Commissioners Regular Meeting  
July 15, 2019 8:00 a m

Present:   Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the July 15th, 2019 Commissioner meeting in session and 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 Nobbe asked the minutes for their July 1st meeting to be corrected by deleting the last sentence in the paragraph and add ‘Mr Nobbe told Mr Hermann that if evidence of bullets are found on his property from neighboring property that would be considered an offence and should be reported to law enforcement.’

Mr Koors moved to approve the July 1st minutes as amended, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.  Having reviewed the claims, Mr Buening moved to approve those, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr gave updates on bridge and road projects: the 3 ton bridge replacement on County Road 500 West (2018 Community Crossings Grants); a replacement precast box beam bridge on County Road 1100 South; replacing another structure failure due to Spring flooding closing a part of County Road 650 North; he asked if Globe Asphalt would be available to ‘overlay’ about ¾ mile stone road, part of County Road 200 North off of County Road 850 East in St Maurice- it has already been widened but no millings are available from INDOT’s I-74 project; another 2018 CCG project is to widened County Road 350 West at County Road 1050 near South Decatur Elementary School.  Mr Mohr requested approval to price a new mower tractor and a mini-excavator. Commissioners agreed he should get some numbers together for their next meeting.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented Decatur County Ordinance 2019-9, submitted by Billy Wilmer, requesting to subdivide 17 acres out of 77.86 acres and rezone 2.99 acres of wooded area from A-1 to A-2 for a single family detached dwelling and pond. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2019-9, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Next Ms Duval presented Decatur County Ordinance 2019-10, submitted by the Westport Lodge #52, requesting rezoning 1 acre from A-1 to B-2. Mr Koors moved to approve as presented, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Ms Duval has drafted a letter to the US Census, confirming support from the Commissioners who will create a committee, including New Point, Greensburg and the County, to assist in the 2020 Census in Decatur County. EDC Director Bryan Robbins has offered his help. Someone from the Auditor’s & Assessor’s staffs will help Ms Duval who is the contact person. Commissioners thanked Ms Duval for stepping up for this project.

Mr Nobbe suggested establishing a ‘drainage board’ within Decatur County, not for the purpose for public drains which is a totally different subject. He has contacted other county commissioners who have a drainage board and drainage ordinances. Commissioners received a report from Decatur County Soil & Water Director Scott Sanders on a drainage issue between Leising Excavating and Joe Stein properties between I-74 and State Road 46 East. Farm Bureau does offer a ‘drainage school’, so that is another option to learn more.

The Comp Plan contains a ‘top 10 priority list’ since the adoption of the County’s Comprehensive Plan: 1) insure the Area Plan Commission and Board of Zoning of Appeals have the correct number of members per the State Code 2) the four incorporated towns in the County and Decatur County to adopt the Comprehensive Plan 3) update the zoning and subdivision ordinances to be a unified code under the Comp Plan. An August 7th meeting is scheduled to discuss the final draft which will go to the APC who will hold 2 separate public hearings for any public’s input/suggestions.  4) develop an interlocal agreement with the City of Greensburg regarding development around the city 5) update the Area Plan page on the County website to include meeting packets, ordinances. Meeting agendas and meeting minutes once approved are currently posted to the website 6) implement a formal Tech Committee for recommendations to the APC and BZA 7) complete and present annual reports to the APC 8) meet with various county departments and agencies to conform to the newly adopted Comp Plan 9) develop a 5 year capital improvement plan 10) work with Purdue University to complete an analysis on their water shed series.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported he has completed 46 inspections, issued 13 new building permits and red tagged one mobile home in St Paul in Noble Township, Shelby County. On July 10th he inspected concrete work completed on the west side of the Head Quarter’s Building at the Fairgrounds. He doesn’t
believe the renovation work being done at the four County schools will be completed when the schools start on August 8th.

