Commissioners Meeting
March 5, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

Commissioner Nobbe called the March 5th 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 and turn into the Auditor’s office.

Mr Nobbe asked if there are any additions or corrections to the February 19th meeting minutes; hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented. Payroll claims and regular claims were reviewed and approved.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr has received confirmation from INDOT the ‘purchase orders’ have been processed for the Community Crossings Grant projects and the County should receive those monies soon. The recent heavy rainfall contributed to a culvert failure on County Road 100 South between roads 200 East and 280 East. Mr Mohr plans to have the culvert fixed in the next thirty days-weather permitting. Highway employees will complete ‘grading’ the stone roads this week and the ‘patching of roads’ is on-going, running three dura-patchers when weather permits. Mr Nobbe asked if the Highway Fund has enough money to fix all of the roads. Mr Mohr stated the Highway Fund is healthy for the time being and hopefully the Community Crossings Grant program continues to fund some of our road projects. He thanked the Commissioners for the nice EMA truck. Mr Mohr has located a semi-truck for sale in Fort Wayne for transporting equipment to job sites. After checking with local businesses, he sent a couple of his guys to Fort Wayne to ‘check the truck out-drive it’; it will work with the trailer the department already has. Mr Koors moved to approve the purchase of the semi-truck for $35,000, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reminded the Commissioners there is a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting Wednesday evening, March 6th, at 6:30 pm. There will not be an Area Plan Commission meeting this month. Ms Duvall reported the ordinance committee formed to bring our current county ordinances in compliance with the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan, is making good progress. There will be a couple of ordinances she will need to work with the City (Greensburg Planning and Zoning); otherwise the revision of ordinances is being done ‘in house’.

In the last two weeks, Building Commissioner Kenny Buening has completed 20 building inspections; issued 8 new permits, made many phone calls on expired permits and has researched 2 complaints/concerns- one in New Point and the other in Millhousen. He will send pictures of those properties to those town councils since both towns are incorporated. He attended the INDOT ADA Seminar which was mostly questions and answers on parking lots, public buildings and ramps. Mr Buening thinks the West State Road 46 property (Robert Walls) is fairly cleaned up. He plans to follow-up on this property since a neighbor emailed the ‘stuff’ was moved to the back of the Walls property. In an email, Sara Galbraith asked the Commissioners to follow/enforce our current Ordinance 2004-5 Commissioners. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Buening and County Attorney Ken Bass to follow up on Mr Walls’ property to see what’s going on as the Commissioners need to decide what constitutes a ‘nuisance’.

Larry Meyer, speaking on behalf of the Adams Township Volunteer Fire Department, asked the County (Commissioners) to be a ‘sponsoring agent’ for their grant application to Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for a new fire department building on some land that is for sale. The Adams VFD has also contacted the County Redevelopment Commission to request some funding for this project.

County Clerk Adina Roberts agreed to pay the $100 invoice from Maddux Moving and Storage to move a table out of the Clerk’s office to the first floor of the Courthouse. She had originally submitted that invoice to the Commissioners to pay. Commissioners also understood the Probation Department (Matt Hoeing) has funds to pay the $575 invoice from Maddux Moving and Storage for moving both the adult and juvenile probation department to the Sheriff’s building at 315 S Ireland Street. The $575 invoice will be sent back to Mr Hoeing.

Mr Nobbe has received calls from residents regarding the appearance of the Courthouse yard and the wind-blown fence. The contractor did come down and fixed the fence, but the yard won’t be ‘put back in the condition prior to the project’ until all of the masonry repair work is completed. The final repairs should begin the third or fourth week in March and is expected to take thirty to forty days.
Chris Grabosky, Project Manager for Maxwell Construction, outlined three responses from Alt & Witzig-$13,300; Patriot Engineering- $10,300 and Geotechnology- $25,700 to RFP’s (requests for proposals) to do the soil borings and geotechnical report synopsis, sent out by Mr Grabosky. He also presented a quote of $960 from Scholle’s Land Surveying Inc for the locations of soil borings. Mr Koors moved to accept the quote submitted by Patriot Engineering and Scholle’s Land Surveying, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Koors submitted the required paperwork to Kathy Reynolds of the Greensburg Planning and Zoning Department to receive authorization from the BZA to construct a municipal building in the R-2 zone. The new county jail would be a permitted exception for R-2 zoning per the City BZA Code of Ordinances.

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Jerry Hermann thanked the Commissioners for ‘whatever they did’ as his neighborhood is a lot quieter. He did say there are loud noises from time to time.

At 9:00 am, Mr Nobbe closed the stone and fuel bids. He opened bids submitted by New Point Stone Company, Inc which includes New Point, Harris City and St Paul quarries; Rush County Stone Company Inc; US Aggregates and Premier Companies. Mr Nobbe opened the bids and read the four bids on 8’s, 11’s, 53’s and 73’s. There was only one fuel bid- Premier Companies. Mr Koors moved to accept all bids on stone to be purchased according to location of highway project. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Koors moved to accept Premier Companies bid, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. All bids are public once they are awarded by the Commissioners.

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