

Commissioners Meeting

December 19, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

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

The December 5th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported nine highway trucks were out treating icy roads this past weekend. His guys did a good job! The **State's Community Crossings** match of \$1,000,000 has been receipted into the **Community Crossings Grant fund** and **O'Mara Contractors** have been paid in full. Mr Mohr will contact our **INDOT** rep to schedule an inspection of each of the thirteen projects approved by **INDOT**. Information on the **2017 Community Grant** cycle indicates those grants will not be available until summer similar to 2016. He informed the Commissioners Highway Foreman Dave Luber passed away on Sunday, December 18th while on the job. He will be greatly missed. Mr Mohr thanked outgoing Commissioner John Richards for helping the Highway Department over the last twelve years. Mr Richards thanked Mr Mohr and his guys for taking pride in what they do.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to present this morning. She did say the Bells have filed a petition to be heard by the **Board of Zoning Appeals** in January.

Kelly Benedict and Jessica of Centerstone outlined services provided by their staff on an outpatient basis. **Centerstone** currently has at least one staff member in every school in Decatur County providing a therapist and guidance in life skills. Additional personnel are being dedicated in the 'addiction area'. Jessica stated treatment may be in groups or one-on-one counseling and half-way homes depending on the severity of the addiction. One of their main focuses is to 'get awareness out in the community'. Home based therapy is another option and support groups such as AA or Celebrate Recovery are needed.

Visitors and Tourism Director Gary Herbert presented a one year rental contract between Doug Rynard and the **Visitors and Tourism Group** drawn up by Board member Bill Smith. The office is located at 211 N Broadway with a monthly rent of \$300. Mr Nobbe moved to enter into this lease for a single tenant for one year. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Herbert is working on getting some comparisons on costs for renter's insurance. Mr Herbert learned after checking with Melanie Maxwell on the restoration of the statute of Private Shaw, that project has not been completed; so he is working on that.

EMA Director Rob Duckworth presented a quote- \$2,388.93- to install a turbo kit on EMA's **Kubota** for rescue situations on hilly-muddy terrain. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the purchase-installation of the turbo kit and to pay for it out of Plans and Implementations in the Commissioners' budget. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Duckworth has also presented a quote of \$12,747 by **Dave Geis General Contracting** for updating the kitchen used by **EMA**. He proposed moving the Jail's stove to the EMA kitchen and purchasing a new, larger stove for the jail due to the increased population. The cost of the new stove- \$7,502- plus the \$12,747 brings the total of this project to \$20,249. Mr Duckworth stated the **CERT** group has requested the kitchen update plus the nearest **Red Cross Chapter** is in **Brown County**. Mr Buening moved to approve the request to update EMA's kitchen and Mr Nobbe seconded the motion. Mr Nobbe moved to also approve the purchase of a new stove for the jail. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred on both motions. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Duckworth to give him a list of needed utensils so his wife Kay can check prices to save some costs. Mr Richards thanked Mr Duckworth for his time and service- being a tremendous asset to Decatur County.

Mr Nobbe presented several nominations for various boards serving in Decatur County:

EMA Advisory Council- Brad Speer to replace Melina Fox **Public Defender Board- Drew Young**

Economic Development Commission- Brenda Dwenger **Visitors Tourism Board- Karen Cyman**

Animal Control Board- Hank Martin; Christy Jarvis has agreed to complete Michelle Anderson's term

PTABOA- Andrea Dennett

Hospital Board- Dr Mary McCullough

Hospital Association- Jerran Jackson

County Attorney- Drew Young

Board of Health- Dr Mary McCullough and Darrell Richards

911 Board- Rick Nobbe

Area Plan Commission- Mr Nobbe has spoken to Westport Council member Bryan Gatewood who is ok with the Commissioners' Ordinance establishing appointments to the APC. Mr Buening plans to contact St Paul's Town Council as well as New Point's Town Council regarding the Commissioners' Ordinance.

Redevelopment Commission- Chris Bower, Brian Keith and Don Schilling Mr Buening seconded the motions to the stated board appointments and Mr Richards concurred to all. Mr Nobbe has met with the Mayor and City Council to discuss what to do with the City Park Dam, different options including storm water grants.

Mr Young presented Decatur County Ordinance 2016-8 for the Commissioners' consideration for financing capital improvements and repairs needed to the exterior of the Courthouse. Mr Young, Mr Buening and a couple of Council members have been working with Andy Jaisle of Main Source Bank to 'take out a loan' of up to \$1.5 million for repairing the Courthouse. Two options were considered for this project: bonds or a five-year note. Mr Nobbe explained EDIT funds would be used for the 'loan payments' while funds in the Build Decatur County Fund would be used for emergencies. Mr Richards stated he is not in favor of borrowing money if we have available funds. Mr Buening proposed only drawing on the note as we need it; the 'draw period' on the note ends September 30, 2017. Mr Nobbe prefers working in phases which does offer some savings. Mr Nobbe moved to approve Decatur County Ordinance 2016-8 pursuant to stated IC 36-2-6-18 (a) (d). Mr Buening seconded the motion. Mr Richards did not concur. Mr Mohr stated EDIT monies have helped his department on various projects, will he lose those funds? Also he recently learned the Highway Budget needs to fund more of their health insurance costs; so he has concerns on plans for the County's EDIT funds. Mr Young stated the bank 'wants dibs' on our EDIT dollars. Mr Buening stated this isn't locking the County into a loan, but the Courthouse is getting older- the condition of the clock tower needs attention because we don't want to lose our tree.

Mr Young will review the HGACBuy interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing for the Commissioners who hope this will provide an option for saving tax dollars.

Mr Herbert presented the Proclamation on the Bicentennial Torch Run to the Commissioners. He thanked Mr Richards for a lot of good work done over the years.

Jay Hatton told the Commissioners he as a taxpayer believes the Courthouse maintenance needs to be a budgeted item.

Mr Buening said he has sat beside Mr Richards for twelve years; John's heart has always been in the right place for Decatur County even as he's received a lot of complaints and not many thank-yous. Mr Nobbe echoed Mr Buening's comments and added John treated him good as a new commissioner- it's been a pleasure to serve with John. Mr Richards said it's been an honor to serve with Jerome and Rick- they've done a lot of good and his work isn't done.

Mr Buening read a Proclamation- December 19, 2016 renaming Bridge #168 as the John H Richards Bridge #168 and there will be a plaque hung on that bridge honoring John's work as a Decatur County Commissioner.

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 January 3rd, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____