

**Commissioners Special Meeting
December 21, 2018 8:00 a m**

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the Commissioners special meeting in session and reminded all 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.

Extension Board President Jill Koehne told Commissioners a meeting was held Thursday, December 20th to reconsider the June 15 – 21 dates for 4-H'ers part of the County Fair. They would like to move the 2019 dates to July 10 – 17; with the County Fair running July 11 – 17. The Extension Board is still working on plans for 2020.

Marilyn Davis suggested to hold the Fair Sunday to Sunday, incorporating additional days for the 4-H'ers.

Fair Board Vice President Jim Ponsler expressed his appreciation for the meetings to open up communications with the 4-H Council and the Extension Board.

Mr Nobbe stated the whole community is watching this- we need to be mindful. The Commissioners thanked all three boards meeting at a moment's notice.

Several people asked questions: how does one get appointed to the Fair Board and who do they answer to; are there term limits? what are the by-laws? and who enforces those by-laws?

Mr Nobbe believes this week has given the current Fair Board a new direction- an opportunity to correct/change/keep polices to better serve our community; thus earning back the public's trust. Commissioners expect things to happen between now and the Fair; then post-Fair everyone needs to get together to say what didn't work, what's good, making the Fair in 2020 better. Mr Nobbe asked if **Purdue** would 'put on' training for Board members. He asked that if there's an issue related to 4-H, go to Teri Hornberger, then Jill Koehne or Jeff Hermesch, then maybe Purdue Extension Administration. If there's an issue related to the 4-H Council, go to Mark Waechter, then the Extension Board. We all need to police ourselves- each board have an officer who has read the by-laws to be an advocate to keep the board 'in check'.

Mrs Koehne asked every Board member to read their by-laws so they know the proper procedure to follow.

Mr Koors said he has received many phone calls from concerned people- he's glad he could listen and talk to them. He offered some suggestions, speaking for himself not the Commissioners: would like to see three year term limits, get two terms; in the next thirty days would like to see annual financial report from the Fair Board, see the revenues and expenses; see each Board's budget and have copies of each Board's by-laws. He wants to know what's supposed to be happening so he can make informed decisions.

Mr Buening believes what's happened this week has brought a lot of consternation to the county and some good will come out of it. There's a process in play which changes won't happen overnight. We have good people working on this, will get this 'ironed out'- just need to have patience to make it work.

Mr Davis reminded all to be respectful and listen to what people are saying.

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

Richard J Nobbe

Attest: _____

Date: _____