

**Commissioners Meeting  
June 17, 2024**

**Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett**

Mr Koors opened the June 17<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting by welcoming everyone; 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.

Dana Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a prayer was offered by Pastor Jerran Jackson.

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

Mr Pasel moved to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes; Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel made a motion to approve the claims, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Pasel requested more details be included in the claims docket.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the \$362,463.30 June 7<sup>th</sup> payroll, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Blodgett commented on the note that some employees worked from home this pay period.

In the past 2 weeks, **County Building Inspector Kenny Buening** completed 30 building inspections; 20 new building permits with plan reviews were issued and approved 3 permit renewals. Three Lake McCoy property owners did not pick up the letters sent by Mr Buening so the Post Office returned those to the Area Plan Office. He spoke to Clay Township Trustee David Israel about the letters mailed to several Burney residents regarding the conditions of their properties. One property owner will have to remove his above ground pool as it sits on the property line and Area Plan Director Krista Duvall informed him the pool has to be at least 15 feet from any property lines.

**County Attorney Chad Smith** cited some amendments to the proposed alcohol ban ordinance: a violation will now be a Class B Misdemeanor infraction; it gives the Commissioners discretion to allow certain events. Also, there's a distinction between 'owned' and 'controlled'. Mr Pasel moved to adopt **Ordinance 2024-9**, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel made a motion to approve the **YMCA** lien and restricted covenances for the **OCRA Grant** which the YMCA will record and agree to continue as the YMCA for 5 years, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. This is a required step for the YMCA to continue this project.

**Fletcher Power** has agreed to the Commissioners' requested changes to the Road Use Agreement, but Fletcher Power has not addressed requested changes to paragraphs 10 and 12 regarding the security deposit and the 'release of all liability'. Commissioners agree the road use and decommission sections need to be updated every 5 years for adjustments to possible related costs.

Mr Pasel announced the proposed bylaws for the new Fair Committee will be posted for the public to review in the **Courthouse, Facebook, WTRE and the Greensburg Daily News** and offer any comments. The proposed bylaws remove the Board of Commissioners as being in charge of putting on the Fair, which would keep the Fair from being subject to elections. Some elected officials may not have a passion for the 4-H Fair as others have. These bylaws cap the number of voting members on the Board and the finances will be ran through the Decatur County Treasurer's Office and the Decatur County Auditor's Office. The capital improvements will be done by the Board of County Commissioners.

The balance owed on the new County Highway Garage is \$832,541.91 and Mr Koors proposed to use \$111,645.54 in the old Local Income Tax fund called Build Decatur County to pay down on the amount owed; then fund the \$720,949.37 through **GM Development** for 5 years at 5% per annum. The semi-annual payment would be \$82,245.04 to be paid from the LIT EDIT Fund which receives a monthly payment of \$80,870.83 from the State. Mr Koors and Council President Danny Peters consulted *Reuben Cummings*, Council's Financial Consultant, who agreed the interest income on the EDIT fund is more than the interest on the loan. After some discussion, Mr Pasel made a motion to move ahead – apply the \$111,645.54 to outstanding balance and accept GM's terms for financing the \$720,949.37; Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel reported he attended an informational meeting on the proposed swimming pool, hosted by **R L Turner**. Options presented were for a \$6.5 million or a \$6.9 million pool. He stated a \$4 million pool is not an option as the amenities would be less than what we have now. Discussions included funding for the Park Road Project beginning in 2025, the shortfall at the Highway Department, the Animal Shelter --. Should the pool project be pulled from the

**READI 1.0 and ARPA?** Could the County afford the pool in 2 years since it doesn’t look possible in 2024? The reoccurring question is: is going in debt \$6 million worth having a pool open for 6 – 8 weeks?? At one time adopting a Food and Beverage Tax could be a source of funding for a pool but that has been tabled by the County Council. There are more projects than funds, so the County leaders will look at and approve what needs done and put together a 5-year, 10-year financial plan. Mr Pasel made a motion the pool is not financially the right move for the County, Mr Blodgett is not in favor of moving forward with the pool and Mr Koors concurred.