Local resident Charlie Hocker told the Commissioners he didn’t get adequate responses to questions he had while attending the July 2nd APC meeting; so the APC directed him to the Commissioners and the City Council. He is looking for accountability and answers of the government- elected officials. He asked what is the status of the interlocal agreement for the Greensburg Airport project. Mr Hocker asked what will the airport project do to the taxpayers of the County as well as the City. According to Mr Hocker there is no factual information being shared by those involved in this project, as well as there’s no return on an investment in the airport’s project.

Mr Nobbe has asked County Attorney Ken Bass to do some proactive work so when the City comes to the County for zoning changes or whatever, the Commissioners will know what’s available- what’s legal. Mr Hocker thanked Commissioners for their time and the attitude of today’s meeting.

**Decatur County Sheriff Dave Durant** told Commissioners Jail Commander Tony Blodgett has retired after 10 years of service. Sheriff Durant plans to transition the jail commander position into a civilian/salary position, same as the Chief Deputy’s position.

Commissioners asked Sheriff Durant to present his request to County Council on changing paying Holidays for his department (Sheriff and Jail) and ultimately go without a ‘carryover comp system’; paying comp time when served. Council should approve as the fiscal body; then Commissioners as the executive body, could approve these changes at their August 5th meeting, making the effective date August 9th. **Central Dispatch Director Erika Free** hopes parallel the Sheriff’s plan for comp time, but her Department will still do the 14 Holidays.

Mr Koors moved to allow signing the settlement agreement with Decatur County Community Schools, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe signed the agreement that Decatur County Schools Attorney Doug Wilson had previously signed, on the 2014 Tahoe used by their School Resource Officer.

Mr Buening moved to approve payment for Invoice #8- $80,282.25 final invoices for the modular cells at the current jail, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. This completes the entire process. The total cost for this project was $1,751,037.75, coming in under budget by $89,837.25. Commissioners will determine the future use of the modulars once the old jail is vacated in the next few months.

**Chris Grabosky, Maxwell Construction Project Manager,** presented change orders on the new jail project for: **Pauly Jail**- add $347, per PR 12- install tear gas portal locks; deduct $3,500, delete the temp concrete pad from Scope of Work; Deduct $1,133 a correction for the incorrect value was entered in CO#1 for PR 6. Total deduct of $4,286 making the contract new amount at $6,146,254. Mr Buening moved to sign the change order, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Quality Interiors**- Deduct $774 per PR 20, deletion of office A1029 in Admin area; Add $13,080 per PR 21, to add sound batt insulation in admin area; Add $2,124 per PR 22, add exterior sheathing around multipurpose high roof area; Deduct $2,886 per PR 24, deduct ceiling tile hold down clips in Section A. The adds- $25,386 minus deducts- $3,660 for a total adds of $11,544, giving a new amount of $829,484 for the contract. Mr Koors moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**C & T Design & Equipment**- Deduct $1,223.50 for a back charge for moving kitchen exhaust roof opening and curb; Deduct $5,400 for suggestion by contractor confirmed by Vorndran. The total deducts of $6,623.50 making $476,576.50 the new amount for the contract. Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Grabosky is pushing contractors for an early substantial completion to give the County a completion date of February to March 2020.

**Johannigman Excavating**- add $4,400 per PR 26, add PIV (post indicator valve) per local Fire Department requirement. The addition sets the new amount for the contract at $1,337,580. Mr Koors moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Grabosky is pushing contractors for an early substantial completion to give the County a completion date of February to March 2020.

Sheriff Durant told Commissioners the Animal Shelter Board President asked about ‘carrying a gun’ for security when responding to a call on a dog/animal. Mr Durant doesn’t have any objections, but stated it’s not up to him. The Commissioners are still reviewing security topics.

Mr Bass is working with the Auditor’s office about what funds PERF and FICA should be paid from for several departments.

**Visitors and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert** reported several people were fine paying the $1 a day to access the internet at the Fairgrounds. The Fair Board set the $1 policy; otherwise the system would be overwhelmed.

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