

Commissioners Meeting
July 6, 2020 8:00 a m

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the July 6th, 2020 Decatur County Commissioners meeting in session; he then announced there are Title VI forms available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Having reviewed the accounts payable and payroll claims, Mr Buening moved to approve those as presented, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

The heading 'Commissioners Teleconference Meeting' for June 15th meeting minutes was corrected, Mr Koors moved to approve the minutes as amended, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported **Milestone** did a good job on the repair paving on the frontage road in front of their mixing plant and the I-74 fence has been put back up. The 30" main down the middle of a road outside of Clarksburg is done- looks good. A structure from another bridge has been set in/for Bridge 94, on County Road 600 South between Millhousen Road and 150 West. Two old yellow dump trucks will be up for auction via sealed bids. Mr Mohr asked Commissioners what the minimum price should be. The Auditor's office will work with the Parks and Recreation Department to see if they have sufficient funds to bid on one of those dump trucks. He will advertise the sealed bid auction in two weeks. **County Attorney Ken Bass** explained implied easements with regards to **Duke Energy** moving poles for right-of-way for a project east of Greensburg. Mr Koors asked about a property owner placing a fence 4' in from of utility poles and placing boulders near the road to stop drivers 'cutting a corner' on his property. Commissioners discussed adopting an ordinance setting a 30 mile per hour speed limit in a residential area near St Paul. On June 15th asphalt bids were opened submitted by 4 companies for the 5 projects approved in the **Community Crossings Grants 2020-1**. Mr Koors moved to award the contract to **Dave O'Mara Contractors** for a bid of \$1,373,698.02, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Mohr was notified the 2nd round of Community Crossings Grants applications have been put on hold due to budget concerns.

Mr Buening moved to sign the **Covered Bridge Certification** form to be submitted to the State, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. The State pays \$1,850 each year for covered bridge maintenance.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to report; the BZA and APC have meetings on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30 and 7:00 pm. There are a few petitions; also, the first of several discussions on Article 9 of the Ordinances will be held. Courthouse Security will be on duty.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening has completed 68 inspections since the last Commissioner meeting; he also has issued 22 new building permits and 4 separate projects were red tagged. He mailed letters to 2 property owners on complaints received and delivered a summons to the occupant at a property on county road 1000 south. **Washington Township Assistant Charity Wilder** shared information on the **Creswood Mobile Home Park** at Lake McCoy: people are 'squatting' in dilapidated mobile homes; a letter has been sent to mobile home park owner Laura Falp, telling her to clean it up, which is going to require some serious work. **Alan Crosby, Sanitarian for the County's Board of Health** will also be involved in addressing this problem. A default judgment hearing against Ms Falp has not been reset due to the coronavirus pandemic. **Lake McCoy Conservancy President Scott Doles** told Commissioners Ms Falp has liquidated her accounts and he hasn't been able to locate her; also, the wastewater treatment station is pumping raw sewage into the nearby creek. Commissioners and Mr Bass discussed steps-procedures to follow to get this clean-up process moving.

Mr Nobbe shared information he received concerning projected fees the State Board of Accounts will charge to perform the County's annual audit- \$11,000 plus another \$17,100 to do an audit on Federal monies received for highway projects as well as the County being a 'pass through' for funds to remodel the office building for the Children's Advocacy Coalition group. Maxwell Project Manager Chris Grabosky emailed a change order, a \$36,522 credit on Johannigman Excavating and 2 pay apps/invoices for Johannigman Excavating for the Commissioners' approval. The 2 pay apps will be listed on the next requisition- Requisition #23- so as to be consistent in paying contractors. Mr Buening moved for Mr Nobbe to sign the Change Order for a \$36,522 credit, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Buening moved to pay App #10 in the amount of \$33,179.40, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Buening moved to pay App- Final in the amount of \$135,426, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Communications Director Erika Free told Commissioners the 911 Board met and approved a budget for 2021, which includes adding a new position. Director Free will present that budget to the Greensburg City Council tonight. She told the Commissioners there is a need to expand parking at the Court Services building due to various groups using the Operations Center. Dispatchers are having to park quite a distance from the building, which isn't good.

Commissioners discussed higher than expected water bills for the old jail and PODS since those have been empty with the exception of a few days of COVID-19 testing.

Commissioners announced their thanks to the **1812 Girl Scout Troop and their leader Casey Carmichael** for donating 10 cases of **Girl Scout Cookies** to county employees for working in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioners have received a 'reinstatement notice of insurance' form the **Tree City Saddle Club**; which is required before any groups use county facilities or property.

Drew Young, Tim Ortman, Andy Scholle and Mr Nobbe will meet in Horace to look at a drainage issue.

Proposed changes to the County's Personnel Policy were discussed and a few minor corrections were made. Commissioners had adopted the Personnel Policy on January 6th, 2020 and they plan to adopt the updates at their July 20th meeting.

Southeastern Regional Planning Commission send a letter notifying the Commissioners their contract fee is the same, \$10,296, as it is based on the 2010 census. That fee may be adjusted for 2022 once the 2020 census is approved.

An updated 'user's agreement' will be forwarded to the Parks Department and the Fair Board for these Boards to review and reply back to the Commissioners any recommended suggestions/changes. This updated form includes any COVID-19 related procedures, restrictions, etc.

Mr Nobbe will contact Owens Auctioneer's group to ask them to conduct an auction to sell the 24 properties in the County's name on August 15th. Commissioners will continue contacting adjoining property owners to advise of this auction.

A Columbus appraiser, Melody Graber, has agreed to appraise a property in Westport for the Commissioners. This is the first step to request a 'lien forgiveness' from the Internal Revenue Service that is a hurdle for the property owner or County in selling this property.

Mr Bass gave an update on the Donna M Moore, who is deceased, property in Sandcreek Township. He has asked the Court to appoint Stephanie Kress as a personal representative and open an estate for Ms Moore; Court will send notice of a hearing to the occupant of the property. Mr Bass filed 'an appearance' in the State of Indiana vs Redelman Heritage since Decatur County was named as a co-defendant.

Decatur County Recorder Dottie Robbins hasn't recorded 2 documents- by-laws for the Fair Board and the 4-H Council because those don't meet recording requirements. Commissioners will ask Mrs Robbins to write letters explaining why she can't record these 2 documents and Mr Nobbe will deliver those 2 letters to the respective Boards. He said the Fair Board is meeting on July 20th about their by-laws.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____