

Commissioners Regular Meeting
April 15, 2019 8:00 a m

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe call the April 15th, 2019 Commissioner meeting in session; he announced 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.

Mr Nobbe announced the claims are approved as presented upon verification of the \$1622.40 paid to Travelers Insurance; that amount is part of the deductible the County paid for an injured inmate.

Mr Buening moved to approve the April 1st meeting minutes, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr is waiting on the "notice to proceed" from **INDOT** on the Bridge 236 project on East Central Avenue in Greensburg. He is meeting with **Greensburg Engineer Ron May** this week to discuss Bridge 239 near the intersection of Washington and Lincoln Streets. **USI** is contracted to consult for this bridge project. Due to **INDOT's** 2020 schedule to replace the stone arch bridge on East Main Street near the Lincoln Street intersection, Mr May would like to have Bridge 239 fixed/replaced this year to avoid a detour nightmare. Mr Nobbe spoke to **Westport Councilman Bryan Gatewood** regarding the repairs on the **Westport Covered Bridge**: whether to retain the historic integrity or use materials to prolong the life of the covered bridge. Mr Koors plans on attending the **Westport Businessmen's** meeting to ask for their input as to which repair option they prefer. Commissioners will let Mr Mohr know which 'preservation method' to use going forward with the repairs. Several of **INDOT's** projects on State Roads 3, 46 and interstate 74 have put more traffic on several County's roads; then add in the winter weather- the Highway crews are having a tough time making all of the necessary repairs. Mr Mohr asked Commissioners about negotiating with **INDOT** on unofficial detours for compensation due to additional semi-truck traffic and speeding traffic. Mr Nobbe suggested having law enforcement officers, with 'lights on', on site located before the closed roads making sure folks are aware plus including overtime for law enforcement officers in each state project. Mr Mohr suggested incorporating a speed limit in our local ordinances that set weight limits on the unofficial detours. The two road projects approved under the **Community Crossing Grants** include applying stone shoulders to both sides of the road. In the past Mr Mohr has borrowed a 'side paver' or road widener from **Dave O'Mara Contractors and Shelby County Highway Department** to put the stone shoulders down. He asked the Commissioners what they thought about purchasing a road widener which is needed for the CC projects plus widening many of the county roads that are too narrow for farming or construction equipment. These stone sides also serve as a 'sightline' for the edge of the road especially at night or during a storm. Mr Nobbe and Mr Mohr were contacted by Laura Lee who recently purchased the **Cresswood Mobile Home Park** and the lane going from that park to County Road 350 East. She has asked that the lane be maintained as a county road. Mr Mohr has told her the lane-road must be built to the Highway Department's standards; then she could petition the Commissioners to accept it into the county's road inventory. Jim Kramer and Alex Case, property owners on either side of this lane, told Commissioners they have kept that lane up for the last forty-five years- putting stone on it and grading it every year. This discussion may have to be determined by a Court of law.

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Barker presented an agreement to grant an easement to **Duke Energy** to provide additional power and service to **Rebekah Park**. The Commissioners and the owners of **Arbor Grove** need to sign this agreement. The Washington Park new playground equipment to be placed north of the current Sheriff's department should be installed in the next two weeks. Parking and the basketball court size- half or full court, was discussed along with costs. Mr Barker plans to build a shelter house for picnic tables and possibly add a small soccer field. This playground is replacing the park south of the Sheriff's department because it was highly used by the neighborhood youth. Mr Barker has spoken to property owners on the north of playground and they are 'good to go'. Mr Buening moved to grant the easement to Duke Energy, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Jordan Wallpe had submitted a **Request for Use of Facilities** on Wednesday, April 17th, to park his **Local Bloom Flower Truck** for preference #1-south side of the Courthouse, east of the War Memorial, Preference #2 for west of the War Memorial or Preference #3 the County Parking Lot, for the hours of 3 pm to 6 pm. This family business is for people to order bouquets/flowers online and pick up on April 17th at the Courthouse. As with any new business, he may include flowers for 'walk ups' each Wednesday. He will utilize a digital credit card reader. Mr Koors moved to approve Mr Wallpe's RUF for April 17th, 24th and May 1st for Preference #1 setup to allow the local bloom truck to sell flowers. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall will mail another batch of surveys hoping for more responses - suggestions to improve the functions of her office. She is almost finished with the ordinances the recent Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the **APC**. These ordinances will be presented to the **APC** at a public meeting.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening completed 44 inspections, issued 15 new building permits and cited one deck project with a red tag which no one has come into the office to resolve. He has drafted two letters to a property owner on County Road 1000 South.

Commissioners received a letter from the **Office of Community Rural Affairs (OCRA)** stating a partial release of funds for **Grant PF-18-101** for the purpose of purchasing the former **Swine Veterinary Clinic** property on West Main Street, Greensburg to establish the **Children's Advocacy Coalition Satellite Office**. Mr Buening moved to approve the **CAC** will oversee this grant administration, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Koors moved to approve "amendment #1 to our Summary Plan Document, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. This amendment is changing from the **Encore network** to the **Encore Combined network**.

Mr Buening moved to approve **Maxwell Construction's** Invoice #6 for \$175,000 on the Jail Modulares, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Sheriff First Deputy Bob Ray** reported 48 inmates have been moved into the new jail modulares and other inmates were moved around allowing the jail commander to use the classification system. Mr Nobbe shared updates on the new jail as Project Manager Chris Grabosky was on site for a concrete pour. The jail cells should arrive on April 22nd, the mechanical contractors continue installing duct work, Section B has been prepared for today's concrete slab pour, security steel frames for the housing core and the control room are being set, the masons continue working on interior walls in Section C and will move over to Section B once the slab is completed, underground plumbing has been completed throughout, the electrician and plumber have completed their stub ups in Section B in preparation for the slab to be poured and all metal decking has been completed in Section A. The project is still on schedule.

Mr Buening moved to approve **Liberty Baptist Church's RUF** to use the southeast corner of the Courthouse lawn on April 19th from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm as a starting point to walk to South Park Cemetery. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe was notified the two planters on the south side of the Courthouse lawn have brick and stone needing repaired or possibly removing both planters. After some discussion, Mr Koors and Mr Buening opted to 'fix them'. Mr Nobbe will contact someone to fix them.

County Attorney Ken Bass asked Commissioners for direction before speaking to the **Decatur County Community Schools Superintendent** on the ownership of the two vehicles used by the former school resource officers.

Commissioners signed forms (Form 96) awarding the stone, fuel and culvert pipe bids awarded on March 4th.

Commissioners listened as **Justin Shireman and Beth AmRhein from Ethos Insurance and Risk Management and Ben Zimmer, Mark Ennis, Dave Blickhahn with Bliss McKnight** presented their proposals for the County's property and casualty insurance coverage. **Assured Partners' Kevin Krekeler and Steve Leist** presented the renewal proposals from our current carrier plus proposals from three other underwriters. The Commissioners chose not to name anyone 'an agent of record' for these proposals. Since the renewal date for the County's property and casualty insurance is May 22, 2019, the Commissioners took these proposals under advisement and will make a decision at their May 6th regular meeting.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins presented some highlights of his first quarter report. He hopes to start an 'infrastructure committee' to assist in making sites available for development.

Deputy Ray will give Commissioners some dates to discuss security in the Courthouse, which will need to be an Executive Session.

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: _____