

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**July 2, 2018 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Mr Nobbe** called the July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

After reviewing the meeting minutes for the regular June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and the June 25<sup>th</sup> Jail meeting, Mr Buening moved to approve the June 25<sup>th</sup> jail meeting minutes, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Koors moved to approve the June 18<sup>th</sup> minutes, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. After reviewing the claims and payroll claims as presented, Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** told Commissioners paving on Moscow Road up to the Rush County line started today, which is one of **Community Crossings Grant** projects. Traffic lights will be going up this week for the federal aid project- Bridge 168. The Westport Covered Bridge needs fascia boards replaced, some painting and the entire structure needs pressure washed. Mr Mohr asked for Mr Koors' help to put some proposals together for the Commissioners' approval in order to get the work done before the next **Covered Bridge Festival**. Mr Mohr receives calls on corn blocking 'sight' at intersections and he has discussed this with **County Attorney Ken Bass**. Since it is private property, he calls the property owner to let them know he has received a complaint. The Highway Department does mow weeds at intersections since weeds have no value like corn- a crop does. Mr Bass agreed with the Commissioners Mr Mohr should keep a log of the phone calls and to continue as he has been doing. Mr Mohr introduced **Shari Hinds of USI** who has the LPA and consulting contract on Bridge 236 on East Central Avenue in Greensburg. This contract, not to exceed \$217,714, is for design work, right of way, staking- basically **INDOT's** boiler-plate contract. He will forward this contract/information to **INDOT** for their approval, and then come back for the Commissioners' approval/signatures. Shari has met with **Greensburg City Engineer Ron May** to coordinate Greensburg' sidewalk project on/around our bridge project.

Mr Nobbe signed a title for a 1995 ambulance which was sold to Tony Boyce.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** reminded the Commissioners the **Area Plan Commission** and the **Board of Zoning Appeals** meetings will be Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and 7:00 pm, due to the **July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday**.

**Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening** gave his bi-weekly report: he has completed 34 building inspections since June 18<sup>th</sup> and issued 7 new building permits plus plan reviews. **High Point Orchard** owner contacted Kenny on June 18<sup>th</sup> saying she wants to convert her restaurant and orchard business to a reception and meeting hall venue. Kenny gave her the **State Fire Marshall's** contact information. After receiving an email on June 20<sup>th</sup> from **Indiana State Building Commissioner Craig Burgess** asking for a project number for the new jail; he referred him to **City of Greensburg's Building Commissioner Kathy Reynolds** since the new jail site is located within city limits. Mrs Reynolds told Kenny the jail blueprints were sent to the **State** on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr Nobbe stated **Elevatus Architecture** has submitted project drawings/plans to **Indiana Department of Homeland Security**. **Chris Grabosky of Maxwell Construction** stated all project designs were submitted last week. Kenny received an email on June 29<sup>th</sup> from Sara Galbraith about the Walls' property again; so he visited it again. It's the same pile of garage door parts, school bus; boat on a trailer, three or four vehicles parked on the Highway side- just looks like a normal farm-barn lot to Kenny. Vehicles are licensed; they do have a building permit for finishing the barn. The appearance of the property is much improved since the first complaint was brought before the Commissioners in 2017.

'Notices to proceed' were mailed to the successful bidders on the new jail project which does signal the start of construction. **Mr Grabosky** presented a contract with **Intertek PSI** for \$29,572 to do inspections and testing, some of which **Elevatus** requires. **Intertek** has done work at the **Honda Plant** in Greensburg. Mr Grabosky did suggest to the Commissioners, they may want to add \$10,000-\$15,000 to the budget since **Intertek** was so low and there could be some unknowns on the soil at the jail site. Mr Buening moved to enter into a contract for professional services with **Intertek** on the jail site. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Grabosky presented three contracts to be executed for: **Bid Package #2, Johannigman Excavating Inc-** Mr Koors moved to approve signing the contract with **Johannigman Excavating**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Bid Package #4, J L Walter and Associates- (steel)** - Mr Buening moved to approve signing the contract, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Bid Package #12, Pauly Jail Building Company- largest bid package of the project, detention and security electronics-** Mr Koors moved to approve signing the contract, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe stated per Rick Hall's calendar, we're on schedule. The County Council will hold a public hearing to approve the additional appropriations for **Fund 1114, Special Purpose Jail Tax**, on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Mr Nobbe received a couple of phone calls inquiring about a fireworks ordinance. The county does not have any such ordinance; therefore we default to the State's rules: June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 pm to 2 hours after sunset; July 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to midnight and July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm to 2 hours after sunset.

Commissioners received a mid-year report of the insurance changes and financial conditions. Mr Buening moved to accept the changes to the benefit plan for 2018. Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Meetings are being scheduled for **Dunn and Associates'** representatives to meet with all employees to advise them of these changes.

Mr Nobbe asked Mr Bass to revise our current policy for anyone requesting to use the County's facilities, mainly the Courthouse and lawn. The current policy requires proof of insurance to be submitted by all applicants. Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley emailed Debbie Hurst at **Assured Partners NL** who stated if the applicant isn't putting anything such as a stage or equipment on the property, it's ok not to require the proof of insurance.

Mr Nobbe suggested putting the 'fixed assets threshold' on the GIS/IT Meeting agenda so departments can get their feedback on if it should be \$100 or higher.

Mr Bass reported he has contacted Ripley County- they have no ordinance, however a Judge has a ruling no guns in the Courthouse or any county building by anybody, which includes employees; Rush County- no reply and Shelby County- only law enforcement may carry guns/weapons in the Courthouse. Mr Bass spoke to **Matt Hoeing- Adult Probation Officer for both Courts** who stated Jennings and Jackson Counties do not have any ordinance restricting guns in their Courthouses. Jefferson County does, but it is posted inside the building. Mr Hoeing would like for an ordinance to be posted outside of the **Court Services Offices**. Mr Bass suggested making restrictions according to specific offices since those with carry licenses have been vetted by local law enforcement and the **Indiana State Police**. Commissioners agreed to talk with Mr Hoeing as well as Sheriff Greg Allen on what would be best for their building. As for the Courthouse, Commissioners will 'leave the Ordinance as is for the time being'.

Mr Nobbe reported **Matt Eckerle of HJ Umbaugh** expects a good report-bond rating from the Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> conference call with **Standard and Poor Global Ratings** regarding the sales of bonds for the new jail project.

**Central Dispatch Director Erika Free** gave an update on her department. Mrs Free is now certified on the **National Emergency Numbers** after attending a five-day training session.

Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger presented two transfer requests for the Commissioners' approval to reduce the negative balance in the Non-Reverting Health Insurance Fund. Mr Nobbe asked what the balance will be at the end of 2018: projections are approximately \$1.4 million.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Buening moved to recess and Mr Koors seconded.

The next Commissioners meeting will be July 16th, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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Richard J Nobbe

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