

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**June 4, 2018 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Mr Nobbe** called the June 4th, 2018 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 the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes be corrected in the paragraph concerning Chris Schombers statement that Mike Cuskaden is a Fair Board member, not a Fair Grounds manager. Mr Nobbe gave an update as **Resolution 2018-7**, which was passed on May 21<sup>st</sup>: appraiser Bill Hendy will not prepare an appraisal on the land for the future jail building. Mr Nobbe has contacted a couple of other appraisers hoping one will fulfil this job. Mr Buening moved to approve the amended May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. After reviewing the claims and payroll claims as presented, Mr Koors moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** told the Commissioners the 'preconstruction meeting' for Bridge 168 is scheduled for next week and construction should begin by the end of June. **Greensburg Engineer Ron May** and Mr Mohr attended a meeting with **USI Consultants**, who will be putting together a contract for the Bridge 236 project. Mr Mohr has asked **USI** to compile a 'scope of costs' for the bridge on Greensburg' Washington Street. He will bring that report to the Commissioners for consideration of doing that bridge 'in house'. Mr Mohr submitted the **2018 Annual Highway Report** to the Commissioners; a copy has been submitted to the **State Board of Accounts and other governmental agencies**. Mr Nobbe signed the 'Commissioners Docket' for a \$256,709 check written to pay for the two new dump truck chassis on May 29, 2018.

**Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening** reported he has done 47 building inspections; issued 14 new building permits plus plan reviews since the last Commissioners' meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> he did a follow up at the LP tank filling station to confirm the meter base is now properly grounded. After receiving complaints on properties in St Omer and Burney, he visited both, took pictures of the one in Burney and will send a letter to that property owner. On May 30<sup>th</sup> he 'red tagged' a pole barn project as it appeared to include living quarters thereby requiring a septic permit; the owner was told to contact Alan Crosby, County Sanitarian, concerning requirements for septic permit. On June 1, Kenny confirmed with Mr Crosby an existing septic will be used, so it's all good.

**Cathy Cristoff, Director of Adult and Family Services of Centerstone**, presented statistics for their 2016-2017 fiscal year. They served 1,239 clients- 70% were adults; 46% of meetings took place in the Center, 26% of meetings took place in the schools while 28% took place in the community. In dealing with finances, one **Medicaid** program provided \$676,000 in services to our community which requires the county to have a match of \$223,277. In addition **Centerstone** provided almost \$56,000 for charity care meaning some of those who came did not have the resources to pay and were still served.

**Courtney Weber, Coordinator for Child and Family Services of Centerstone**, has staff in every school in Decatur County serving 300-350 youth. Community service events, such as a Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, back to school bash and Police Appreciation Week. **Michelle** works in programs with adults on mental health issues and substance abuse. "Open access" is offered 2 full days a week and a third day is needed, but staffing is an issue. **Melissa Newland** works in the crisis access and intervention areas- Greensburg office has a crisis access center. They are staffed 5 days a week and about 60 folks (representing 60 families) have 'come through' in the last couple of months.

Commissioners and **County Attorney Ken Bass** discussed whether to amend **Ordinance 1996-3 County Commissioners** or create a new/more up-to-date ordinance restricting possession of firearms in certain county buildings. Mr Bass will contact neighboring counties to see what policies they have in place.

Auditor Chadwell asked the Commissioners what the 'cost threshold' is for the County's fixed asset records. In 2004, the Commissioners set the threshold to be \$1,000 or above per item. Mr Nobbe asked her to check the Personnel Policy as he believes the threshold is addressed in it.

**Rick Hall of Barnes & Thornburg** presented **Resolution 2018-8**, approving jails matters and the issuance of bonds for that project to for the Commissioners' review and approval. Mr Hall asked the Commissioners to consider amending this resolution before being adopted- increasing the maximum bond amount from \$25 million to \$25,500,000 to allow for some flexibility. The Commissioners

received a letter from the **Jennings County Board of Commissioners** requesting Decatur County to consider a regional jail facility project since we decided to build a new jail. After some discussion, Mr Buening moved to approve signing a letter, prepared by Mr Hall, stating Decatur County will move forward with our plans/project in response to Jennings County Commissioners' letter. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners expect to have one completed appraisal report by the end of this week. Mr Nobbe is waiting for two other appraisers he contacted for this task as Bill Hendy of Batesville was not able to commit to our request. Mr Nobbe also announced the **Decatur County, Jail Building Corporation** will hold a meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in Room 106 in the Courthouse. Mr Hall will email the meeting notice to the Auditor to notify the local news media.

**Matt Eckerle of H J Umbaugh**, via cell phone, answered the Commissioners' questions on a bank serving as trustee, registrar and paying agent for bond proceeds for our jail project. Mr Eckerle had sent the Commissioners a cost summary (for information only) for seven different banks who qualify to serve as a trustee of our bond proceeds. Mr Buening moved to select the **Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Eckerle will notify the **Bank of New York** of the Commissioners' choice and he will also notify the other banks that sent proposals. The Commissioners next step or decision is whether to sell bonds as a "competitive sale or a negotiated sale". Mr Eckerle explained the pros and cons for each type of sale. **Andrew Lamb of First Financial Bank** offered his perspective on the advantages of a negotiated sale for the jail bonds. Currently the estimated cost of the jail stands at \$24,750,000. The pre-bid meeting held on May 24<sup>th</sup> was well attended by interested contractors, so **Chris Grabosky of Maxwell Construction** believes the bids will be pretty competitive. Mr Hall assured Commissioners the maximum bond amount could be changed after the bids are received and before the sale of the bonds. Mr Nobbe wanted everybody to understand the "local income taxes or LIT" is the primary source of payment for the bonds to build the jail. Property taxes are listed purely as a 'backup' or security if the LIT falls short or isn't distributed from the State in a timely manner. Mr Eckerle stressed they have structured the bonds to have about 1.5 times the revenue coverage, Mr Buening moved to approve **Resolution 2018-8** as presented (\$25,000,000 max), Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Koors moved to select the "competitive sale" on the bonds for the jail, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Hall will work with the 'rating agency' in regards to the bids and the sale of the bonds.

Mr Buening recognized Mr Nobbe and his wife for removing weeds/cleaning up the area around the War Memorial before Memorial weekend.

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 June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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Richard J Nobbe

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