

Commissioners Meeting

June 3, 2024

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

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

Sheriff Meyerrose led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Mark Vice then offered a prayer.

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

Mr Koors asked everyone to take a moment and keep the family of Merrill Smith in their prayers.

Mr Blodgett noted that he was not at the May 6th special meeting to 2nd the minutes. This needs to be stricken from the May 20th meeting minutes.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the May 20th minutes with the correction; Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent, was absent but had given Mr Koors a written update that he read. The Highway Department is working on bridge maintenance, bush whacking/hogging, clearing intersection 550S/450W for radius improvement and sign maintenance. Community Crossing Grant and fuel bids will be opened at the next meeting on June 17, 2024. Bridge 141 located on Country Road 1000W is being sent into INDOT to start a contract.

County Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported his activity for the past 2 weeks: 30 building inspections were completed; 10 new building permits with plan reviews were issued and he received 1 complaint—Someone was building a shed without a permit. After inspection, the shed was on runners which does not require a permit. Mr Buening sent letters to 24 properties for cleanup/debris removal. He has only had 1 resident respond that they have started the clean up process.

County Attorney Chad Smith discussed the Park Alcohol Ban. A lot of discussion has gone into making sure the verbiage is correct on how to manage all park facilities. The biggest issue is which properties will be affected by this ban. The Park & Rec Board are not under the Commissioners control. The purpose and intention under the ordinance are to have the vendor request use of facilities and state on the form if alcohol will be served. This will give the Commissioners control over when and where to approve. Sheriff Meyerrose and Park Director Teresa Kovacich were asked if there have been any incidents involving alcohol to which both replied not to their knowledge. DORA approved beverages are still allowed on premises designated by DORA. Mr Pasel wants to continue to see safe areas for children to play in while providing a good venue for people to enjoy festivals/concerts in a safe and secure environment. Mr Koors agrees, he would like it written that they have control over which events will have alcohol included. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting on June 17, 2024.

Board of Health Director Sean Durbin discussed the Local Food Ordinance. They will be following the State by moving to risk base inspections from the previous 2 times per year. This means some full-service restaurants may increase in inspections and lower risk convenient stores may have fewer. Mr Blodgett moved to approve, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve the following policy changes within the Personnel Policy: Weapons in Courthouse and HR involvement in complaint process. Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Safe Streets 4 All – Mr Blodgett spoke to the ARPA Committee to see if they can cover the County portion. They will decide at their next meeting on July 1, 2024.

Tree City Rolling Tour submitted a Request for Use of Facilities for Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr Pasel moved to approve, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Friends of Greensburg Decatur County Animal Shelter are asking for the use of the County Parking Lot on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They are sponsoring a jeep ride that day and the ride will end at Links for dinner. Mr Blodgett moved to approve, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Eagles Wings asked to close Milhousen Rd on Saturday, August 24, 2024, for their 5K walk. Mr Blodgett moved to approve, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Koors and Bryan Robbins attended a meeting regarding the pool with HWC and RL Turner and was told the Commissioners need to make the decision on how much to set spend on the new pool project. READI funds need to be committed by August. This came as a surprise to the Commissioners since they believed the County Council set the budget for the project. HWC presented a proposed plan costing 6.5 million. The County Council would like to see it stay around 4 million. Mr Pasel asked Mr Robbins if the READI money could still be used for a refurbishment project instead of new construction. Mr Robbins would have to ask this question to the committee. He doesn't think the pool can be refurbished in the state it is in. Mr Pasel would like Council to have an outline of where the money is coming from so, they can make an informed and fiscally responsible decision. Mr Blodgett is very disappointed with this news. Parks Director Teresa Kovacich was asked to set up another meeting to bring everyone up to date regarding the plans with HWC and RL Turner. She will get this set up for next week.

The Highway Department cleared a road behind the track at the fairgrounds and were able to sell some of the timber. Mr Koors stated that the fairgrounds were paid \$7,228.00 for the logs.

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

The next Commissioners' meeting will be June 17th, 2024, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____