about \$8-9,000. **School Resource Officer Rob Duckworth** told the Commissioners the 'memorandum of approval' with the **Decatur County School Corporation Superintendent Johnny Budd** is they purchase a vehicle every four years minus \$10,000 from the Commissioners for the **SRO**. Mr Budd is willing to purchase the SRO's vehicle one year early which then his 2014 Tahoe could go to the Sheriff's Department. Mr Buening moved to approve the purchase of the **Dodge AWD Charger and Dodge pick-up**, as long as the trade-in cost doesn't come out of the **Cumulative Capital Development fund**. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Ripley County EMA Director Patrick Rose presented a 'certificate of appreciation' to **Decatur County EMA Director Rob Duckworth** for all of the work he's done for them as well as the hours he dedicated to increasing the 'preparedness level' for **Emergency Management District 9**. The Commissioners also thanked Mr Duckworth for all he does to help various departments and projects.

Mr Duckworth gave an update on the various grants for Decatur County. He has received notice the State's reimbursement, \$13,279, for one-half of the two salaries expended in the **2015 EMA budget**. The **Local Emergency Planning Commission** received an award in October for their 'emergency response

plan'. Part of the **2016 SHSP Grant monies of \$25,619** will be used for 'generator transfer switches' to be installed at **Greensburg City Hall and the County Courthouse** for emergencies; also part of this money will be used to purchase **Samsung Tablets** for the **Damage Assessment Teams**. **The 2016 Performance Grant, \$50,034**, is being used to improve radio communications (eliminate 'dead zones') within the **North Decatur Elementary and High Schools and the Decatur County Memorial Hospital** via equipment being placed on a radio tower near the town of Letts. In summary: \$75,653 total grant funding awarded plus the \$13,279 2015 salary reimbursement for a grand total of \$88,932 received for Decatur County. Each Commissioner thanked Mr Duckworth and his group for all of their work in improving our emergency response endeavors. Mr Nobbe thanked Sheriff Allen for allowing Mr Duckworth to do what he does.

Mr Nobbe moved to accept the **2017 Purdue – Extension Services Contract**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Plans are being made for the 'Swearing In of newly elected officials' for 10:00 am on December 30th.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve the **2017 Holiday Schedule (State Court Administration's Holiday Schedule)** as presented. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

The Commissioners hope to announce their Board appointments in December.

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 December 5th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____