

Commissioner Meeting
January 5, 2015 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Rick Nobbe and Jerome Buening

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

Mr Richards announced the December 15th meeting minutes stand approved after the Commissioners review. The claims were also approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, told the Commissioners his employees would be taking CPR training on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. He asked the Commissioners if their February 16th meeting agenda could include bid openings for stone, pipe and fuel. Commissioners approved February 16th for a 9:00 a.m. for those bid openings. Mr Mohr will meet with Bill Read of **INDOT** to discuss an 'unofficial detour' in Decatur County for a bridge deck overlay south of the county line in Jennings County. Mr Richards agreed with Mr Mohr there isn't a 'good route' for this unofficial detour in either county. This project should have a summer letting, so this project is probably several months out. Mr Mohr introduced Dave Richter and Matt Lee of **United Consulting**. They are asking for a design exception for reducing the lane width during construction on **Bridge #168**. A temporary traffic signal at each end of the bridge would control the speed of traffic so the reduced lane width shouldn't be a problem. The width inside the barriers would be eleven feet instead of the average twelve feet. The construction is scheduled for Spring in 2017. Mr Buening moved to approve the design exception on **Bridge #168**, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Richards and Mr Mohr signed the design exception forms which will be submitted to **INDOT**.

Robin Nobbe, as a courtesy, told Commissioners she has been working with Mike Baumgartner and Harold Sample of the **Veterans Service Office** on a research for a school project. She has a thirty-nine question survey to ask local veterans which she would like to do at the local **Veterans Service Office**. She would use her own computer, paper, etc. Mr Baumgartner told Mrs Nobbe she would need to have the Commissioners' approval to open that office on a Saturday to conduct her survey. The Commissioners approved her request.

Rob Duckworth presented the reimbursable, no match grant agreement with **Homeland Security** in the amount of \$20,000. Mr Duckworth told the Commissioners the maximum grant amount was \$25,000 which no one in the state qualified for. The grant runs December 15th, 2013 thru July 31, 2015. He would like to increase **EMA's** communication system. Mr Nobbe moved to accept the 2014 grant agreement, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. The **EOC** project is nearly complete. Mr Duckworth requested approval to get a quote from **MinuteMaids** to buff and wax the floors once this project is completed.

Matt Morrow of **Letts Volunteer Fire Department** asked the Commissioners about the 1995 ambulance sitting behind the **EMS building**. He would like to put that 'truck' in place at the **Letts VFD** to use as a 'back up' when the hospital's two ambulances are on runs and the **VFD** needs to transport. Mr Nobbe suggested trying to work on an agreement with the **DCMH** on this endeavor. Mr Morrow doesn't want to 'take runs' from the hospital, just be a 'back-fill' for the ambulance service. The **Letts VFD** would carry the liability insurance on the vehicle.

Mr Buening moved to appoint Chris Bower to the **Redevelopment Commission**, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to officially appoint Drew Young as County Attorney for 2015, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to renew the contract with **Constellation Energy- Natural Gas** for 2015, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe reported the **APC** voted to 'bring their recently updated Comprehensive Plan' to the Commissioners. A representative of **CNH** will find out the next step and get in touch with the Commissioners.

RBSK Partners IT agreement will be reviewed by the **GIS Group** who will submit their recommendations to the Commissioners in February.

Auditor Janet Chadwell asked the Commissioners to consider appointing Deputy Auditor Teresa Garrity as an **Assistant HIPPA Officer** since she shares duties with Deputy Auditor/ **HIPPA Officer** Christy Smiley. Since the **HIPPA Officer** is paid for the additional responsibilities out of the Commissioners' budget, adding an assistant would 'fall' under the same budget. Commissioners believe each Deputy Auditor shares in the **HIPPA duties**. Mr Nobbe would like to do more research and discuss this further. County Attorney Drew Young will do some checking and report his findings at the next meeting.

Mr Nobbe stated informational meetings for department heads will be held in January for Health Insurance. He stated the county has been reviewing different health insurance options over the last few years as these costs continue to rise.

Greensburg Mayor Gary Herbert asked the Commissioners to consider 'going together' when advertising for bids on sand, gravel, stone and fuel.

Rob Duckworth reported he received a quote of \$39,958 from **ETC** for the Courthouse phone system. There is a two-week window for ordering the equipment. Mr Nobbe moved to approve **ETC's** bid for the phone equipment upgrade for the Courthouse, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Commissioners will decide from which fund to pay for the phone system at their next meeting

Mr Buening reported he had asked Council President Ernie Gauck about having a joint meeting to review the **APC's updated Comprehensive Plan**. At this time Mr Gauck hasn't agreed to a date.

Mr Buening moved to recess, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Meeting recessed.

The next Commissioners meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

John Richards, President

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Date _____