

Commissioners Meeting

July 3, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the July 3rd, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting in session.

June 19th minutes were reviewed and corrected. Mr Koors moved to approve the June 19th minutes as corrected, Mr Buening seconded the motion, and Mr Nobbe concurred. The accounts payable and payroll claims were reviewed. Mr Buening moved to approve all claims, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr gave updates on various road patching projects as well as problems caused by recent rains. He reported meeting with a property owner to ask him to remove tall vegetation near an intersection which is impairing/blocking any driver's line of sight. The property owner answered he would as soon as farmers remove the corn at intersections. County Attorney Ken Bass agreed with Mr Nobbe it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain mowing near intersections. Mr Nobbe requested Mr Mohr keep a 'log' on who he does ask to keep intersections mowed- cleaned up. Mr Mohr reported there is still one property owner not willing to accept the dollar amount being offered for right-of-way for the Bridget #168 project. He has asked for some guidance from **United Consulting** on possible 'steps for condemnation'. **United Consulting** offered a contract 'not to exceed \$15,000' to assist in the condemnation. He isn't comfortable spending \$15,000 to purchase a \$500 piece of land. Mr Bass will research this issue. Mr Mohr did say this bridge had recently passed inspection, so it's not going to fail. He reported the 'Asset Management Report' has been submitted to the State for the **Community Crossings Grant**. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Mohr to check to see if a building near the intersection of County Road 850 East and East Base Road is too close to the road.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reported the July meetings for the **Board of Zoning Appeals** will be 6:30 pm on July 5th and the **Area Plan Commission** is immediately following at 7:00 pm.

Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported he had 30 inspections in the last two weeks, 8 new permits were issued. He has registered for 'code classes' to be held in Brownsburg later this month. The 2003 Code is what is currently being used and Mr Buening hopes to update that to the 2015 Code. Greensburg City Engineer Ron May sent an "ADA Draft" for Mr Buening since he is our ADA Coordinator. The County Highway Department did inspect the parking around the Courthouse as part of the County's steps to be in compliance with ADA rules.

Westport councilmen Richard Smith and Bryan Gatewood requested the Commissioners' permission to use the **County's ADA and Title VI Polices** to meet **INDOT's** requirements in submitting applications for the **Community Crossings Grant Program**. Mr Koors made a motion to give any help we can, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Gatewood told Commissioners he appreciated all of Tim Ortman's help with their 'road asset' report.

County Auditor Chadwell reported the County Council has set 2018 budget dates: August 15th (regular Council meeting at 9:00 am) Council will review all budget requests; September 19th (regular Council meeting at 9:00 am) Public Hearing for Proposed 2018 Budgets and October 17th (regular Council meeting at 9:00 am) adoption of 2018 Budgets. A resident from Lake McCoy had called the Auditor's office asking for help since her landlord is refusing to cash checks for lot rent. Auditor advised resident that is a civil matter, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction. Mr Nobbe did suggest contacting **Washington Township Trustee Jim Stuart** asking him to help **Jerry Stuart- Conservancy President**, with such issues at Lake McCoy.

Ken Bass reported he has mailed letters to adjacent property owners to Lots 1 and 18 at Lake McCoy to see if either is interested in purchasing those adjacent properties. He has received three calls from John Scheidler of **Duke Energy** concerning electrical distribution at Lake McCoy.

Mr Nobbe asked if the cell phone policy for our Personnel Policy has been resolved. Auditor Chadwell confirmed it is fine now. He asked where compensation would be paid out of for a young calf killed by dogs. Decatur County does not currently have a written policy, nor is any amount budgeted for this.

Mr Buening stated the trees on the south side of the Courthouse need trimmed to allow placement of a construction fence for masonry project being done by **Arsee and Bulley and Andrews**. Mr Nobbe suggested hiring a certified arborist. He asked if either Mr Koors or Mr Nobbe could attend the weekly construction meetings should he be unavailable to attend- both said just to call them ahead of a meeting.

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

The next Commissioners' meeting will be July 17th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Richard J Nobbe, President

Attest _____

Date: _____