

Commissioners Meeting

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

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

The February 20th meeting minutes were approved with paragraph on County website reworded to clarify reason David Leas gave his notice not to continue as webmaster.

Mr Nobbe announced a **Title VI Public Survey** is available to whoever wishes to complete and turn in at the Auditor's Office. This announcement, such as Mr Nobbe made at the beginning of this meeting, is required to be made before all public meetings, in order to be in compliance with the **Decatur County Title VI Nondiscrimination Implementation Plan and Policy**, adopted by the Commissioners at their February 20th regular meeting.

The accounts payable claims and payroll claims were reviewed; Mr Koors moved to approve these claims to be paid and Mr Buening seconded.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported with the continuing Spring-like weather, his crews are getting a lot of ditch work, brush cutting and running patching machine which is work usually done in April and May. A property owner in Letts has contacted Mr Mohr and the Commissioners about his neighbor piling up lots of trash in an 'open alley' in the town of Letts. **County Attorney Drew Young** did notify the property owner, via a letter; the trash must be removed from the alley and legally disposed. The Commissioners do not want to close this alley; Mr Young will confirm a letter was sent from the County Building Inspector Kenny Buening and also that his letter was sent out. Mr Buening and Mr Mohr have spoken to the **Decatur County Redevelopment Commission** about funding a study to determine the best solution for a 'site layout' for the Highway Department at their current location. **Steve Ruble of Strand Associates** presented details for a contract to do such a study through the Commissioners and the **RDC** would reimburse these costs. In the past there have been discussions on putting a structure, across Base Road from the Highway Department, for Highway equipment storage/bay and parking; as well as storage bays for the Parks Department and Emergency Management. The structure would be adjacent to the Oddfellows-Rebekah Park, so the Commissioners want a 'nice-looking' building. Mr Ruble expects to have his report back to the Commissioners within sixty days. Mr Mohr will contact **Parks Director Bob Barker** to be part of the 'stakeholders group' for step one in determine what each department needs. Also this group may visit other Counties who have recently built similar storage structures for their needs. Step two would involve alternate layouts for the current site and step three would be the costs should the Commissioners decide to proceed per the results of the study. Mr Young preferred a change in wording of mediation or bench trial in the event of a dispute to a jury trial. Mr Buening moved to enter into a contract with **Strand Associates**, Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Koors agreed to be involved in the 'stakeholders group'.

Mr Young has made a couple of changes to the proposed contract submitted by Tim McCabe for redesigning our County website and another contract for maintaining our website. Mr Mohr will give the changes to GIS/IT Director Tim Ortman for his review to then contact Mr McCabe. Mr Ortman will then present the 'contract with changes' to the Commissioners at their March 20th meeting.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented five rezoning petitions for the Commissioners' approval: **Decatur Co Ordinance 2016-12**- rezoning two 2.99 acre tracts A-1 to A-2, to build a single family dwelling on each tract petitioned by Andrew and Stacey Bennett; **Decatur Co Ordinance 2016-13**- rezoning 1.5 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of building an addition to an existing single family dwelling, petitioned by Michael and Mareta Menkedick; **Decatur Co Ordinance 2016-17**- rezoning 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 to build a single family dwelling, petitioned by Jeff Britton and Donju Taylor; **Decatur Co Ordinance 2016-20**- rezoning 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 to build a single family dwelling, petitioned by Craig and Holly Koors; **Decatur Co Ordinance 2017-1**- rezoning 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 to build a single family dwelling, petitioned by David and Lindsay Jones. Mr Koors made a motion to approve these five ordinances, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Larry Globe, property owner at Lake McCoy told the Commissioners he is interested in purchasing Lot 18 McCoy Resort from them as he owns the adjacent Lot 19. The Board of Commissioners 'took deed' to nineteen lots in the Lake McCoy Resort since those lots did not sell at the last two Tax Sales held by the

County Treasurer and Auditor. Mr Globe stated the structure on Lot 18 isn't livable, should be torn down, but it does have a fireplace which with some landscaping would be a nice outdoor area. He believes the Lake McCoy Resort could be a nice place to live, visit if it were 'cleaned up' by removing junk mobile homes, clearing overgrown vegetation and damaged or dead trees. Mr Nobbe has contacted **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission** to search for any available grants for just such a project. He will contact Mr Globe when he receives any information from **SIRPC**.

Special legislation is needed to finance building a new jail should the Commissioners and County Council approve that option. **Barnes and Thornburg** have offered to serve as Special Lobbying Counsel to the Commissioners for the 2017 State Legislative Session. Mr Buening explained while this does not obligate the Commissioners, there are deadlines for this proposed legislation and is a needed 'piece of the puzzle' or next step in this 'new jail discussion'. Mr Buening moved to enter into a 2017 State Legislative contract in the amount of \$20,000 with **Barnes and Thornburg** to be paid out of **EDIT funds**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Commissioners signed the **Alcoholic Beverage Commission** state form appointing Michael McCoy as their appointee to the **ABC**. They had made this appointment during their February 6th meeting.

Mr Young told Commissioners attorney John Scheidler for **Duke Energy** has issues with our county policy requiring legal surveys for easements, specifically utility easements. Mr Young will present this to our 'County Tech Committee'. Mr Young presented his letter of resignation, effective the end of March, to the Commissioners. Mr Nobbe reluctantly accepted the letter and thanked Mr Young for his service. Mr Buening stated he appreciated Mr Young's willingness to help and thanked him for his service.

Mr Buening requested upcoming dates of events to be held in and around the Courthouse to share with **Arsee Engineers** as they plan stages of work to be done to the Courthouse as well as the clock tower. They will need a 'staging area' for tool storage as well as an office.

United Consulting David Richter offered his company as a resource for overseeing the rehabbing project of the Courthouse since they did the original assessment of the 'health of the Courthouse'.

At 9:00 am, Mr Nobbe called the 'bids closed' for stone, culvert pipe and fuel. Mr Mohr opened the bids, read the bids for five different stones; five different fuels and three different culvert pipes. **Bidders were: New Point Stone Co, Inc which includes four different quarries (New Point, Napoleon, Harris City and St Paul); Rush County Stone Co Inc; Premier Companies and CivilCon Inc.** Mr Koors moved to accept all stone bids based on geographical area, **CivilCon** for the culvert structure/pipe and **Premier Companies** for the fuel bids. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

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

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

Richard J Nobbe, President

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Date: _____

