

Commissioners Meeting

January 16, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

Commissioner Nobbe called the January 16th 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 January 3rd meeting minutes, Mr Koors moved to approve as presented, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Buening moved to approve the claims, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe gave a brief update on the Highway Department due to Mark Mohr being out of the office.

Shari Hinds O'Riley of USI Consultants introduced herself since **USI** is planning to submit RFP's for upcoming bridge replacement projects. **USI** is a group of professional engineers and land surveyors who have also done 'intersection studies' for Decatur County.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to report.

Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening has completed 18 building inspections in the last two weeks and did issue 3 new building permits. He did check on the **Forest Hill** alley and **INDOT's** right-of-way at 10459 West State Road 46- no change. He will schedule a meeting with **County Attorney Ken Bass** on the next step which would involve filing a court case for each property. Mr Buening is continuing to review expired building permits and contacting the applicants to let them know they need to reapply for a permit if their project is proceeding.

County Recorder Denise Zeigler presented an ordinance requiring her office to "put a watermark on each copy when selling bulk copies". She explained companies buying copies in bulk may resell the copies of deeds for a profit; when the **Recorder's Office** should be receiving those funds. Mr Koors moved to approve **Ordinance 2018-2** requiring a watermark be placed on all requested copies of recorded documents, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

The Commissioners are waiting for Brian Owens to confirm a date and time he will be available to conduct the auction of the County's properties at Lake McCoy. Mr Nobbe stated Mr Owens will not charge any fees for his auctioneering services.

Commissioners agreed only new appointees of their various "Board Appointments" need to complete an "Oath of Office/Board Member". Most appointees serve a four-year term; so they would complete a new oath upon reappointment, not annually. They agreed this would also be done with the 'confidentiality' forms- filed at the first meeting of their appointed term.

Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Gary Herbert is working on a three-day 'car show' to be held on August 24th through August 26th at the County Fairgrounds.

Mr Bass couldn't find any statutes allowing Mr Mohr to forgo the 'bidding process' for equipment for the Highway Department. Several companies and States are 'posting' online auctions for surplus or State-owned equipment at a considerable savings over vendors going through the normal bid process. Mr Bass will research into the "State of Alabama online auction" since Mr Koors believes that maybe the exception to the required bidding statutes. Mr Nobbe also would like to give the local vendors a chance to bid.

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 February 5th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Richard J Nobbe, President

Attest _____

Date: _____