

Commissioners Meeting
April 3, 2023

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

President Koors welcomed everyone to the April 3rd Commissioner meeting; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Todd Houk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Mike Bartlett offered a prayer.

Mr Koors welcomed Tony Blodgett who was caucused in to complete Chuck Emsweller's term. Mr Blodgett said he's ready to be here.

(Meeting minutes, payroll and claims are emailed to each Commissioners, each Thursday before their Monday meeting)

Mr Pasel moved to approve the March 20th meeting minutes, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve payment of the claims presented, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the March 31st payroll, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Highway Superintendent Todd Houk told Commissioners **United Consulting** is ready to start the County-wide bridge inspection with a meeting on Wednesday. Highway crews continue clearing brush around bridges and patching roads. Mr Houk shared his concerns about **INDOT's unofficial detour** for the bridge deck replacement just past the Highway Garage. **INDOT** set East Main Street to East Base Road, turning onto County Road 200 East, bringing traffic back to East State Road 46. The turn off of Base Road onto County Road 200 East is too sharp for semi-trucks to negotiate, creating a hazard. Mr Houk will contact **INDOT** to request the unofficial detour use County Road 350 East off of East Base Road and he asked Commissioners to close County Road 200 East for this 120-day project; he will let farmers know as they will need access to their fields. **County Attorney Chad Smith** stated an ordinance isn't necessary for temporary road closings and law enforcement may issue traffic citations. Mr Houk asked Commissioners to add bid opening for fuel, stone and pipe to their May 15th agenda.

In the past 2 weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 31 building inspections, issued 18 new building permits and plan reviews and 4 red tags: no building permits for 2 separate sites; a seasonal awning does not require a permit and one electrical box had missing breakers.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented 7 rezoning ordinances approved by the **Area Plan Commission** for the Commissioners' approval: **Ordinance 2022-18, petitioners Maurice and Wendy Bohman** requesting to vacate the McCammet Subdivision in Saltcreek Township and rezone 10 acres of the 44.303 acres from A-1/A-2 to B-2, to build a wedding event venue (event center). Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-18, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2023-4, petitioners Steve Lowe and Alan Lowe** are requesting to rezone .64 acres from A-1 to B-1 to remodel an existing dwelling into office space for marketing and an administrative team plus a breakroom for employees. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2023-4, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2023-3, petitioners Dale and Jennifer Gauck** are requesting to rezone 2.632 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of construction of a single family detached dwelling. Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-3, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2023-1, petitioners Mark and Stacy Watkins** requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of construction of a single family detached dwelling. Mr Blodgett moved to approve Ordinance 2023-1, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2022-23, petitioners Bruce and Helen Tiebert** requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of construction of a single family detached dwelling. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-23, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2022-20 petitioners John and Amanda Organist** requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of construction of a single family detached dwelling. Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-20, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors

concurrent. **Ordinance 2022-16 petitioner Anita Sparks** requesting to rezone 3 lots-each 2.99 acres- from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of construction of single family detached dwellings on each lot. Mr Blodgett moved to approve Ordinance 2022-16, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Ms Duvall asked Commissioners about amending the makeup of the Area Plan Commission since the current County Extension Ag Agent is not a Decatur County resident. Ms Duvall believes the amendment should state a county resident would be a representative of the Ag Agent, should own property and be part of the agriculture community. Mr Smith said the recommendation should come through the Extension Office. Commissioners decided not to make any address changes to properties along north old US Highway 421, from Honda to the county line. **Communications Director Erika Free** offered to go through to validate addresses in the 911 system, but currently it's working correctly. Ms Duvall is working with the **Christopher Burke Engineering** firm to write a new stormwater drainage policy by using the new **LTAP** model so the public will better understand what is a civil issue and what is the County's responsibility.

Human Resource Director Patty Hensley reported the hiring of 2 employees at the Detention Center and 3 applications are pending for other departments. She is working with **EMA Director Brad Speer** on updating emergency evacuations for the Courthouse. She thanked Jake Bauer for loading and hauling items out of the Courthouse basement plus waiting in line with that load for the E-recycling and Shred Day at the Fairgrounds on March 18th.

County Treasurer Diane Wenning said the property tax bills have been mailed and a majority of those did increase. She told Commissioners over \$9,000 has been earned in interest on the proceeds from the sale of the Jail PODS.

Commissioners discussed setting a school zone speed limit for South Decatur Elementary School on County Road 420 West.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the **Accelerate Rural Indiana Regional Development Authority** document, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. This is document appoints the following individuals to serve as the initial **Development Board of the ARI RDA**: Bryan Robbins- Decatur County rep; Virgil Bremer- Rush County rep; David Toll- Shelby County rep; Bruce Everhart- At-Large and Andy Saner- At-Large. Mr Robbins said this ARI RDA takes the place of the READI Committee.

Mr Blodgett moved to approve **Main Street Greensburg's Request for Use of Facilities for the Farmers' Market**, open 1:00 – 6:00 pm every Friday on the southeast corner lawn and county parking lot. Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred. A second request by **Main Street Greensburg** is for the 4th Fridays (June 23, July 8 and August 25), from 1:00 – 8:00 pm, to use the southeast side of the Courthouse lawn to host food vendors, live music and games to play. Mr Blodgett moved to approve, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Main Street Greensburg's** third request for use of facilities is for a food truck festival on June 17th as well as a car show, 1:00 – 10:00 pm. Mr Pasel moved to approve, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Bridgett Weber asked Commissioners to be the "pass through" for the **YMCA** in their application for an **Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Grant** to pay for repairs to their building. The County does not currently have any open OCRA grants. The County would act as the fiscal agent for this grant and this grant would run for 18 months. Mr Pasel moved to table this until their next meeting on April 17th. Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Koors reminded all that County offices are closed April 7th in observance of Good Friday.

The Commissioners next meeting will be at 8:00 am on April 17th, 2023.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Pasel made the motion to recess, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. Meeting recessed.

Attest: _____

Date: _____