

Commissioners Meeting

March 18, 2024

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

President Koors welcomed everyone to the Commissioners' March 4th 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; then Pastor Jerran Jackson offered a prayer.

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

Mr Blodgett asked for the March 4th minutes be corrected in the paragraph stating a lease for **Kohler Park** was between the Adult Co-Ed Softball League and the Parks Department; it should read the lease was between the **Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Department**. Mr Pasel moved to approve both the corrected March 4th and March 6th minutes, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel made a motion and Mr Blodgett seconded to approve the claims, and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the March 15th payroll of \$355,260.44, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent, reported Highway crews are still grading gravel roads, ditching, patching, mowing, patching roads and clearing log-jams under bridges after recent rains. He received notice **INDOT** has awarded \$2,816,000 for Bridge 141(county road 1000 west and 600 south) . State Road 3 between Pavey's Gas Station and State Road 50 will be closed April 8th through September 30, 2024 for a road project. INDOT has filmed the unofficial detour, County Road 700 West to County Road 1100 South, as they will reimburse the County Highway once they determine the additional amount of wear and tear on those roads. Commissioners asked Mr Houk to put together some estimated costs on replacing/rebuilding Bridge 70 on County Road 50 North to help them decide whether to fix or permanently close it.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented 2 ordinances for approval: **Ordinance 2023-16, petitioner Bradley Scheidler**, requested to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 in order to construct a single-family detached dwelling. The APC unanimously approved this request at their meeting. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2023-16, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Ordinance 2024-1, petitioners the Decatur County Commissioners, requested to rezone 3.072 acres from A-1 to B-3 to correct the zoning per use of property. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2024-1, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Ms Duvall announced Wednesday, June 5th, 2024, is the BZA meeting at which the Proposed Solar Project and Sheriff Bill Meyerrose suggested moving the meeting to either North Decatur or Greensburg High School in order to accommodate the expected large crowd.

In the past 2 weeks **County Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 41 building inspections, issued 16 new building permits with plan reviews, 3 permit renewals and 3 red tags which were non-GFI receptacles in bathroom, ground wire not in conduit and 3 open breaker spaces in panel box. He did send an email to the owner of Smith property detailing how to correct items to avoid fines/penalties and the Letts property owner is still in the process of demolishing the structure. He continues working on contacting those with expired permits. County Attorney Chad Smith stated the public nuisance ordinance did not have any attached schedules of finds.

Mr Pasel moved to appoint **Scott Smith to the Board of Zoning Appeals**, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Sheriff Bill Meyerrose asked the Commissioners to shut down eastbound Park Road, beginning at Kohler Park in order not to flood the downtown area once visitors begin leaving after the Eclipse on April 8th. Westbound Park Road would be open to traffic. Mr Blodgett moved to approve closing eastbound Park Road as requested, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Attorney Smith asked the Commissioners to delay adopting the **Best Way tip fee** ordinance to April 1st.

A new road project, for pit access to the south end of the track, at the Fair Grounds, will begin once Highway crews move the culvert pipe inventory from the hill south of County Road 200 West, to the new main yard. Crews will 'take the hill down' to make way for the new road and gain much needed dirt for their new campus.

Mr Koors reported the budget for the new Highway Garage campus was \$11,500,000 and the unofficial cost/number is \$10,648,665.10. The Redevelopment Commission paid \$9,000,000, leaving the County to fund \$1,048,665.10. Commissioners will review their EDIT and Cumulative Capital Development funds, then decide whether to do a short-term loan.

Mr Koors is working to raise funds for our match for **READI 2.0**, while Mr Blodgett spoke to **HWC** about flooding in the Animal Shelter area. He suggested putting together a 5-year financial plan and adding it to next meeting’s agenda for public input since it will be an evening meeting.

Local resident Jim Moore shared his thoughts on the proposed solar project: loss of ag related jobs, economic hardships on young farmers, 8000 acres of lost food production and infringing on property owners’ rights to list a few. He stated foreign countries are grabbing our tax dollars/incentives for these solar and wind projects.

Commissioners opened 3 bids for the County’s lawn care: the 3rd bidder – Tommy’s Lawn Care -- did not include the required Certificate of Insurance with the bid. Mr Pasel made a motion to accept Sycamore’s bid, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

SYCAMORE ADVISORY GROUP

	COURTHOUSE	HIGHWAY OFFICE	ANNEX
	(each mowing)	(each mowing)	(each mowing
Mowing & trimming	\$125.00	\$300.00	\$160.00
Spring Fertilizer Program	\$250.00		
Spring Weed Program	\$250.00		
Crabgrass Control Program	\$275.00		
Fall Fertilizer/Weed Control	\$250.00		
Spring & Fall Landscape Bed	\$300.00		
Maintenance			
Shrub & Mulch Program	\$2,180.00		

