

## Commissioners Meeting

August 7, 2017 8:00 a.m.

**Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors**

**President Nobbe** called the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting in session. He announced there are 'Title VI public comment forms' available at the meeting room door if anyone would like to complete one and leave it at the Auditor's Office.

July 17<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims. Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Highway Assistant Superintendent Tim Ortman** outlined various road projects for the upcoming weeks: closing part of NE 80 for a culvert repair; drainage project on CR 150 W and closing part of CR 1100 S for two big culvert replacements. Mr Nobbe reported he and Mark Mohr did speak to the one landowner preventing the project on Bridge 168 to move forward. The landowner has agreed to sell at the dollar amount currently established. He is requesting some provisions to be included in the deed: 1) the trees on the bridge side shall be maintained as a buffer; 2) the side slope should be a 4 to 1 to make mowing possible and 3) landowner has septic system in lower part of right-of-way so the deed should include the County granting access for him to maintain and/or repair that septic system. Mr Nobbe reminded Mr Ortman to have road signage- "Road Closed" for Millhousen Road- in place a few days before the **On Eagles' Wing Run** on August 26<sup>th</sup>; also check on a reported concern, by county resident Steve Schoettmer, about a huge developing hole in the ditch/waterway on the east side of old 421 west.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** presented **Decatur County Ordinance 2017-8** submitted by property owners- Lawrence and Rebecca Smith - to rezone 0.23 acres out of 55.15 acres from A-1 to A-2, for the construction of a wireless telecommunications tower owned by **Capital Telecom Holdings LLC**. This located in Marion Township. Mr Koors moved to approve **Ordinance 2017-8**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening** reported he did 41 building inspections in the last three weeks and issued 17 new building permits. Four complaints have been filed with Mr Buening's office- he has sent one letter out; is in the process of contacting the property owner on one and the remaining two are located on Montgomery Road behind **Stier Heating and Cooling**. He attended a 'code class' which won't apply until Indiana adopts **2015 Codes**- currently the state is operating under **2003 Codes**. Mr Buening is hoping to adopt a policy to require energy-compliant stickers- to be placed inside the electric panel box- for all new construction. He hopes to have those in a week or so. He did revisit the property on State Road 46 before Hartsville; owners had 'old stuff and junk' loaded on a trailer ready to move to another location.

Merrill Smith, representing the **Bread of Life Board of Directors**, extended an invitation to the Commissioners to tour the kitchen- what we're doing- and enjoy a meal. Meals are delivered/served 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays; meals are dine-in only on Thursdays. In Mr Smith thanked the many volunteers and community for support in providing a 'hand up' to get people 'back on their feet'. Mr Nobbe thanked Mr Smith and his group for providing 'more than a meal' to folks.

A Resolution needed to govern issuance and use of county credit cards and store cards will be scanned and emailed to department heads for review. The Commissioners will adopt this Resolution at their August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mr Nobbe read the 'request for transfer of monies' from Courthouse postage to Courthouse trash hauling in the amount of \$700. Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Koors moved to approve another request to transfer monies- \$2,000 from Courthouse postage to Courthouse janitorial supplies. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. The second transfer will be presented to the County Council for their approval at their August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Jack Krouse of Construction Control Inc** sent a letter to the Commissioners offering his services to assist the County in the future jail project. Mr Nobbe stated they haven't yet decided on the scope of a jail project.

The Commissioners will update/amend their current EDIT Plan to include budgeting for the repayment of the loan for the current Courthouse Masonry Project.

Several years ago the General Assembly repealed the State Dog Tax which was collected by each Township Trustee; however the General Assembly does allow local officials to adopt a county option dog tax. Mr Nobbe asked if the Commissioners could include an appropriation for 'reimbursement to farmers for livestock kills'. Auditor Chadwell had given County Attorney Ken Bass state statutes on this matter for further discussion.

**Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Gary Herbert** presented his annual report as well as providing updates on grant monies approved for 2017. His Board is accepting grant applications for upcoming events- grant monies are always paid after each event is over. Mr Herbert will also present his reports to the County Council.

Mr Nobbe stated the County will make plans to support the City of Greensburg's Stellar Community Grants' program.

Local attorney Chris Stephens, reporting for Ken Bass, did have a conference with **John Scheidler of Duke Energy**; is working with the Coroner on a descendant's assets and is working with the County Recorder on a 'bulk records' ordinance.

**Newly appointed Brenda L Dwenger** told the Commissioners the **County Finance Board** will need to decide which bank the County will use for our banking needs- she's hoping to 'keep our tax dollars in an Indiana.

Commissioner Buening contacted **Andy Jaisle, Main Source Bank Commercial Banking Officer**, for two reasons: one about the merger of **Main Source** and **First Financial Banks** and the second reason concerning our 'note' for the Courthouse Masonry Project. The deadline of the 'draw note' is September 30, 2017; but the project will not be substantially completed by that date so we need to extend the terms for ninety days past September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr Buening moved to extend the end of the draw note ninety days past the September 30<sup>th</sup> date. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe stated the extension is only for the draw note date; all other agreements stay as is.

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

The next Commissioners' meeting will be August 21st, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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Richard J Nobbe, President

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