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**Commissioners Regular Meeting
May 20, 2019 8:00 a m**

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the May 20th, 2019 Commissioner meeting in session; he announced the **Title VI voluntary survey forms** are on the table in the corner for anyone wishing to fill one out and turn into the Auditor's office.

Mr Koors moved to approve the minutes as presented for the May 6th meeting, Mr Buening seconded and Mr. Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr clarified Dave O'Mara billing for cold mix- the \$120 was last year's bid and the \$130 is this year's bid price; so they did bill correctly. Mr Mohr confirmed with Mr Koors that June 8th is **Westport's Covered Bridge Festival**. Work being done is mostly the Community Crossings Grants; South Base Road, being a gravel road, is a drainage nightmare; tons of dirt is required to do some shoulder work on County Road 1050; basically improve one road and grade/fill for another road. Update on Bridge #239: meeting with **USI's Mike Overfeld** on June 3rd to get his recommendations which Mr Mohr believes will be to keep the abutments and redo the superstructure. Mr Mohr told Commissioners until the railroad changes/increases the size of their structure behind the new Dollar General Store, there will continue to be a backup on the creek even when Bridge #239 is fixed and **INDOT** replaces the bridge on East Main Street in 2020. County Road 600 North has been patched back together by using some cold mix from Jennings County.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented **APC's Decatur County Ordinance 2019-6** for the Commissioners' approval. Dan Schwering submitted the petition to rezone 12.76 acres from A-1 to I-1 to move his sawmill to this location. Steve and Jane Hockaden own this property off of County Road 600 East. Mr Nobbe was at the Area Plan meeting when this was voted on and he understands the APC approved this petition and Mr Schwering will have to go to the **Board of Zoning Appeals** for a permanent special exception. A concern of the Commissioners is the industrial zoning in the location stated in the petition is not in the **County's Comprehensive Plan**. Mr Nobbe asked for a motion to vote on **Ordinance 2019-6**; hearing no motion this ordinance was tabled until the Commissioners' June 3rd meeting.

Building inspector Kenny Buening reported in the past two weeks, he has completed 35 building inspections, issued 20 new building permits, and issued 1 red tag on a Westport house being remodeled. After checking on the property in Sandusky, Kenny reported the property has been abated; so the property owner doesn't have to return to Court. **County Attorney Ken Bass** advised the Commissioners while there was a review hearing for substantial compliance, the lawsuit won't be dismissed and there will be continuing observation of the property. Mr Bass believes the County has accomplished what we set out to do. He will draft a letter from Building Inspector Buening to the Auditor certifying the costs associated with this case. Those costs will be added as a lien to the property tax bill to be paid by the property owner, Joshua P Fields.

County Veterans Service Officer Mike Baumgartner presented a request for funds to purchase a new computer and software since his current computer is ten years old with a Windows 7 operating system. The costs would be around \$2,060. Mr Nobbe suggested Mike 'run' this through his budget request for 2020. Auditor Chadwell suggested Mike submitted a written request for additional monies to the County Council, to purchase the computer this year. Once this additional is legally advertised, County Council may approve it and send it to the DLGF for final approval. He wouldn't have to wait until 2020. The Honor Boards in the Courthouse need names of servicemen, who were inadvertently omitted, added using similar calligraphy. A local retired teacher has agreed to do this and Mike would like to pay him \$10 per name. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs is pushing most VSO's to work more hours, but Mike doesn't believe more office hours are necessary at this time. Recently Mike was contacted about a veteran passing through our county, his vehicle broke down and Mike didn't have any resources to help this veteran. Mike did contact Christian Rust, Washington Township Trustee and the Agape Center who did help this gentleman. Mike asked if he should have 'run a background check' to make sure this veteran was who he said he was. Mr Rust may only run a background check if he suspects welfare fraud. Sheriff Dave Durant offered to run a warrant search should Mike receive any future such requests.

Decatur County Recorder Dottie Robbins presented a contract with **CSI** for redaction in a computer program. She has a **Security Protection Fund** to pay the fees for this contract. Mr Koors moved to enter into this annual contract for 2020, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe asked to let the record show that **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission** will be the grant administrators for the **Children's Advocacy Coalition Project** where funding 'passes through' the County's accounting system. This grant is for rehabbing the old veterinarian clinic building on West Main Street.

The Commissioners received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding moving the recycling center off of Monfort Street to a location at the **Decatur County Landfill**. This citizen stated the **Solid Waste Board** did not put enough effort in keeping the recycling center where it was. All three Commissioners sit on the Solid Waste Board and they stated every effort was made to try to keep it going, but vandalism plus non-recycling items were being left at the recycling center. The **Solid Waste Board Director and the Board** will continue to figure out a place in town to bring the recycling center back. Meanwhile, anyone may take their recycling to the **Decatur County Landfill** as it is easy to use and the same procedures are in place.

Sheriff Dave Durant will meet with Doug Wilson, attorney for **Decatur County Community Schools**, to finalize an agreement on the 2014 and 2017 Tahoes used by former School Resource Officers. Sheriff Durant will renew the plates for the 2014 Tahoe as the Sheriff's Department has done in the past.

Mr Bass explained the 'waiver of potential conflict' form presented to the Commissioners due to Chris Stephen being retained by Christian Rust, Washington Township Trustee and Mr Bass being retained by Decatur County Commissioners. Mr Stephen agreed it's okay to discuss the rental/lease agreement, but if any issue arises that cannot be resolved, Mr Stephen would remove his representation due to ethical obligations. Mr Buening moved to sign the waiver, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe stated the rental of office space is supposed to be short term; Commissioners anticipate having a rental document for their June 3rd meeting.

A proposal submitted by **The Traditions Group** to do some maintenance work on the Courthouse structure was declined by the Commissioners and Mr Nobbe contacted the group to let them know.

Proposals-quotes for property, liability and casualty insurance were submitted by **Assured Partners and Ethos Insurance & Risk Management** at the Commissioners' May 20th meeting. Mr Buening moved to approve **Assured Partners** as provider of the County's 2020 insurance. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe thanked both firms for their efforts.

Sheriff Durant told the Commissioners the Parks Department is not mowing at the Sheriff's Department since the new jail project began. After some discussion, Sheriff Durant decided to include mowing in his 2020 Budget Request.

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

Richard J Nobbe

Attest: _____

Date: _____