**DOUBLE D LAWN
SERVICE**

COURTHOUSE	HIGHWAY OFFICE	ANNEX
(each mowing)	(each mowing)	(each mowing)
\$140.00	\$355.00	\$160.00
\$230.00		
\$230.00		
\$250.00		
\$230.00		
\$400.00		
\$2,500.00		

Bids for stone, fuel and pipe were received from: **Premier Energy, Heritage Petroleum, New Point Stone and Rush County Stone**. There were no bids received for culvert pipe Mr Pasel made a motion to accept both stone bids as presented, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

	NEW POINT QUARRY	NAPOLEON QUARRY	HARRIS CITY QUARRY	ST PAUL QUARRY
	per ton	per ton	per ton	per ton
#53	\$11.65	\$12.50	\$11.65	\$11.65
#73, #2	\$13.35	\$13.60	\$13.35	\$13.35
#4,#5,#8,#9	\$15.50	\$16.05	\$15.50	\$15.50
#11,#12	\$17.00	\$17.50	\$17.00	\$17.00
Rip Rap Uniform 6"	\$16.15	\$16.15	\$16.15	\$16.15
Rip Rap graded revetment	\$16.15	\$16.15	\$16.15	\$16.15
Special Fill Stone, Road Base		\$12.10	\$11.65	
Rip Rap 6" - 24"	\$23.00		\$23.00	\$23.00
Rip Rap 12" - 30"	\$26.25		\$26.25	\$26.25
Brown Road Base. #53,#2	\$11.65		\$11.65	
Brown #2,#4,#8,#11,#53				\$11.65
Brown Rip Rap - Revetment				\$15.20
Concrete Sand	\$21.00			
Ice Control Sand	\$18.50			
Ice Control Sand Delivered	\$18.90			
SC 12		\$18.90		
SC 11		\$18.90		

**RUSH COUNTY STONE
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	per ton
#1 Limestone White	\$12.50
#2 Limestone	\$12.50
#4 Limestone	\$14.50
#8 Limestone	\$14.75
#9 Limestone	\$14.75
#11 Limestone	\$17.25
B-Borrow White Capp	\$14.75
#53 Limestone	\$12.25
#73 White Limestone	\$12.50
Class One Rip Rap	\$20.50
Class Two Rip Rap	\$20.50
Revetment Rip Rap	\$20.50

Commissioners decided to have Mr Smith review the fuel bids and award that at their April 1st meeting.

Heritage Petroleum

	Price per gallon	Bid Discount	Exempted taxes	Net Price/Gallon
Part 1 (tank wagon delivery)				
	Rack Price	Margin	Added Taxes	Bid
87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.2855	\$0.1900	\$0.3500	\$2.8255
Premium Diesel Fuel Dyed	\$2.6878	\$0.1900		\$2.8778
#1 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	\$3.4815	\$0.1900	\$0.5800	\$4.2515
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	\$2.6678	\$0.1900	\$0.5800	\$3.4378
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Dyed	\$2.6728	\$0.1900		\$2.8628

**Part 2 (automated
pump)**

Metered delivery ticket

	Post price	Discount	Exempt taxes	Net Price
87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline	\$3.1370	\$0.0550	\$0.1690	\$2.9130
Premium Diesel Fuel Dyed	\$3.3128	\$0.0550		\$3.2578
#1 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	\$4.6865	\$0.0550		\$4.6315
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	\$3.8728	\$0.0550		\$3.8178
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Dyed	\$3.2978	\$0.0550		\$3.2428

**Premier
Ag**

	Price per gallon	Bid Discount	Exempted taxes	Net Price/Gallon
Part 1 (tank wagon delivery)				

	Rack	Margin	Added taxes	
87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.4565	\$0.2000	\$0.3500	\$3.0065
Premium Diesel Fuel Dyed	\$2.8645	\$0.2000	N/A	\$3.0645
#1 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel				
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	\$2.8615	\$0.2000	\$0.5800	\$3.6415
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Dyed				

Part 2 (automated pump)

	Posted price	Discount	Exempted taxes	
87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline	\$3.2990	\$0.0500	\$0.1840	\$3.0650
Premium Diesel Fuel Dyed				
#1 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel				
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	\$3.8990	\$0.0500	\$0.2440	\$3.6050
#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Dyed				

HR Administrator Patty Hensley announced the stairlifts have been inspected and are operational for use in preparation for the refurbishing of the elevator. It might be June before **Mid America** receives the needed parts. Mrs Hensley notified/requested a 6-month contract renewal with **Otis Elevator** after receiving an invoice for 1 year. Commissioners agreed to terminate any contract with **Otis** and go with **Mid America**.

The next Commissioners meeting will be April 1st, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm in Room 106.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____