

Commissioners Meeting

August 17, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

**Highway Assistant Superintendent Tim Ortman** stated nothing outside of the normal work happening at the **Highway Department**. Mr Nobbe reminded Mr Ortman about the road closure signs to be set up this week for the **"On Eagle's Wings"** run on August 22, 2015.

**Area Plan Board President Albert Armand and Mr Ortman** reported on the "job description committee's" progress and recommendations to the **Commissioners**. Mr Buening stated the college degree or the equivalent in experience may eliminate one or more otherwise qualified candidates. Mr Armand told the Commissioners there is some 'fine tuning' yet to be done to the job description- just not in writing yet. He did state the **Area Plan Director** will be the one to interview for the secretary's position in that office; then make a recommendation to the **Area Plan Board** who will actually hire the person. Mr Nobbe asked if Mr Armand would consider the secretary's position as part-time. Mr Armand responded there is a 'heavy clerical load'; besides the **Area Plan Director and Building Commissioner** would have to know the computer. He believes it's important to staff the office during Courthouse hours. Mr Nobbe asked that the **Area Plan Board** look to 'stream line' the department and save operating dollars. Both **AP Director and Building Commissioner** positions are equal in authority- neither position is more powerful than the other. A general consensus is that both positions would be an annual appointment by the respective boards (**Area Plan Board and Board of Commissioners**), with an annual review which would give feedback on improving the office/services provided.

The August 3rd meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

**EMS Manager for Decatur County Memorial Hospital Scott Chasteen** introduced Diane McKinney-and Mike Trabel of **DCMH**. He told Commissioners **Medic 71** remount should be completed mid-September. The original specs included a step to get in the back of the ambulance; now the step may not be needed. Mr Chasteen asked Commissioners to consider using that refund to cover costs to add an "automatic chain system" for the back wheels. Mr Chasteen asked the Commissioners to begin setting aside funds to replace another ambulance the first of 2016- three of five ambulances have 160,000 miles and to date in 2015, there have been 2,391 runs. He understands tax dollars are 'tight'. **County Attorney Drew Young** asked if the ambulance 'fees/charges' should include monies for to set aside for replacement vehicles. He also asked if a van can be equipped with the same items as an ambulance. Mr Chasteen stated vans are small to 'work on a patient' and yes they are equipped as an **ALS ambulance** so they can respond to an emergency if they were nearby. Ms McKinney stated **DCMH** is going through steps to develop a business plan for ambulance(s) replacement which still needs to go before the **Hospital Board**.

**Parks and Recreation Director Bob Barker** explained the **Sports Complex** was struck by lightning on July 17<sup>th</sup> and he's asking the Commissioners for financial assistance to pay the deductible. After reviewing the insurance appropriation in the Parks budget, it should be sufficient to pay the \$6,746.67 invoice for repairs.

**Veterans Service Officer Mike Baumgartner** told Commissioners the **State** requires "accreditation training" for **VSO's** who work 1,000 hours or more; also the 'claims' will be submitted electronically in 2016. Mr Baumgartner will increase their hours and 'go to school' for the accreditation as most likely the training will be required by the **State**. Commissioners thanked Mr Baumgartner for working more hours than he's being paid for and for doing a great job.

**Greensburg Mayor Gary Herbert** invited the public to **Greensburg's Comprehensive Plan Meeting**, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at **City Hall**. He asked if **Central Dispatch** is on schedule to start January 1, 2016. Commissioners believe it is on schedule. Mayor Herbert offered the **Greensburg Police Department** offices for a temporary home if needed.

Mr Young cited a statute which gives the **County Highway** a twenty feet right-of-way from the center of a road to provide 'sight safety'. Trees and vegetation sometimes prevent a 'safe line of sight' at intersections and driveways. The Commissioners will discuss this with **Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr**.

Mr Nobbe moved to accept the old Reservoir property from the **State of Indiana**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Commissioners signed the **Conditional Sales Agreement** from **The State of Indiana** for the property which consists of approximately 39.40 acres at 'zero dollars'. Mr Young will research for any archeological information should the Commissioners decide to 'put in' a biking- walking trail. **County Surveyor Andy Scholle** is checking to make sure the legal description includes the road/lane back to the reservoir. Upon the deed transfer of the property to Decatur County Commissioners, the road/lane will be closed immediately. Mr Young will secure title insurance for this property since the deed will be a 'quit claim deed' from the **State**.

Four rezoning petitions submitted by the **Area Plan Board** were reviewed and approved by the Commissioners: **2014-15, A-1 to A-2 on 1.5A for Keith and Ashley Stier; 2015-1, A-1 to A-2 on 2.99A for James Smith Revocable Trust, presented by Steve McCue; 2015-3, A-1 to A-2 on 2.99A for Jobe Kissel; 2015-7, A-1 to A-2 on 2.99A for Joe and Whitney Bredewater.**

Mr Nobbe reported receiving a couple of calls on the "Gold Mining" activities down by the old blue bridge. The **DNR** is monitoring the operation and Mr Nobbe will inform the **Area Plan Commission** at their next meeting.

A concerned neighbor of the Doug Burton property on County Road 100 West told Commissioners one of the neighbors, Carl Stier, is interested in buying Mr Burton's property, but hasn't been able to contact to Mr Burton. He asked Commissioners if they speak to Mr Burton to let him know Mr Stier does want to buy that property. Mr Young will check to see if Mr Burton has filed paperwork for a variance to tear down the dwelling on the property; if he hasn't Mr Young will take the next legal step.

Matt Ballard told Commissioners the "booms created by the bird cannon" is set off by **Hulsbosch Farms** is still ongoing. Mr Nobbe has spoken to Dominique Hulsbosch who stated Mr Ballard has not contacted him concerning the bird cannon noise. Mr Ballard will continue to try to contact Mr Hulsbosch on this issue and hopefully resolve this. If he doesn't get this resolved, his attorney believes a civil lawsuit is winnable.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be September 8th, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

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John Richards, President

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