The **ARPA Committee** has appropriated funds for an in-depth financial review of the County’s finances, including maintenance of all of the County’s buildings and roads. Mr Blodgett suggested an ‘questions and answers’ meeting with Reedy Financial regarding a projection of the County’s revenues and expenditures and how to plan for the future. A meeting will be scheduled for the Commissioners’ July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

There was only 1 fuel bid submitted for the re-bidding: **Premier Energy**

	Price/Gallon *Rack*	Bid Discount *Margin*	Exempted Taxes *Added Taxes*	Net Price/Gallon
<b>Part #1 Tank Wagon delivery to Decatur Co Highway Dept</b>				
87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline	2.4550	0.200	0.350	2.805
<b>Part #2 Automated Fuel Dispenser(s)</b>				
87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline	3.2590	0.100	0.184	2.975
<b>Fuel Bid Tank Wagon (Metered)</b>				
<b>Part #1 Tank Wagon delivery to Decatur Co Highway Dept</b>				
1-D ULSD (duded/Undyed)	2.9012	0.200	0.010	3.1112
2-D Summer ULSD Off Road (dyed)	2.2203	0.200	N/A	2.4203
2-D Summer ULSD On-road	2.2173	0.200	0.580	2.9973
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2D/1D Winter ULSD Off-road (dyed)	2.3223	0.200	N/A	2.5223
2D/1D Winter ULSD On-road	2.3198	0.200	0.580	3.0998
2PD /Summer ULSD Off-road (dyed)	2.2653	0.200	N/A	2.4653
2 PD Summer ULSD On-road	2.2623	0.200	0.580	3.0423
2PD/1D Winter ULSD Off-road (dyed)	2.3353	0.200	N/A	2.5353
2PD/1D Winter ULSD On-road	2.3323	0.200	0.580	3.1123

There were 3 bids received for the **Community Crossings Grant 2024-1:**

	# Sq Yards	Price	Seal Coat Type	Lump Sum	Lump Sum Maintenance of Traffic	TOTAL
		Sq/Yd	3P 404-05512	Mobe/Demode 110-01001	801-06775	
<b>Evergreen Roadworks LLC</b>						
Project 1	196,981	\$1.83	\$360,475.23	8,575.00	4,500.00	\$373,550.23
Project 2	178,861	\$1.83	\$327,315.63	8,575.00	4,500.00	\$340,390.63

Project 3	261,564	\$1.83	\$478,662.12	8,575.00	4,500.00	\$491,737.12
Project 4	168,824	\$1.83	\$308,947.92	8,575.00	4,500.00	\$322,022.92
					Total of Projects 1 - 4	\$1,527,700.90
Pavement Solutions Inc						
Project 1	196,981	\$1.69	\$332,897.89	10,000.00	9,698.10	\$352,595.99
Project 2	178,861	\$1.69	\$302,275.09	10,000.00	7,886.10	\$320,161.19
Project 3	261,564	\$1.69	\$442,043.16	16,000.00	10,156.40	\$468,199.56
Project 4	168,824	\$1.69	\$285,312.56	10,000.00	6,882.40	\$302,194.96
					Total of Projects 1 - 4	\$1,443,151.70
Globe Asphalt Paving Co						
Project 1	196,981	\$1.99	\$391,991.79			\$391,991.79
Project 2	178,861	\$1.99	\$355,933.39			\$355,933.39
Project 3	261,564	\$1.99	\$520,512.36			\$520,512.36
Project 4	168,824	\$1.99	\$335,959.76			\$335,959.76
					Total of Projects 1 - 4	\$1,604,397.30

Commissioners agreed to take both sets of bids under advisement.

**Highway Superintendent Todd Houk** reported crews are trying a new type of patch on Old Highway 421 at the **Love’s Truck Stop**. **INDOT** has decided there will not be a road closure while they install a pipe liner at State Road 3 near Letts. Mr Houk presented a proposal agreement submitted by **USI Consultants** to provide “on call emergency professional engineering services” for the Commissioners which includes the Highway, EMA or another department who may need drones to video an area to perform inspections, site study on roads, accidents, etc. USI would be paid \$290 per hour for a maximum of 12 days at 8 hours per day for work under this agreement. Mr Blodgett moved to enter into the proposed agreement with USI, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

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

**The next Commissioners’ meeting will be July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 106.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_