Commissioners Regular Meeting  
August 19, 2019 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the August 19th, 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.

The August 5th minutes were approved as amended.

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

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented 3 ordinances which are ‘administrative changes’ to more accurately reflect the land use. Decatur County Ordinance 2019-15 and Ordinance 2019-16 involves correcting the zoning for 2 stone quarries owned by New Point Stone Company: Harris City, 3671 S Co Rd 220 SW and New Point, 992 S Co Rd 800 E. Both are currently zoned A-1 and should be zoned I-2. Commissioners decided to wait for more accurate maps before approving these two ordinances; a survey on the 228 acres to be rezoned I-2 is being done by local surveyor Andy Scholle. Decatur County Ordinance 2019-17 was filed by 600 Land LLC (current landfill) to rezone 137.4 acres- 9 parcels of land- from A-1 to I-1. Mr Buening moved to approve Decatur County Ordinance 2019-17, changing the zoning of 137.4 acres of existing 600 Land LLC from A-1 to I-2. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe did not concur. The Ordinance was approved 2 – 1.

Decatur County Ordinance 2019-12, petitioners Steve and Jane Hockaden would like to rezone 2.5 acres out of 8.18 acres from A-1 to I-1. Mr Hockaden would rent the 2.5 acres to Stonebridge Trucking as a place to park their bigger vehicles. Mr Koors moved to approve Decatur County Ordinance 2019-12, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. The final ordinance to be presented for the Commissioners vote was Decatur County Ordinance 2019-13 petitioned by the Adams Volunteer Fire Department to rezone approximately 6 acres from A-1 to B-2 for the purpose of constructing of a new fire department building. The property is currently owned by David Scripture. The Area Plan Commission ‘voted down’ the petition at their August 7th meeting. 4-3. Several members of the Adams VFD were present hoping if they requested to rezone just the ‘footprint’ of the building to an R-2 or R-4 that would protect the surrounding property owners. After some discussion, Mr Koors moved to send Decatur County Ordinance 2019-13 back to the APC to revisit the zoning change request. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe stated this in effect starts the process over and will be on the APC's September 4th meeting agenda and no additional advertising will be required. Ms Duvall told the Commissioners BEX Farms petitioned the APC to rezone 150 acres (7parcels) for future expansion of the current landfill. APC President Jay Hatton suggested meeting with the Commissioners to discuss creating a small group to talk to IDEM and DNR to get accurate information to verify information given by the petitioner; also to put a budget together for this small group/committee to do this correctly.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported in the last 2 weeks he has completed 46 inspections, issued 8 new building permits and red tagged 1 project- an exposed meter base which has been corrected. He received information from the Department of Homeland Security that ‘framed buildings on runners’ are not a Class 1 structure and are not to be used for businesses. The seasonal, temporary roadside, agricultural stands are exemption to that rule. He did final inspections on all 4 County Schools’ projects on August 7th for the completed work to issue a completion of occupancy. All of the permits will remain open for uncompleted areas, mainly restrooms and roofs; that work will be done in the evenings after school hours. County Attorney Ken Bass has drafted a letter to a property owner on County Road 1000 South, giving him/her 30 days to clean up the property and Kenny B did mail it.

Communications Director Erika Free received a confirmation letter Decatur County Communications is one of 29 PSAP’s (Public Safety Answering Points) to benefit from a $2.8 million Federal Grant to enhance their 911 equipment. The grant application for replacing 7 old consoles was submitted last February. The $53,000 grant is a 60/40 match; so we will receive approximately $32,000 in grant monies from the Feds through the State and the County’s portion should be around $21,000. The Federal monies have been released to the State 911Board, so it’s been approved by the State for Ms Free to place the order for the new consoles. The equipment has been ordered from ERSCI in Bloomington and will be supported by Motorola.

Chris Grabosky, Maxwell Construction Project Manager presented estimates from 3 vendors- Mad Technical Services $44,080, New Connect Technologies $45,844 and Fairchild Communications Systems $69,700- for the IT Contract for the new jail construction. The IT Contract includes fiber, phones, computers and essential
communications equipment. This contract is within the FFE (Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment) portion of the jail project. Mr Buening moved to enter into the AIA Document 132-2009 for FFE package with Mad Tech, Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Grabosky told Commissioners the new jail building should be completely enclosed by September 1st, making work to be done on the inside a lot better.

Chris Harmeyer of HREZO Engineering opened bids submitted by Shaw Building Specialties, Inc of North Vernon- $236,000 and Poole Group of Dillsboro- $388,000 for the renovation work to be done on the recently purchased office building for the Children’s Advocacy Center. The Commissioners took the two bids under advisement and requested HREZO review the bids; then make a recommendation to the Commissioners at one of their meetings in September.

Mr Koors moved to approve Decatur County Ordinance 2019-8 related to make a 4-way Stop at the intersection of County Roads 400 North and 500 East. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. The Highway Department will use EMA’s message board at the location for 2 weeks to advise motorists of the “Stop Ahead” intersection.

Director Free discussed with Commissioners the Courthouse trouble and fire alarms. Mr Nobbe said only the fire alarms should be going to Dispatch; will check with Simplex on where are the trouble alarms going.

County Sheriff Dave Durant told Commissioners he did sell one of the Tahoe’s to an individual for $15,000 and that money will go into Cumulative Capital Development Fund where the Tahoe was originally paid from.

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

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