

Commissioners Meeting

July 15, 2024

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

Mr Koors welcomed everyone to the Commissioners' July 15th 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.

Chris Ramey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a prayer was offered by Pastor Mike Bartlett.

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

Mr Pasel moved to approve the July 1st meeting minutes; Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners questioned a couple of payments being split between departments. Mr Pasel made a motion to approve paying the claims, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the July 5th payroll of \$369,679.21, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Highway Superintendent Todd Houk reported crews are grading roads, patching, sign maintenance, doing repair/maintenance on a stone-arch bridge on County Road 225 East, mowing and tree trimming for the Community Crossings Grant projects. Mr Houk have sent the **LPA Consultant Contract to INDOT for Bridge 141**, this will be in review by INDOT and will be returned for the commissioners to sign and the contract needs to be returned to INDOT by September 1st. The **Contract Resolution letter- 2023-7** - named former Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr as the contact person for an INDOT contract; Commissioners amended the Resolution by naming Todd Houk as the contact person for the INDOT contract for Bridge 141. **Globe Asphalt** has agreed to roll-over the 2023 asphalt bid/contract prices to 2024.

County Building Inspector Kenny Buening completed 36 building inspections, issued 11 new building permits and plan reviews and approved two permit renewals in the last 2 weeks. Mr Buening has received 2 complaints on 2 properties, which are 'repeat offenders; he will go out to inspect the Smith property on County Road 850 South and the Fields' property on North State Road 3 to start the process over with pictures and letters if needed. A concerned citizen contacted Mr Buening about a property owner converting a barn into a retreat center for youth/church groups. Mr Buening spoke to the property owner, telling him he needs to get an as-built design release from the State Department of Homeland Security before applying for a construction permit. He will be meeting with an owner of a multi-unit house who has several code violations and someone from the State Fire Marshall's office will also be at that meeting. Mr Buening plans to check with the County Treasurer's Office to see if any properties set for the 2024 Tax Sale received any letters from him regarding code violations. Last Wednesday he met with the Fire Marshall and Fire Inspector at the Fairgrounds, went through the buildings for a safety check. The Adams Fire Department began construction on their new station last Friday. Mr Koors advised Mr Buening there's a mobile home in Millhousen that has dogs and cats running in and out of it. Mr Blodgett said the cleanup timeline needs to be shortened once property owners are notified of code violations.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented 4 rezoning ordinances for the Commissioners' review: **Ordinance 2024-5, petitioner Brad Marcy**, requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A1 to A2 for the construction of a single-family dwelling. 8 APC members were present and there were 8 yeas. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2024-5, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2024-7, petitioner Corey Weber** requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A1 to A2 for the construction of a single-family dwelling. 8 APC members were present and 8 voted yes. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2024-7, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2024-9, petitioner Cecil Ison** requesting to rezone Lots 41, 42 and 43 in Ebenezer Nuttings Addition in New Point, from R2 to B2 to open a pizza shop in the existing building which also houses the post office for New Point. 9 APC members were present and 9 voted yes. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2024-9, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2024-10, petitioner Mark Schabel** requesting to rezone 2 tracts of 2.99 acres each from A1 to A2 to build 2 separate single-family dwellings for family members. 9 APC members were present and 9 voted yes. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2024-10, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. The next BZA Meeting will be at the Greensburg High School Auditorium on August 7th at 7:00 pm.

Quotes received to replace the HVAC units for the EOC and EMA areas in the Annex Building are: **Koors Heating and Cooling - \$41,545; Walpe Heating and Cooling - \$33,099 and Stiers Heating and Cooling - \$47,897**. The units will be placed on the ground in the Courtyard; Koors offered a stackable rack for units and Stiers and Walpe included Dispatch area in their quotes. Commissioners agreed it would be better to ask for quotes from these 3 for the entire Annex Building due to the age of all of the units. Commissioners then discussed and agreed the benefits of changing

out the windows to increase heat/cooling efficiency is warranted and to get someone to see what they would charge. A design stamp is needed to reduce the size of the windows and add walls such as Veregy had recommended.

Commissioners have reviewed the summary of services for a review of the County’s finances-financial health presented at their July 1st meeting by **The Reedy Financial Group, Baker Tilly and Peters & Franklin**. ARPA has approved \$30,000 of their funds to be used for those services. Mr Pasel moved to accept and engage with Baker Tilly for \$35,000. Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Commissioners agreed to use the P & I appropriation in their budget for the remaining \$5,000.

Mr Pasel gave an update on the **Safe Streets for All study project**: Decatur County and Greensburg will share the cost of \$34,553.48 for the project, with Decatur County having the larger part. Kyle Gardner has scheduled Interviews for 3 different companies and their proposals – **HWC, Lock Mueller Group and DCCM** – in August and Mr Pasel plans to attend. Mr Blodgett will talk to the ARPA Committee to see if this would be something they might fund. Commissioners agreed to proceed in the Safe Streets for All study project.

The Fletcher Power Road Use Agreement has been reviewed by County Attorney Chad Smith so Commissioners got what they needed to safeguard the County. The agreement includes Fletcher Power (Battery Storage Facility) videoing the roads before the construction begins, includes an agreed road path trucks will take and a security bond to pay for whatever repairs the Commissioners deem necessary after the project is completed. Mr Pasel moved to approve, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. The Decommission Agreement, if and when the time comes the batteries are no longer useful, a security bond will be held by the County to remove those batteries if the company fails to do so. Mr Smith also worked on this agreement to insure the Commissioners’ concerns were addressed. Mr Pasel moved to approve, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

A Request for Use of Facilities – Rebekah Park Amphitheatre – on July 19th , August 24th and September 28th , 6:00 to 10:00 pm, as part of the Decatur County Visitors/Tourism Summer Concert Series. Tree City Brewery will provide the alcohol. Tourism Director Phil Deiwert has emailed the Certificate of Insurance Liability. Mr Pasel moved to approve, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Deputy Coroner Doug Banks told Commissioners the new cooler has been installed, the cooler unit needs installed and should be operational today.

Economical Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins extended an open invite to EDC’s Annual Meeting to be held on July 18th with a free lunch at 11:00am. He is continuing work with a private childcare supplier who is looking to come to our community.

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

The next Commissioner’s meeting will be August 5th , 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in Room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____