Commissioners Meeting  
March 19, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

Commissioner Nobbe called the March 19th 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 March 5th meeting minutes; hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented. Payroll claims and regular claims were reviewed and approved.

Highway Assistant Superintendent Tim Ortman said they are making good headway on asphalt patching. The new trucks and trailer should be available for pick up by May 1st.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented 2 rezoning ordinances for the Commissioners review and approval. Mr. Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2018-2, Mr. Koors seconded and Mr. Nobbe concurred. The petitioner, John Kirchhoff, requested 2.0 acres out of 63.818 acres to be rezoned from A-1 to A-2 classification for the purpose of building a single family detached dwelling. The second ordinance filed by petitioners Jerald & Julie Franklin, was also for a rezone of 2.99 acres out of 23.009 acres from A-1 to A-2 classification for a single family detached dwelling. Mr. Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2018-3, Mr. Koors seconded and Mr. Nobbe concurred.

Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening presented his report: He completed 26 building inspections in the last two weeks and issued 11 new building permits. 1 red tag was issued. On March 5th, Mr. Buening reviewed Robert Wall’s property and agreed that the cleanup was going well. Mr. Walls was at the meeting and spoke up that he will continue to keep it cleaned up. Mr. Nobbe thanked Mr. Walls for being here and for the effort put in.

Sara Galbraith, property owner next to Mr. Walls, asked Commissioners why it has taken so long to see progress. It has been a year since the complaint was made. Mr. Nobbe stated that the letter went out within 30 days, they had to get in touch with INDOT since they were adjacent property lines and they gave homeowner sufficient time to work on things. Mr. Koors also mentioned the property owner also has rights so they all wanted to work together.

Kyirsten Hess presented a Request for Use of Facilities regarding a motorcycle ride for Veterans. “Operation Freedom Ride” will take place on June 23, 2018 and will ride through surrounding Counties and stops at the American Legions. The ride will end on the square with food and auction. Mr. Nobbe mentioned that they would need to contact Wendy Blake with Mainstreet Greensburg to coordinate since this is on the same day as the annual Tenderloin Throwdown.

The County’s Property and Liability insurance is up for renewal in May. Steve Leist and Lance Stemler with Assured Partners presented the renewal for 2018/2019. They suggest we stay with Travelers Insurance for auto. There is an increase of $5,400 for Workman’s Comp. Law Enforcement Liability coverage will increase from $10,000 to a $25,000 deductible. This amount is set from the Jail Inspection Report. They are hopeful that once the new jail is built that this amount will go down. The new premium is $283,871.00. Assured Partners will be back in April to update.

EMA Director Brad Speer presented info on a Multi Hazard Mitigation Grant. This is a risk assessment that is required by FEMA. The assessment is being done by Polus Group from IUPUI. There will be a total of 4 meetings where invitations will be sent out for attendance. They will be reviewing all emergency departments to discuss each of their rolls. The grant is for $22,000. $16,000 will go to the Polus Group and $5,500 from “in kind” work is the County’s portion.

County Treasurer Brenda Dwenger presented a contract with Gov Tech. Mrs. Dwenger explained that Gov Tech will take all payments made through an escrow account and put on a disc for the Treasurer’s office to download. This will keep the office from having to manually type in all payments. There is not a charge for this service. Mr. Buening made the motion to approve, Mr. Koors seconded and Mr. Nobbe concurred.
Veterans Service Officer Mike Baumgartner presented a list of drivers that may be interested in driving to the VA. At this time, Decatur County does not have a van. Mr. Nobbe asked for Mr. Baumgartner to look into what kind of vehicle is needed and a list of definite drivers and come back to another meeting.

A Request for Use of Facilities submitted by MainStreet Greensburg asking to use the entire lawn and parking spaces for June 22nd and 23rd. They will be hosting the Annual Tenderloin Throwdown. Mr. Koors moved to allow the use, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Nobbe concurred. Westport Business Association filed a Request for Use of Facilities for the Westport Covered Bridge Festival. The Festival will be held on June 2nd from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Mr. Koors made the motion to allow the Festival, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Nobbe concurred.

Mr. Nobbe stated that the Indiana Historical Society reappointed Russell Wilhoit as the County Historian.

Mr. Buening and Mr. Nobbe discussed the Courthouse renovation. They are hopeful to be completed by 2nd week of April.

Mr. Nobbe stated that the youth soccer league will play at the current field for at least the spring Season. Mr. Nobbe plans to ask the Park Board what needs to be done to move the playground equipment to the North side of the Sheriff’s Department. He would like to see it stay in the neighborhood.

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 April 2nd, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

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Richard J Nobbe, President

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