Commissioners Meeting
March 20, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

The March 6th meeting minutes were amended and approved.

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

With Superintendent Mark Mohr absent Assistant Superintendent Tim Ortman was at meeting on his behalf. Mr. Ortman brought the commissioners up to speed with the operations of the Highway Department. Mr. Ortman also informed the commissioners that county maps are in their last proof stage. Mr. Nobbe asked how many radiuses there are. Mr. Ortman said there are probably 6 in planning right now. Mr. Nobbe asked about a property around 300 and St Rd 46 by Base Rd that have two yellow posts in the curve. Mr. Nobbe asked if the highway department could look at the braces in this area.

Mr. Ortman said they would look at it and fix the problem. Mr. Ortman asked about the website contract with Mr. McCabe and the two amendments on that contract. Mr. Ortman wanted to know if the amendment contract needs to come back before the commissioners for the signature. After contract is located it will be brought to the next commissioners meeting.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall stated that The Area Plan Commission will have a meeting April 5th at 7p.m. They will be reading the comp plan, reviewing it, and hopefully approving it. They will have election of officers, and have seven petitions. Mr. Nobbe asked if she thought they may need a bigger venue for the meeting and Mrs. Duvall agreed they may. Mr. Nobbe recommended that she let Mr. Albert Armand know they may need to change venue.

Wendy Blake from Main Street presented two Request for use of facilities to the commissioners. One was for the Farmers Market and the other for Tenderloin Throw-down. The Farmers Market is the same as last year. May 12 to October 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. on the south side of the courthouse. They will still have reserved spacing. During heavy produce season it may span to the lawn. The book mobile will probably also be attending four afternoons. She stated they will be working with Purdue Extension to offer education activities for the public. The commissioners didn’t have questions for Mrs. Blake but Mr. Buening did want to remind her that there could be some construction on the courthouse during that time but he didn’t feel that would interfere with them at all but wanted her to be aware of it.

Mrs. Blake talked about the Tenderloin Throw-down on June 24th and gave the commissioners maps to show the layout of the event. She said the event was same as last year except for they would like to extend to N Broadway a bit. Mrs. Blake had spoken with Denim & Honey Boutique. The boutique explained in prior years people tend to stay around the courthouse lawn and not travel up her way. Mrs. Blake thought that extending this could help out the business owners close to the square. Activities for the event will include the rock wall, giant battleship, & giant connect four. They are also getting misting fans this year in case the weather is hot and the children enjoy playing in them. There will still be the Indiana Craft Brewery’s and Wineries. They are still partnering with Tree City Rolling Tour to help increase their numbers. One thing the event will do different is have the main tent in the street instead of in the south lawn area to help push crowds towards businesses. They will be anchored with barrels of cement which will not damage the street. Mr. Nobbe asked if she had cleared some of the areas with Mayor Manus since the maps shows areas outside of the county property. Mrs. Blake said she was going to go to their meeting for the street closure but does not see any problems. Also since the lines for tenderloins where long last year the event is requiring that contestants have two fryers or grills this year instead of one as well as having two lines. Mr. Nobbe asked for a motion to approve the request for the Tenderloin Throw-down to be held June 23rd and June 24th 2017. Mr. Buening moved to approve and Mr. Koors seconded. Mr. Nobbe also asked for a motion to approve the Farmers Market for each Friday of May 12th to October 13th 2017. Mr. Koors moved to approve and Mr. Buening seconded it.

Mark Carman for Tree City Fall Festival asked for approval requesting us of facility for September 15th and 16th 2017. Permission for closure of street had been taken to the city. The street were granted to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday evening and will be reopened after clean up Saturday evening. They want to move the stage this year from the northwest corner to the northeast corner. Mr. Nobbe said if there are electricity concerns to contact Walt Moore. The will be two bands for the weekend. Mr. Carman stated...
that they were in the process of procuring insurance but were advised to wait until July. When they receive the insurance they will present it to the commissioners. Mr. Buening reminded Mr. Carman of the upcoming construction on the courthouse. Mr. Nobbe asked for a motion to approve the request for use of facilities for the Tree City Festival September 15th and 16th 2017. Mr. Buening made a motion pending getting insurance and Mr. Koors seconded.

Sheriff Greg Allen Requested money from motor vehicle funds. Two more patrol cars and a van for the jail are needed. Right now they have a 2009 van that they have used for 6 years with over 130,000 miles on it. He has 5 police cars with over 100,000 miles on them. Sheriff Allen is looking for a van and cars with trade-ins around $63,000. Sheriff Allen said he received information on lease options but hasn’t looked into that yet. Mr. Nobbe asked Sheriff Allen to get with the lease company and find out what they have as leasing could help rotate the patrol cars every 5 years. Mr. Buening agreed. Sheriff Allen said he would look into it and come back to commissioners meeting next month.

Debbie Hurst with Assured Neace Lukens was at the meeting to talk about property & casualty. Ms. Hurst brought Steve Leist with her to help give information. Mr. Leist explained that we are out in front of the renewal which is May 22nd 2017. Carriers have been finalized. He gave packets out to the commissioners for informational purposes. Mr. Leist said he thought that the renewal looks very good. There is a little rise in the premium due to that total insured values are up a bit. He said the workman’s comp is continuing to perform very well. He said we are with the same carriers and are proposing the renewal with same carriers. Ms. Hurst asked when she can expect to hear back from the commissioners regarding the renewal. Mr. Leist told the commissioners they have 45 days. Mr. Nobbe asked if they could come back for their first meeting in May. Mrs. Hurst agreed and said she would have the documents for the commissioners to sign. Mr. Nobbe confirmed it would be May 1st 2017.

Jack Krouse from Construction Control Inc. gave information to the commissioners about what his company does concerning construction management for jails and construction statistics and studies.

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

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Richard J Nobbe, President

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