

Commissioner Meeting
February 2, 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 January 20th meeting minutes stand approved as corrected. The claims were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr informed the Commissioners County Bridge #188 (Vandalia Road) will be replaced by the **City of Greensburg** through the **Honda TIF**. City Engineer Gary Murray stated Greensburg Street Commissioner Mark Klosterkemper will be doing the "INDOT" type inspection. Mr Mohr will meet weekly/bi-weekly with Mr Klosterkemper on this project since it is a County bridge. Mr Mohr asked Commissioners whose budget should pay for the rewiring for the generator coming from the Jail to the Highway Department. Commissioners agreed that cost would be paid out of their budget. Also, **Community Corrections** has contacted Mr Mohr about extending their parking lot under a lean-to which will be done when and if the Highway department has time and weather permits. Commissioners directed Mr Mohr to charge labor and materials to the **Community Corrections Department**. There may be some millings when the Airport resurfaces the runway. Commissioners approved Mr Mohr's request to purchase two new utility trucks out of the Highway's budget. There is an informational meeting with **INDOT** on February 10th to discuss acquiring right-of-way for County Bridge #168.

Mr Buening stated the **TIF Board** would like to have several of the railroad crossings on State Road 46 repaired/improved, but hasn't been able to set up any meetings with **INDOT** or any Railroad contacts. Mr Mohr will contact **INDOT** to gauge any interest and funding.

Mr Nobbe asked if Mr Mohr has been contacted regarding a request approved by the Commissioners for Emily Jessup to hold a wedding, September 5th, 2015 on the **Westport Covered Bridge**. The Highway Department will insure there are barricades in place for traffic control; also, Mr Mohr has a diagram drawn by Ron May, **Aecon engineer**, for placement of tables, etc. Mr Richards will get that information to Ms Jessup.

Rob Duckworth, **Emergency Management Director**, presented two grant agreements for the Commissioners' approval. **2014 State Homeland Security Program Grants**, first one is for \$24,544 to be used for maintenance supplies for the **District Task force**. The second grant is for \$911.82 for the management and administration of the first grant and may be used to purchase office equipment. The **Army Surplus** generator, currently at the **EMA** office, will be taken to **Burney Fire Department** which is similar to the generator at the **Letts Fire Department**. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the **2014 SHSP Grants** in the amounts of \$24,544 for Region equipment and \$911.82 for management. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Quote from **Simplex Grinnell** for installation of cameras for Phase II of the Courthouse Security project is \$48,663. Mr Duckworth explained the number of cameras needed could be reduced by changing to a "fisheye" camera in some areas while using the "dome" camera in other areas. Mr Nobbe moved to accept the quote by **Simplex** for the cameras and electronic system for Phase II with the \$3,500 to be paid by the **Clerk's Office**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Duckworth also stated an ordinance addressing the parking on the north side of the Courthouse will be needed in the near future. Mr Nobbe asked that signage be displayed giving notice to the public what entrances will be closed to the public- which entrance is open for the public.

Mr Duckworth reported at the January meeting of the **911 Board** several rural volunteer fire departments recommended centralization of the dispatch system. At one time the **Redevelopment Commission** showed some interest in helping to facilitate this process. Mr Duckworth is hoping to meet with that group to see if there are any funds available. Estimated savings range from \$110,000 to \$240,000 over a three-year period as there are a lot of details which need to 'be worked out'.

Gary Murray presented plans and a cover sheet, which he has approved, for Bridge #188 for the Commissioners' signatures. Mr Mohr has reviewed the plans and after a couple of revisions he then

gave his approval. **INDOT** is set to 'let' the bid also for the City's part of **Vandalia Road**. Mr Buening moved to approve the Bridge #188 plans, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Tom Weartz of **Sterling Insurance** outlined options for health insurance through **Anthem and UMR/UHC** plans administrators. **Anthem** funds all claims, then would invoice/bill the County; thereby removing the 'waiting' on reimbursements from the reinsurer. He stated the renewal date would change from March of each year to December of each year. Mr Nobbe suggested the Commissioners schedule an Executive Session on February 16th to meet with the three insurance entities to review each plan design; then convene a special meeting immediately following the Executive Session to announce which company the Commissioners would contract with to provide health insurance for our county employees.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve the three year (2015, 2016 and 2017) Allocation Plan Agreement with **Maximus Consulting**. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Prosecutor Nathan Harter asked for the Commissioners' suggestions/solutions for storing his office's confidential files due to the retention requirements by the State Court Administration. Currently these files are in the Prosecutor's office, but in time that space will be needed for personnel.

Charity Wider of **Crystal Clear Window Cleaning** presented a proposal for the Courthouse 'glass'. She stated she is local and does not use any ladders thereby no damage is done to the building.

Mr Nobbe moved to take \$1,000 out of **EDIT** to give to a group branching off of the **Economic Development Group** to create a 'meeting center' in Decatur County. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

The siren for St Paul is scheduled to be erected on March 3rd.

Mr Nobbe now believes the purchase of a new truck would be a better value than purchasing a used truck (Land'O Lakes) for the **Animal Control** personnel. He has asked Mary Miers of the **Animal Control Board** to get local quotes and reply back to commissioner.

The **1782 Budget Notice** has been received by the Auditor's office. Due to procedure errors, the **Department of Local Government Finance** has reduced the budget adopted by the **County Council** to the same budget numbers for 2014 for **County General, Reassessment, Highway and LR & S**. Five budgets- **Cum Bridge, Health Dept, Hospital Bond, Parks & Rec, and Cum Cap Development** were reduced due to understatement of revenue and/or statute limitations. The Commissioners will review options to reduce budgets for County General and Cum Cap Development.

County Attorney Drew Young expressed his concerns on the **Area Plan Commission's** proposed **Comprehensive Plan**: use of sub-contractors, are the vendors approved by the Commissioners; are any back-ground checks performed? Or unauthorized aliens employed? who pay **CHA**? Mr Buening stated the County and City are two separate clients and the number of meetings held by each entity will determine the final price.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve, with the provision that our County Attorney sees no need for any changes. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Richards would like to hire Ron May of **Aecon Engineering** to inspect the 'new walk bridge' at the park out across from the Fair Grounds. Mr Nobbe expressed his concern of 'insurability' since the bridge hasn't been inspected. Mr Nobbe will contact Mr May to ask for a quote. Mr Young will contact Bob Barker of the **Parks Department** on this matter.

Mr Buening stated the Commissioners need to be on various boards' email list so they are aware of those boards' agendas.

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

Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, February 16, 2015.

John Richards, President

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Date _____