

DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2006

The Commissioners opened their April 17th meeting with the following present: Jerome Buening- President, Charles Buell, John Richards and Bridgett Weber-Auditor.

The April 10th meeting minutes were approved as read.

Mark Mohr discussed an issue at Burney with down trees not in the road due to tornado damage they had the previous weekend. The Burney Volunteer Fire Department had called Mr. Mohr and requested the use of a chipper. Mr. Mohr did not give the fire department permission to use the chipper for liability concerns.

Mr. Mohr and the Commissioners discussed 421 North. Old US Highway 421 North will be the name of this road. Commissioners will make a formal decision at their May 1st meeting.

Claims were approved.

Vicki Kellerman with EDC updated Commissioners with information on the alternative site northwest of Greensburg for the mystery project. Letters were sent this week and a meeting with the property owners is scheduled this week also.

Mrs. Kellerman also provided information to the Commissioners about a new program for the 440 acres that the city and county have a purchase option on. Mrs. Kellerman would like to have this acreage Certified Shovel Ready and also have a joint application to the City of Lawrenceburg for the sewer part of the project.

Pepper Cooper and Marsha Miller Smith with Maverick Insurance stated the Highway Department received a good report from Downey Insurance for Workman's Compensation requirements. Mr. Cooper also stated that Marsha Miller Smith will be working with the county on health insurance and property and casualty issues. The Guardian Dental plan is seeing a 6% increase but offered additional services with no increase. Mr. Buell moved accept the increase with Guardian with no increase in employee payroll deductions and add Guardian vision as a voluntary cost to the employees, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Steve Schoettmer requested some guidance from the Commissioners concerning a basketball goal sitting on the edge of the road in Williamstown. The property is owned by Mike & Dora Smothers. Mr. Schoettmer is concerned about children's safety on this highly traveled road. Mr. Mohr recommended talking to the Rush County Highway Superintendent about the obstruction since the road is Rush County maintained.

Greg Rominger with Burgess & Niple presented a contract for Bridge #25. Mr. Buell moved to sign the contract for replacement of Bridge #25, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

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

Jerome Buening, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____