

## Commissioners Meeting

November 6, 2017 8:00 a.m.

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

**Commissioner Nobbe** called the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 review the October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as presented. Mr Koors moved to approve the accounts payable claims and payroll claims, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** reported several 'structure replacement' projects are nearing completion. He met with a person from **INDOT** to review damage done to county roads serving as the 'unofficial detour' for the State's road work on south U S Highway 421; at which time both collectively agreed six hundred tons of repair patching work is needed to 'put the roads back to prior condition'. **INDOT** has made an offer of three hundred tons of patching. The Commissioners and Mr Mohr agree not to accept that offer. Mr Mohr will email **INDOT** they 'need to come back for further discussion' on their offer. Commissioners agreed to 'roll over **Civil Con's 2017 bids** for 2018. Commissioners signed the 'roll over form'. Mr Mohr presented the **Community Crossings Grant Agreement/Contract** for signatures and he will deliver it to **INDOT's** Seymour office today.

**Dave Richter and Matt Lee of United Consulting** presented the Commissioners the **Bridge Inspection Books for Phase I**, completed in 2017.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** presented **Decatur County Ordinance 2017-16** for the Commissioners to review, then to approve or deny. Petitioner Robert J West requested Lot 14 and Lot 15 Original Plat in the Town of New Point be rezoned from R-2 to R-4. Ms Duvall stated the **Area Plan Commission**, due to safety issues, gave an unfavorable recommendation on this petition. Mr Buening moved to support the **APC's** decision on **Ordinance 2017-16**, so he votes no. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Ms Duvall also presented a 'registration form for the 2020 Census'

In the last three weeks, **Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 57 building inspections; issued 14 new building permits and 'red-tagged' 2 projects due to no building permit applications. He has received two responses on 'complaint letters'. The property owner continues to make progress in 'cleaning up' his properties on Montgomery Road. The property owner off of State Road 46 West continues to park his vehicles on **INDOT's** property. Mr Nobbe asked Kenny to stay in contact with Sara Galbraith on monitoring this situation.

**Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Gary Herbert** shared a new contract with **DF Media**, the **Tourism Board** has approved for redesigning their website. Mr Herbert wasn't sure if the Commissioners also need to approve this contract. Mr Nobbe said if the **Tourism Board** approves, the Commissioners are ok with it; he thanked Mr Herbert for keeping them informed. Mr Nobbe also asked Mr Herbert to keep Mayor Manus informed/updated.

**Main Street Greensburg Director Wendy Blake** has filed a *Request for Use of Facilities- to use the south parking lot and the south lawn of the Courthouse-* for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Several activities are planned for the annual **Christmas Walk:** parade in the morning, a pen of live reindeer and Santa walking around to greet folks. Mr Buening moved to approve the request, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger gave Commissioners a list of requests for credit cards submitted by various departments. The Commissioners will review the list and vote at their November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr Nobbe has received notification our insurance carrier-**Bliss McKnight** – is requiring additional boiler inspections at the various county buildings. He shared a \$1,450 invoice from **Bruns-Gutzwiller** for 'air scrubbers' used during a dusty, sanding stage of the masonry project.

**County Attorney Ken Bass** met with Larry Lollar to discuss his inquiries to purchase the County-owned lots at Lake McCoy. Mr Nobbe has requested Mr Lollar give him a proposal before today's Commissioner meeting, but hasn't received any response. Mr Bass will contact local attorney Chris Tebbe on this matter.

Steve AmRhein contacted Mr Nobbe to request some financial help in fixing a drainage problem on his dad's farm. Mr AmRhein is working with our local **Soil and Water Conservation Officer** to fix this problem, but they can only pay half of the \$18,304 bill. Decatur County's only 'legal drains' are located in northern part of the county and those drains are part of Rush County's legal drain system.

**County Clerk Adina Roberts** assured the Commissioners every registered voter will receive a postcard informing them of a change in their poll location once the proposed plan is approved by the Commissioners. Mayor Manus says he is fine with the change and believes this move will help reduce the number of poll workers needed. Mr Buening moved to approve consolidating the nine poll locations into three per letter dated September 11, 2017. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Bass has been in contact with **Cohen and Malad**- Indianapolis personal injury lawyers- discussing a class action lawsuit against the pharmaceutical companies regarding the opioid crisis in Indiana. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Bass to schedule someone from **Cohen and Malad** to attend one of the December Commissioners' meetings to further discuss this topic.

Mr Nobbe thanked David Fry for all of his efforts on the **Greensburg Stellar Community Grant Projects**.

**Veterans Service Officer Mike Baumgartner** told Commissioners the van has been 'picked up' by the **Veterans Affairs** to be used where it is needed since he didn't have a driver to transport veterans to their doctors' appointments. Mr Baumgartner may have found a volunteer driver, so our **VA** is supposed to be working to provide a van.

With the **Tourism Board's** permission to get some design costs, Mr Herbert will be meeting with Wendy Blake, David Fry and Jerome Buening discuss what are the Commissioners expecting/wanting and where.

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 November 20th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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Richard J Nobbe, President

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