

Commissioners Meeting

February 6, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

The January 17th meeting minutes were clarified- the County Council needs to replace their appointee Vince Smith to the **APC Board** since Mr Smith resides within the Greensburg City limits. Also, the **Decatur County Ordinance, Version H, setting out the appointing entities to the Area Plan Commission was adopted by the County Commissioners and the Decatur County Ordinance, Version T was adopted by the four incorporated towns in the County.**

Mr Koors moved to approve the amended January 17th meeting minutes, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to confirm Michael McCoy to replace Al Knecht on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

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

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported with the milder weather, his crews have been running both patchers, doing ditch work and brush cutting. Mr Mohr has advertised the 'bid opening for March 6th at 9:00 am 'for stone, fuel and corrugated- structural pipe. The 'bid specs' are available in the Auditor's office. Once **INDOT** sets the **Community Crossings Grant** schedule, he plans to advertise for bids for asphalt. Mr Mohr presented **INDOT's Supplement Number 1 on Bridge 168** for the Commissioners' approval. This supplement restates dates to extend the agreement with **INDOT** due to delays in purchasing the right-of-way next to Bridge 168. Mr Buening moved to accept the "Supplement Number 1" for Bridge 168. Mr Koors seconded the motion. The Commissioners signed the supplement.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to report.

County Attorney Drew Young has reviewed the **HGACBuy Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing** available to various departments for a wide spectrum of equipment and vehicles. This group-purchasing could save the County costs since the sealed bids process requires several steps including creating the bid specs. Mr Mohr has checked with local heavy equipment vendors and they are still cheaper (30-37%) than the **HGACBuy**. Mr Buening stated the bid specs for an ambulance are more "specialty details" compared to some other piece of equipment. **DCMH Emergency Services Director Scott Chasteen** worked with **HGACBuy** in purchasing a fire truck when he worked as **Greensburg Fire Chief**, so he has seen the time and costs savings. Mr Buening moved to enter into a contract with **HGACBuy**, Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Greensburg Schools' Resource Officer Bruce Copple requested use of the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn as well as ten to twelve parking spaces on the west side of the Courthouse for the **Greensburg High School Chautauqua Project** to be held at noon to 2:30 pm, on April 6th, 2017. This activity is to commemorate the **100th Anniversary of World War I**. He also requested electrical hookup. Mr Nobbe instructed Mr Copple to complete and submit the "**Request for Use of Facilities**" to the Auditor's office. He did ask Mr Koors and Mr Buening if they were okay with 'pre-approving' Mr Copple's request. Mr Koors moved to approve the request for April 6th for this project and Mr Buening seconded the motion.

Brian Wenning asked the Commissioners if they would agree to close part of **Millhousen Road** on August 26th, 2017 for a couple of hours (8:00 to 10:00 am) for the **Annual On Eagles Wings 5K Run and Walk**. With almost one thousand participants closing the road for a short time works better for all. Mr Wenning will contact Mr Mohr as the Highway Department provides the road closure signs for this event. Mr Young asked Mr Wenning to inform all runners/walkers, when they submit their 'sign up forms', they must yield to all emergency vehicles. Mr Wenning will make this same request to the **Greensburg Board of Works** this evening. Mr Buening moved to allow the closing of Millhousen Road on August 26th, 2017 for this event, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Brittany Barnickle and Brenda Ballard of Assured Partners Neace Lukens informed the Commissioners they have requested health insurance quotes from eight different carriers and seventeen separate stop/loss carriers and more than fifteen declined to quote, one would only quote for admin and two

were not even competitive. Our current carrier, **UME (HealthSmart)** did quote, with a 19.7% increase plus increasing the lasers from two in 2016 to six for 2017. The County would pay over \$3,000,000 due to the 19.7% increase plus another \$1,900,000 or more due to the additional lasers. The Commissioners are considering changing the 2018 renewal date for health insurance to January 1, 2018 in hopes of better 'quotes' and it should help employees track their 'deductible and out of pocket costs' since those run on a calendar year. The Commissioners did add the rule for 2017 that all new hires may only sign up for the **High Deductible Health Plan** or they may 'opt out of taking the County's health insurance' if they are covered by other health insurance through family or spouse. The **True Scripts** (prescriptions) admin costs are up \$2,200 and they expect to pass on savings of \$13,000 through discount programs and coupons. The vision and dental coverage rates are held to the same for the next two years. Mr Nobbe asked Ms Barnickle to attend the County Council's February 21st meeting to discuss funding the County's health insurance because health insurance is a big deal for our employees.

Sean Durbin, Heath Department Environmental, told the Commissioners the **Health Department** is severely underfunded for 2017. He presented handouts with information what services the **Health Department** provides: the musts and what they can do. During the budget process the Council did request the **Health Department** reduce their 2017 budget requests of \$426,034 to or near \$315,200. Mr Durbin stated one full-time employee and all part-time employees were 'cut from the budget'. The Council adopted the **Health Department's 2017 Budget** at \$360,319 and warned them the **DLGF** may reduce it more. Hoping to increase revenues, the **Board of Health** did adopt new fee increases for services such as certified copies of birth certificates and death certificates, septic permits, food permits, lab testing, etc. Mr Durbin shared a letter from the **Board of Health** to the County Council requesting an \$80,000 loan to 'get them through this year'. The loan does have to be paid back to the fund borrowed from by December 31, 2017; the Council may grant a one-time six-month extension. Mr Durbin believes/hopes the fee increases to generate \$55,000 more per year. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Durbin to investigate 'moving things around, partner with the **Decatur County Memorial Hospital**' for duplicated services. Mr Durbin asked if they really need the current **Health Department** building; they have made the cuts they can. He said it can't be a one person department.

Main Street Greensburg Director Wendy Blake submitted her **2016 Annual Report** for the Commissioners to review. Her four committees are working hard to make our community better by focusing on downtown Greensburg. Currently there are 120 businesses including ten new businesses; five have closed and two did relocate within Decatur County. Mr Nobbe thanked Ms Blake and her Board for all they're doing.

The Commissioners will discuss the proposed **Title VI Policy** at a future Commissioner meeting.

Grant McLaughlin has requested holding a wedding on the **Westport Covered Bridge** on September 9, 2017. Mr Koors stated he believes the **Westport BBQ and Parade** is scheduled for that same day beginning at 1:00 pm. He will contact someone on that committee and report back at the next Commissioners' meeting.

Mr Buening explained the issues with the Courthouse and the safety of the area around the Courthouse has led the Commissioners to taking the next step- financing the repairs with the **Draw Note and Security Agreement** between **Main Source Bank** and the County Commissioners. The 'parity clause' was added so this financial agreement would not impair any future bonds the Commissioners/Council may consider. Mr Young hopes to have the 'bid documents' ready for advertisement sometime in March. There is a 'deadline of borrowing' of September 30, 2017 stated in the **Agreement**. Mr Buening moved to enter into the **Draw Note and Security Agreement**, dated February 1, 2017, not to exceed \$1.5 million dollars. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe signed the three certificates for the **Board of Health** appointees. Those certificates will be sent to the **State Board of Health Office**.

The **Decatur County Ordinance 2017-1, Version H** brings the **Area Plan Commission** into compliance with State Statutes. The APC met on February 3rd, 2017 with one appointee absent since the County Council needs to replace Vince Smith as he resides within the Greensburg City limits. The **Comprehensive Plan Draft** will now get 'restarted' and hopefully adopted in the near future.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Koors moved to recess, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Meeting recessed.

The next Commissioner meeting will be February 20th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Richard J Nobbe, President

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Date: _____