

Commissioners Meeting
July 20, 2020 8:00 a m

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

The July 20th, 2020, Decatur County Commissioners meeting was called in session by President Nobbe; he then announced there are Title VI forms available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Mr Koors moved to approve the Commissioners meeting minutes for July 6th, 2020; Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

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

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, reported his crews are starting prep work for a bridge replacement on County Road Southwest 60, just south of County Road 1000 South; wing and head walls are being poured for a bridge replacement on County Road 650 South and the final grading work is being completed on several projects. Parks and Rec Director Bob Barker told Mr Mohr he doesn't have funding to be able to purchase one of the dump trucks, besides that size of truck requires a CDL license to drive it. Mr Mohr will advertise sealed bids will be accepted at the Highway Department for 2 dump trucks. Sheriff Durant asked Mr Mohr about putting additional signage before the railroad tracks at Germantown due to the 'high' grade which has caused semi-trucks to 'belly out' and cars going too fast 'fly' over the crossing, making a hard landing. Mr Mohr will contact **USI** to look at that crossing to make recommendations because the owner of the rails probably will not agree to remove the rails and 'take the hill down'. **County Attorney Ken Bass** cited **Indiana Code 9-21-5-2** stating there is a speed limit of 30 miles per hour in an 'urban district'; he couldn't find the State's definition of an 'urban district'. He suggested advising law enforcement and as well as implementing this with the Prosecutor and Courts. Mr Mohr will measure to 'establish' the urban area. Mr Bass explained if an ordinance would be adopted setting the speed limit, a specific area would have to be defined.

Commissioners have a quote for \$5,000 from the Highway Department to remove top soil behind the **Emergency Operations Center** and **Globe Asphalt Paving** gave a quote of \$12,000 to pave it. Communications Director Erika Free had requested additional parking due to more groups are using the **EOC** for meetings and her employees are having to park quite a distance from the dispatch center. Mr Nobbe will check to see if this would qualify for reimbursement under the COVID costs.

Sheriff David Durant told the Commissioners his department has been awarded a \$250,000 COPS Grant for 2 deputies for 2 years. **Sheriff Administrative Assistant Ashely Wilson and Sergeant Rob Goodfellow** wrote the grant application for the maximum amount and Decatur County was 1 of 10 receiving monies. Sheriff Durant said the grant needs to be signed by the end of August by the Commissioners and County Council because these 2 new deputy positions must be retained- paid by the County the 3rd year after the grant is accepted. Due to major changes in the Commissary Fund, Sheriff Durant will pay for the next two vehicles from that fund, saving the County around \$70,000. He plans to continue applying for any available grants to purchase equipment- such as bullet proof vest and riot gear- for his officers. The Commissioners and Sheriff will discuss hiring a full-time maintenance person for the new Detention Center.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented 6 rezoning petitions/ordinances for the Commissioners' review/approval. **Ordinance 2019-2 Effing and Norton** requesting 2.483 A to be rezoned A2 from A1, for the construction of a single-family detached dwelling. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2019-2, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Ordinance 2019-22 Curt and Abigail Harry** requesting rezone 2.99 A from A1 to A2, for the construction of a single-family detached dwelling. Mr Koors moved to approve Ordinance 2019-22, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Ordinance 2019-24 Swango Enterprises LLC on behalf of Belinda Bruner** requesting a rezoning of 2.99 A from A1 to A2, for the construction of a single-family dwelling. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2019-24, Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Ordinance 2020-1 David and Connie Weber** requesting to rezone 2.99 A from A1 to A2, for their son to build a single-family detached dwelling. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2020-1, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Ordinance 2020-4 Stonebridge Trucking, by Robert and Betty Gold**, requesting to rezone 1.64 A from A1 to B3 to park their business trucks. Mr Koors moved to approve Ordinance 2020-4, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Ordinance 2020-5 Thorntree MHP and CG, by Mike Link, requesting to rezone 2.6 A from A1 to B3 for the purpose of selling mobile homes. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2020-5, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Ms Duvall reminded the Commissioners the Area Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will hold meetings on August 5th at the EOC meeting room, located at 315 S Ireland Street. The landfill discussion will be one topic which will be available on ZOOM. Discussions will be continued for Article 9 of the proposed zoning ordinance of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan; information is available at the Greensburg Library and on the county's website. She has emailed Census 2020 information to the Township Trustees due to a substantial amount of dollars related to population in each taxing unit; Decatur County has a 67.7% response rate to answering the Census 2020 questionnaires.

Since the last Commissioners' meeting, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 54 inspections; has issued 10 new building permits and 2 red tags, meter base related. He has drafted a 'notice of violation' to send to the owner Laura Falp, **Creswood Mobile Home Park** at Lake McCoy: people are 'squatting' in dilapidated mobile homes. **Alan Crosby, Sanitarian for the County's Board of Health** will need to stay in contact with Kenny Buening regarding this problem.

