

Commissioners Meeting

October 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The accounts payable claims and payroll claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

The September 19th meeting minutes were corrected and approved as corrected.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr asked **County Attorney Drew Young** if the contract with **United Consulting** for the 2017-2020 Bridge Inspections met his 'spec'. Mr Young stated the contract is fine. Mr Nobbe moved to enter into the contract with **United Consulting** for the terms described therein and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Mohr told Commissioners the paving being done through the **Community Crossings Grant** is going well and should be completed by next Wednesday, October 12th. The stone shoulders, for the new pavement, will take about a week to complete. He asked the Commissioners if the **Highway EDIT** monies may be used for the stone shoulders since those aren't part of the grant. Mr Richards and Mr Nobbe said no problem.

Myron Knepp told the Commissioners he lives beside the Amish School on County Road 650 North. He said the speed limit and the 'road curve' are not marked by any signage. He believes some 'school zone' signs should be placed in that area to make drivers aware of children walking or riding bicycles to that school. Mr Mohr suggested placing an 'advisory plaque' of 30 miles per hour for that area near the school. Mr Nobbe stated the only way to enforce a speed limit is by first doing a 'speed study'. Mr Mohr agreed if he has an advisory sign on hand, he will put it up in the next couple of days; otherwise he will order one which will take about ten days. Mr Knepp will 'stay in touch' with the Commissioners on the speed of the traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to present to the Commissioners today. She hasn't received any word from the Bell's nor their attorney. Mr Young did receive a phone message from Bell's attorney who is waiting on the APC and BZA meetings.

Main Street Director Wendy Blake outlined some project proposals to 'bring more night life downtown' as well as 'public art' in the form of trash cans, benches and murals. The State is offering grant monies for this type of local projects. Mr Nobbe suggested she contact **Solid Waste Management Director Brittani Saunders** to include 'recycling cans' alongside the 'decorated' trash cans. Ms Blake has spoken to the **Visitors, Rec and Tourism Board and the Historical Society** to request financial support for some of these projects. She has applied for a large grant from the **Decatur County Community Foundation** to also help fund these projects. The Commissioners don't have a problem putting the trash cans on the Courthouse lawn if they aren't permanently attached to pole or concrete.

Kelly Belt, representing **First Christian Church**, discussed plans for holding a "Trunk or Treat" event on the south side of the Courthouse on October 29th from 5-7 pm. They would be setting up after 3:00 pm. The Courthouse will be open 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for absentee voting and the Commissioners wanted to be sure there would be ample parking available during that time. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the 'request for use of facilities' and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve the transfer of \$2,500 from their utility appropriation to the burial of soldiers' appropriation. Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe suggested holding another Personnel Policy review with department heads, then involving **Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele**. Also, he hopes the County will be able to partner with Greensburg City to meet the requirements on **Title VI Policies**.

Visitor, Rec and Tourism Director Gary Herbert presented updates on the **Innkeepers Taxes** receipted into that fund in the Auditor's office. He presented several ideas to 'bring/draw' people to Decatur County.

Mr Young shared information on procedures on borrowing monies on 'notes' and bonds. He hopes to have the Lake McCoy paperwork completed by Wednesday, October 5th.

Mr Nobbe distributed reports from **Christopher Burke Engineering** for three options to remedy problems with the **City Park Dam**.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be October 17th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____