

Commissioners Meeting

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

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order. He asked all to observe a moment of silence for the veterans in commemoration of December 7th- Pearl Harbor.

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

Mr Nobbe moved to approve the November 21st meeting minutes as amended. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented one rezoning petition for the Commissioners' consideration. **Decatur County Ordinance 2016-15:** petitioners Nathaniel and Dana Boyd requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 to build a new house. The Commissioners approved the petition.

Community Action Coalition Director Tina Hoeing and Assistant Director Jenni Hanna presented their recommendations for the **2017 Grant Cycle awards** to eleven different agencies. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the recommended funding for the 2017 Grant Cycle for the CAC. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Purdue/Extension Educator Jeff Hermesch presented two quotes from **Levensteins Floor Coverings** for the meeting room at the **Extension Office**. Mr Hermesch did consider repairing the carpet, but the carpet is beyond repair. To replace the carpet with the same commercial grade would be around \$4,200; while going to a 'vinyl plank' would be a little under \$5,000. He doesn't need an answer today, but soon. After some discussion, Mr Buening moved to spend the \$4,985 to put the vinyl plank in the Extension Office meeting room. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Clair Fredrickson of the Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water District presented a Resolution for the Commissioners' approval to reappoint Paul Gosnell. Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Paul Gosnell for a term of four years; Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. The Commissioners did ask Mr Fredrickson to send a current list of board members to the Auditor's office since our list only have six members listed and there should be seven.

Hoosier Energy Representatives Josh Cisney and Keith presented information on a solar project to be placed near the **REMC Substation** east of Greensburg along I-74. This is one example of the "new generation resources" in **Hoosier Energy's** effort to keep energy costs affordable for consumers. After the Commissioners asked several questions, Ms Duvall stated the **Area Plan Commission** doesn't have the authority to approve or deny this project since it falls within the **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's** jurisdiction.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr explained the right-of-way issues on the **Bridge 168 project** have pushed the letting date to August 9, 2017. He has contacted the owners of the **Rockies Express Compression Station** regarding the damage done ('3-5 sub base issues') to the Frontage Road during their construction this year. He estimated around \$29,000 of repairs need to be done before the winter freeze-thaw cycle further destroys the road. The overlay for that part of the Frontage Road will be completed next spring and the **Rockies group** is to cover those costs. Mr Mohr asked the Commissioners if **Duke Energy** has contacted anyone about 'LED lights' for any of the County buildings. He has a quote from Dave Geis to 'change out' the outside lights at the Highway Department- \$8,000. Mr Nobbe stated there is \$7,170 in buildings and structures which could be used for that.

The **Board of Health** left a letter in the Auditor's office for today's Commissioners meeting. The letter is requesting the Commissioners' acknowledgment, should the **Health Department** receive approval for their grant request for a programmable sign, the sign will be located in front of the health department, the sign is to be used only by the Health Department to advertise health department related activities/items and the sign will not be utilized by other county offices or outside entities. The Commissioners tabled signing the letter until they have answers to several questions regarding the sign size; has the Board of Health contacted the **City- Ron May-** for approval of sign placement and the

annual operating cost of the sign. The Auditor will email Carol Beck, Health Department Office manager, those questions since no one from the Health Department was present at today's meeting.

Paperwork for the County Commissioners' 2017 appointment to **The Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission** should be returned to **SIRPC** before the end of December. Mr Nobbe currently serves on this board and he stated it's okay if he's not reappointed. Mr Richards asked Commissioner-elect Mark Koors if he would like to be appointed/serve on this board. Mr Koors said he would like to think about, so he will give the Commissioners his answer at their December 19th meeting.

Mr Richards read the **Proclamation** setting out December 11, 2016 as **Indiana Statehood Day and Bicentennial. The Indiana Bicentennial Flag, with a certificate stating this flag was flown at the Indiana State Capitol Building on October 26, 2016** was also mailed to the Commissioners.

Mr Nobbe asked that someone from the Auditor's visit each county office that has not completed the required **Internal Controls training** to explain the **DLGF** may not approve the County's budgets for 2017.

The Commissioners discussed adopting a local ordinance setting out the number of members and who makes those appointments for the **Area Plan Commission**. The Commissioners have reviewed several drafts and are considering **'version H' which calls for: the Board of Commissioners make two appointments- one Decatur County resident, the second appointment may be an elected Commissioner or their designee; the County Council would also make two appointments and like the Commissioners they may appoint an elected Council member and one county resident or two county residents; the Decatur County Community School Board would appoint a county resident; the Greensburg Community Schools' Superintendent, the County Surveyor and the County Extension Educator by virtue of their offices would be three members and the Advisory Council on Town Affairs would have one appointee. Per County Attorney Drew Young stated including an 'ex officio appointment' is an informal thing which doesn't have to be in the ordinance.** Mr Richards reiterated he stands firm that following the State Statues which sets out a County Commissioner and County Council member must sit on the **Area Plan Commission**. Mr Buening believes the appointees by the County Commissioners and Council brings a link to know what's happening at the **APC** meetings. Mr Nobbe stated all of the **APC's** petitions come before the County Commissioners for approval and he likes this draft, so he moved to approve *'Draft Ordinance, Version H'* providing changes to the **APC** will be taken to the appropriate entities for adoption. Mr Buening said while he does respect Mr Richards' opinion, he seconded Mr Nobbe's motion. Mr Richards did not concur.

The Commissioners will need to find someone to appoint to replace Melina Fox on the **EMA Board**.

The Commissioners are in the process of insuring the seventeen properties at Lake McCoy which they 'took deed' for. They will need to budget for cleanup and maintenance of those properties.

Mr Young is looking for someone with knowledge of what/how Conservancies function.

Mr Nobbe mentioned two proposed EMA projects: turbo kit to go under the Kubota- \$2,388.93 and finish out the EMA kitchen to provide meals for first responders when needed- \$21,415.

Proposed amendments to the County's Personnel Policy were discussed: striking the timeline of paying workman's comp from "beginning on the eight day" as that leaves the employee without pay for those seven days should they return on the tenth day after an injury; PTO will be paid out regardless whether the reason is quitting, retiring, layoff or termination as the employee has 'earned' the PTO so should be paid out. Statements will be presented at the Commissioners' December 19th meeting for approval.

Mr Buening and Mr Nobbe agreed to present the proposed ordinance for APC appointments to the towns for their approval/adoption.

Mr Buening would like to continue discussion on **HGACBuy**- the 'interlocal purchasing agreement' in the matter of vehicle purchases.

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 19th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

President

Attest _____

Date: _____