

## Commissioners Meeting

April 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

The March 20th meeting minutes were amended and approved.

The accounts payable and payroll claims were reviewed.

Mark Mohr shared that he had a kick-off meeting with United for the 2017 – 2020 bridge inspection and they will start their 4 year process in the near future. Mr. Mohr also told the commissioners that Wednesday, April the 5<sup>th</sup> he is going with Strand to tour the new Ohio County & Harrison County Highway Facility. This is being done through the Strand Agreement with the highway department. Mr. Mohr said he was looking forward to it and to see what kind of information can be brought back. Mr. Mohr will be joined by Mark Koors, Robert Duckworth, Rick Herbert & Bob Barker as they are on the committee. There will be an exit meeting with each person the next day to talk about different things they might have noticed. Mr. Mohr discussed the "Adopt A Highway" program saying there has been some interest in the program. In the agreement a company adopts section of highway the length of 1 mile minimum where the adopter would take care of both sides of the highway to keep the roads appearance up. If the county would be interested there would be a small sign on each end of that section. Mr. Mohr did some research on the internet about some of the agreements from other counties. Although there was liability concerns, Mr. Mohr thought it was a good gesture. Mr. Mohr gave copies of the contract to the commissioners. Mr. Young said we would need to make sure it's understood that the county would not be held liable if there was some type of an accident. It was decided to talk more about it in the next meeting so that the idea could be thought about. Mr. Mohr went on to talk about multiple sub-base failures and those have been completed. He said they were basically done with their over paving & patching. Mr. Mohr explained to the commissioners that currently 5 of his employees are getting cellphone reimbursements. The employees are required to submit a detailed copy of cellphone bills. Three of these employees do not have access to computers or are not computer savvy. Mr. Mohr said he had spoken with Auditor Chadwell and she was willing to accept a letter from Commissioner Nobbe stating that the employees are using a cell phone for work purposes. Mr. Mohr has spoken with State Board of Accounts and they were going to look into the rules regarding this. Mr. Young said he believed that the current cell phone policy is an ordinance or part of the counties program for having phones so that we are in line with the SBOA. Commissioner Buening said he would like to find a way for the office head to designate who gets the stipend and use a set rate and wasn't sure why the entire phone bill is needed. Mr. Buening said he would like to find a way so who uses their phone during work hours or off hours, they get X number of dollars. Commissioner Nobbe said that the county needs to stay legal but if Mr. Mohr could, look more into it with the SBOA and see what they require. Lastly Mr. Mohr asked permission from the commissioners to pursue looking for a new bridge truck, possibly two. The highway currently have 1994 and 2005 trucks, both having multiple miles. The commissioners agreed for Mr. Mohr to look into pricing for truck. The money will come out of cum bridge.

Mr. Nobbe said he received a call from a neighbor by the Lett's property stating the trash has not all been cleaned up but there has been some activity. Commissioner Koors presented a letter from an anonymous person complaining about trash on St Highway. Mr. Koors said he did advise them to call Area Plan Director Krista Duvall. Ms. Duvall said they sent out a certified letter to owner and she has contacted INDOT in Seymour.

Daryl Colson was at the commissioners meeting and wanted to talk with the commissioners about his road at 500 S in Saltcreek. Mr. Colson said that this year his gravel road has been in the best shape it has ever been in in the 20 plus years he has been there. Last week there appeared to be new rocks put on the road. Mr. Colson said he feared the size of the rocks were dangerous and several have went to the grass on the road side where mowing occurs. Mr. Colson said he had been in contact with Brian Huff of the Highway Department and Mr. Huff sent a truck out to try to ground up the rocks but Mr. Colson didn't feel it had worked. Mr. Mohr said the highway department would work on picking up the large rocks or working to make sure the problem was solved.

Ms. Duval reported she had emailed Commissioner Nobbe and spoke with Mrs. Chadwell about an issue with trash on a property on road 1050. She stated they are going to try to send out letters to the family as the owners are deceased. She told the commissioners that she would report back when she finds out more.

Larry Globe from Lake McCoy attended the commissioners meeting to discuss property at Lake McCoy that he is interested in buying. He wanted to see where commissioners were in the process as he is wanting to start cleaning up the property and put in some fill dirt. The home on one property has broken windows and his concerns are that they will start having nuisance problems. Mr. Nobbe said that Mr. Young gave him pages of an Indiana Code to talk about. Mr. Nobbe said he wanted to get copies made for Mr. Koors and Mr. Buening so they can read it and hopefully be able to be in touch with Mr. Globe in 7 to 10 days or at the very least the next commissioners meeting. Mr. Globe stated he is interested in 5 parcels. Mr. Nobbe told him he had his contact information and once the county decided what and how to start the process they would contact him. Mr. Globe asked if he could board up windows Mr. Nobbe told him he should not enter on properties.

Mr. Nobbe told the other commissioners that Andy Hagerty, the DNR Officer in the area spoke with him about an unlicensed logger cutting wood at Lake McCoy that the county had title to as well as logs on property owned by Tena. There is a process of trying to figure out who is going to reimburse who. Tena may want to pursue a legal avenue and the county may want to file a suit so others don't think it's allowed. The total is going to be about \$3,000.00. Mr. Nobbe said he would email Mr. Hagerty and include Mr. Young so everyone is up to speed.

Fritz Herget approached the commissioners to discuss the investigating of the courthouse. He wanted to submit the latest reviews. It will explain more of what needs to be done and more specifications. Mr. Young said he had reviewed the documents and they are fine. Mr. Herget briefly went over the documents and specifications with the commissioners.

The commissioners signed off on the web design contract. Mr. Nobbe asked for motion to sign the agreement between Mr. McCabe and Decatur County. Mr. Buening moved to sign, Mr. Koors 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Mr. Nobbe concurred.

Mr. Nobbe discussed replacing Mr. Young with a new attorney as Mr. Young was stepping down. Mr. Nobbe said several local attorneys were interviewed before when Mr. Young was hired. The commissioners decided to use same list of attorneys and Mr. Buening moved to appoint Mr. Kenneth Bass for county attorney for the remainder of 2017. Mr. Koors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Mr. Nobbe concurred.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be April 17rd, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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Richard J Nobbe, President

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