Sean Durbin, Board of Health, has spent the last 4 months or more, working on public health preparedness as it relates to COVID-19. Currently the weekly trends are not looking great according to Mr Durbin. **Board of Health President Dr James Howell** stated there's an increase in calls to the Hotline, but not seeing an increase in hospital visits. The Health Department received a grant to cover costs for the COVID-19 testing, which is available 5 days a week. A \$100,00 grant is coming which may be used to purchase computer equipment and test supplies. Beginning September 1st, the COVID-19 testing will move from the old jail back to the Board of Health building. Mr Durbin has also been working the schools with their 'reopening plans'. Groups with over 250 people are now required to submit a safety plan to the Board of Health. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Durbin to please make a recommendation for any action the Commissioners need to take.

Ryan Maddux will be the auctioneer for the Commissioners to sell the 24 properties which the County holds the titles/deeds. The auction will be August 15th at 10:00 am in Room 106 in the Courthouse.

Having reviewed the requested 2021 salaries from County departments, as per statute, Mr Buening moved to defer the recommendations to the County Council for the 2021 budget, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Updates to the current personnel policy were sent/mailed to department heads to review. Mr Koors moved to adopt **Ordinance 2020-6**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Ordinance 2020-6** states the **Personnel Policy Handbook** was adopted November 18, 2013, amendments adopted January 6, 2020 and revised amendments are now adopted July 20, 2020. Copies of the revised handbook will be given to all employees who shall sign, date and return the signature page to the Auditor's office, confirming they have received and read this personnel policy handbook.

Commissioners discussed shutting the water off at the old jail and the PODS due to high water bills and since it will not be used after August 30th. Commissioners agreed the Terminix treatments should also be stopped.

Bruns and Gutzwiller has replaced the locks on the Court Services Building since it is not opened 24/7.

Mr Buening has spoken to Eagle, manufacturer of the PODS, to help decide what to do with the PODS; he said there's definitely a market for them. Mr Nobbe has spoken to a company out of Nashville, who houses inmates, and they also are interested in the property.

Commissioners agreed to pay for a desk for an employee in the Superior Court's office, out of Cumulative Capital Development.

After Mr Nobbe called Chris Grabosky- Maxwell Construction, Pauly Jail agreed to replace a broken window at the new Detention Center. Normally Pauly Jail's policy is not to cover this, but evidently Mr Grabosky convinced them and they will replace it at no cost to the County.

Commissioners received a list of all of the County-owned generators from EMA's Gary Hash.

The **Decatur County Youth Soccer League** requested monies out of the **CARES Act** for 'back to play' costs. Mr Nobbe will contact **Barnes and Thornburg** as he believes this request qualifies for reimbursement.

Drew Young, Tim Ortman, Andy Scholle and Mr Nobbe did meet in Horace to mitigate some drainage issues.

Mr Buening moved to authorize **Bruns and Gutzwiller** to repair the north door of the Courthouse, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Koors moved to approve **Architectural Glass and Metal Company** to replace the broken atrium glass in the west side roof for \$7,735, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe

concurrent. The glass was broken by a worker from **Bulley and Andrews** during the Courthouse rehab project and they did send monies to the County to have that replaced/fixed. **AGM** will replace the broken glass and wet seal all areas of the repair.

Mr Nobbe will meet with Daniel Fayette and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert, after today's meeting, to see what a drone can show about the health of the tree on the clocktower. The **Visitors and Tourism Board** annually budgets \$5,000 for 'tree maintenance'. Commissioners contacted **Tree-Centric Solutions** for an arborist to inspect the tree and trim as needed. Mr Buening moved to spend up to \$5,000 toward the health/maintenance of the tree, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

HVAC maintenance quotes for the new Detention Center were submitted by **Koch Mechanical**- no food service equipment, \$11,820; **Peine Engineering**- includes food service equipment and exhaust fans, \$22,872 and **QPH**- \$11,475 plus \$4,520 for food service equipment plus \$3,700 for changing roof top filters- total \$19,695. The 2021 budget will need to include monies for maintenance as the warranties expire. Mr Nobbe will contact **QPH** to let them know they had the low quote and they'll start in 2021.

Main Street Greensburg Director Susan Burkhart answered questions the Commissioners had on her **Request for Use of Facilities** for the Courthouse lawn to bring the **Farmers Market** back downtown, beginning August 7th. Mrs Burkhart said there wouldn't be any 'drive thru' as done in previous years due to 'social distancing' by having vendors face north. Mr Buening moved to allow **Main Street Greensburg** to use the south side of the Courthouse, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Bass tried to recontact Columbus appraiser, Melody Graber, who had agreed to appraise a property in Westport for the Commissioners, but she hasn't sent any contractual agreement. He may contact another appraiser.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____