

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**August 17, 2020 8:00 a m**

**Present: Rick Nobbe and Jerome Buening**

The August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Decatur County Commissioners meeting was called in session by President Nobbe; 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.

Mr Buening moved to approve the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Commissioners meeting minutes as presented and Mr Nobbe seconded.

Mr Buening moved to approve both the accounts payable and payroll claims as presented and Mr Nobbe seconded.

**Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent**, updated the Commissioners on replacing a bridge on Southwest 60 south of County Road 1000 South; finishing a structure on County Road 600 South and continuing to patch roads as needed. **County Ordinance 2020-8**, setting a speed limit in Germantown, has been advertised as required by statute, 2 times, a week apart. Mr Buening moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-8 and Mr Nobbe seconded. Sealed bids for Highway trucks 71 and 72 were opened August 13<sup>th</sup>. **Shirk's International** had the highest bid- \$11,500 for each truck. Mr Nobbe will sign the titles after today's meeting.

**Acting Child Support Deputy Prosecutor Doug Brown** shared news that **Child Support employee Lisa Asche won the "KID Award"** for her dedication of service to these kids in Decatur County as well as her 15 years of service. In 2019 Decatur County Child Support employees collected \$2.6 million in child support monies and will meet or exceed collections for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Mr Brown also recognized our **Decatur County Sheriff Department** for serving papers for Child Support. County Attorney Ken Bass stated Interim Deputy Doug Brown has maintained if not increased the level of service in his role and he commended Mr Brown for that.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** told Commissioners the APC approved rezoning for BEX Farms; she will get this on the Commissioners' agenda in the near future as they will probably move that meeting to the EOC meeting room at the Court Services building.

In the past two weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 45 inspections; issued 13 new building permits and red tagged a storage shed project across the road from a gas station in Clarksburg- needs a building permit and owner has since done that. Kenny did a framing inspection on August 14<sup>th</sup>, the builder is waiting on metal to complete the project and plans to have a privacy fence built to keep trespassers off his property while he tears down the old house. **Laura Falp, Creswood Mobile Park Owner**, has not responded with a 'plan of action' to clean up/remove the remnants of old mobile homes. Mr Buening and Mr Nobbe agreed Mr Bass should send a letter to Ms Falp informing her the next step is the County to pursue litigation against her. This action is separate from the **Board of Health's** overseeing the issues with the waste treatment facility for the mobile home park. Kenny reported a court date is set for the cleanup of a property on County Road 1000 South; some cleanup has been done; he will continue checking on it.

John and Christina Newby petitioned to vacate RR Street running North and South from the middle of Walnut Street to the north end of an unnamed Street on the north side of the Town of Letts Corner; an alley running east and west from the east r/w of RR Street to the west r/w of Mill Street in the Town of Letts Corner and an unnamed street running east and west on the north side of Lot 1 Block 11 from the east r/w of RR Street to the west r/w of Mill Street in the Town of Letts Corner. Land Surveyor Andy Scholle has reviewed this petition with Mark Mohr as this will give a 16.5 feet permanent easement to Decatur County; it also gets Mr Newby's land into one legal property. All neighbors are in agreement and have signed the petition giving their approval. Mr Buening moved to approve **Decatur County Ordinance 2020-7**, as describe by Mr Scholle. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion.

**Communications Director Erika Free** asked for the Commissioners' consent to allow **IN Digital** to install/run a live cable/circuit to provide communications services to the Court Services Building- at no cost to the County. This work should be completed before the parking lot is expanded. Mr Buening moved to approve this request and Mr Nobbe seconded.

Mr Nobbe reported 23 properties were sold on the August 15<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' Auction; 3 properties with dwellings were built before 1978 so lead paint disclosers were signed and given to the buyer- Washington Township Trustee Christian Rust.

Mr Bass met with Mark Mohr to create a form to use for easements for highway projects. Mr Bass doesn't think these would need to be recorded.

**The City of Greensburg and IDEM** advised **Parks and Recreation Director Bob Barker** a de-chlorinator is required for the new splash pad since it drains to an open area. Mr Barker is working to get that installed.

Mr Buening moved to enter into an agreement with **Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana**, using **Constellation New Energy** as an 'pooling service agent', for the new Detention Center. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion.

Mr Nobbe shared a list of the County's generators created by EMA Assistant Gary Hash. Commissioners would like to have a contract with an entity to service and check these generators on a regular schedule.

**Greensburg Mayor Josh Marsh** has agreed to pay 50% of an invoice submitted by Christopher Burke Engineering for services on the City Park Dam Hazard Analysis.

**Communications Director Free** told Commissioners the Greensburg City Council will sign the Interlocal Agreement for the 50/50 funding in November.

**Sheriff Dave Durant** contacted Commissioners to request a sidewalk addition to the 6' x 6' concrete pad outside the south door of the Detention Center. This would allow released inmates to exit the building without having to go through the main lobby. **Bruns & Gutzwiller** has submitted a quote of \$7,500 and **Johannigman Excavating** submitted a \$3,978 quote. Commissioners will discuss these quotes with Sheriff Durant and Jail Commander Dana Parker.

**Bruns & Gutzwiller** will make repairs to the north entrance doors in the next week; Mr Nobbe will let employees know when Bruns will be repairing the plaster in the mail stairwell to the second floor.

Mr Buening is working on a description of the PODS to use when advertising those for sale.

Mr Nobbe and Mr Buening agreed vendors installing veterans' markers will be paid up to \$150 per marker.

Auditor Chadwell will contact Philip Jones regarding phone maintenance in the Courthouse.

Mr Nobbe is in the process of contacting vendors for quotes to mow, fertilize and apply weed control at Court Services, Detention Center and the old jail. **Banks Lawn Care** submitted a bid of \$4,250 to aerate and seed around the Detention Center and \$1,390 to fertilize and apply weed control.

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

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