

Commissioners Meeting

October 2, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the October 2nd, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting in session. He announced **Title VI voluntary survey forms** are available on the table by the door for whoever would like to complete one to turn in to the Auditor's office.

After reviewing the September 18th minutes, Mr Koors moved to accept as amended, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable claims and payroll claims, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported the drainage pipe alignment project on county road 1000 south turned out good. Having secured right-of-way on county road 600 east, four to five small pipes will be replaced closing that road for about a week; also replacing a concrete box structure is scheduled to be completed on county road 1300 south off of 500 west. Mr Mohr stated they received funding for four of the six projects submitted in the **Community Crossings Grant Program**. **INDOT** is scheduled to meet with Mr Mohr to assess the damage to the 'unofficial detour' county roads as their US Highway 421 project is completed. A few road signs were destroyed which may be due to the detoured traffic and/or the road layout itself.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented Ordinance 2017-3 for the Commissioners review and approval. Petitioners Walter and Barbara Herbert are requesting to rezone 2.99 acres out of 11.955 acres from A-1 to A-2 for construction of a single family detached dwelling. Mr Koors moved to approve the ordinance, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe asked Ms Duvall to contact Larry Lollar, a construction provider, to make sure he is aware of regulations regarding some properties at Lake McCoy.

Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported he completed 44 building inspections in the last two weeks and issued 12 new building permits. He has sent two letters after receiving two new complaints on properties. Mr Nobbe reported he did meet with Jim Moody of **INDOT** and did confirm **INDOT** does own the land on which Robert Walls has placed vehicles and items for storage or for sale. Mr Moody will insure a letter is sent to Mr Walls informing of the encroachment violation. Mr Buening has also received complaints from a resident in Forrest Hill about vehicles in an alley, which he could not locate the alley. He will check with Randy Herbert regarding two properties behind **Stier Heating and Cooling**. **County Attorney Ken Bass** recommends obtaining a court order before entering any property to clean up/remove trash, overgrown weeds, etc. Also, have a Sheriff's deputy present whenever entering a property.

Sheriff Greg Allen presented his request for the Commissioners to purchase three new patrol vehicles- one **Ford Explorer** and two **Chevrolet Tahoes** and a **2016 Chevrolet Express** passenger van for the jail all for a cost of \$127,316. Sheriff Allen would be trading in a **2009 Volkswagen** minivan, a **2012 and 2013 Dodge Chargers**. He proposed taking their 2014 **Chevrolet Tahoe** and repurposing for the **EMA Director's** vehicle after January 1, 2018 instead of trading it. Current **EMA Director Rob Duckworth** has tendered his resignation effective February 1, 2018; so his replacement will not have a county vehicle since Deputy Sheriff Duckworth's patrol car was also used as an **EMA** vehicle. During a discussion on a twelve passenger van, Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley informed Sheriff Allen the county's property and liability insurance carrier may have restrictions on the van he is proposing for purchase. She will contact **Assured Neace Lukens** for additional information. Mr Buening moved to approve the expenditures as laid out and after January 1, 2018 move the **2014 Tahoe** to the **EMA Director**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe asked Sheriff Allen to put together a budget for a new jail- operational and staffing. Sheriff Allen has already been working on such a budget trying to make it as actual as possible.

The Commissioners have received several suggestions on what to do with the **Courthouse Bell**: some want it to be placed back in the clock tower while some want it to be displayed either in the Courthouse or on the Courthouse lawn. Mr Buening made a motion not to reinstall the bell in the clock tower, Mr

Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. They may submit a request to the **Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Board** for some funding to help create a structure to house the bell.

The **County Election Board** submitted a request for the Commissioners' approval to relocate eight precincts- polls into three poll locations: **Greensburg 1, 3 and Clinton Twp relocate to the Decatur County School Administration Building; Greensburg 2, 4 and 5 relocate to Knights of St John Hall and Greensburg 6, 7 and 8 relocate to Community Church, Greensburg.** Mr Nobbe will get this information to the news media, asking them to help inform the public and a decision will be made at the October 16th Commissioners Meeting.

After receiving information from **Malcon Malinowski Consulting**, the Commissioners asked Auditor Chadwell to contact our current vendor, **Maximus Inc** and **Malcon** to request proposals for the 2018-2020 cost allocation plan contract.

Mr Koors moved to approve the **Request for Use of Facilities** submitted by Cindy Schoettmer of **First Christian Church** for October 28th, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, to hold their annual **Trunk or Treat festivities.** Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

County Attorney Ken Bass reported he did meet with Community Corrections and has resolved the issue with the bidding process. Mr Young hasn't completed the six to eight depositions in the lawsuit against **Sagamore Insurance** the last time Mr Bass checked with him. Mr Nobbe and Mr Bass have contacted "Tammy" of **Frontier Communications** regarding an April, 2016 outstanding invoice that has been in dispute. Mr Bass will reach out to Tammy as the Commissioners are 'open to negotiate' the invoice is for over \$13,000.

Speaking on behalf of the health insurance committee, Auditor Chadwell recommended contracting with **Dunn and Associates** for the 2018 calendar year to the Commissioners. Mr Nobbe stated the Commissioners are hoping to lower costs and will be looking to our local hospital, **DCMH**, to continue to provide as much of their high quality of services as possible. Mr Buening moved to approve the transition of our Decatur County Healthcare Program to be administered by Dunn and Associates commencing January 1, 2018. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Tourism Director Gary Herbert asked where the credit card requests stand. Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger will present those to the Commissioners for approval at their next meeting. Mr Herbert gave an update on various groups receiving grants from the **Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Board.** Mr Herbert will present the Commissioners' request for financial assistance to maybe 'build a duplicate clock tower' to display the bell.

Mr Buening requested an "appointed boards list" to see what appointments the Commissioners need to make in December.

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 October 16th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Richard J Nobbe, President

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Date: _____

