

**Commissioners Meeting
November 4, 2024**

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

Mr Koors opened the November 4th 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.

Todd Houk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then Pastor Greg Redd offered a prayer.

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

Mr Blodgett moved to approve the October 21st meeting minutes, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the October 25th Executive Session minutes, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

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

Mr Pasel moved to approve the October 25th County payroll of \$373,139.01, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent, presented his 2-week report: highway crews continue to do bushwacking, spraying vegetation; bridge maintenance – rip rap; a couple of culvert replacements and completed putting stone shoulders on road projects for the CCMG 2023-1. He has decided to place Bridge 106 in the 'system' and do Bridge 90 in-house. Bridge 106 is on a major collector road, is twice the size of Bridge 90. It's a stone arch bridge on County Road 820 South, just out of Millhousen near the County Line. Mr Houk will bring the **State Board of Accounts'** required grant documents for the Commissioners' signatures for Bridge 106 if they agree on Bridge 106. United is working on cost estimates including a road alignment. Mr Houk shared with Commissioners a map of County Road 220 Southwest in front of Kenneth Nobbe's residence, noting the asphalt road width in 2018 and 2024 – the road width did not change. The only change is the 2' stone shoulders added as permitted. Mr Nobbe said there is less road on the west side and extra road on the east side. County Attorney Chad Smith stated the County is within the right-of-way to maintain and improve the existing roadway. Mr Nobbe said to let it go for now so the Commissioners could continue their meeting. Mr Pasel asked Mr Houk if there's a budget line item in Fund 1173 , Restricted MVH, for **Baker Tilly**.

County Sheriff Bill Meyerrose has discussed replacing his vehicle fleet with the Commissioners and Council and believes leasing vehicles is the most cost-effective way to have newer and safer vehicles. Mr Smith has reviewed the fleet plan, vehicle rotation, 4-year contract with **Enterprise**. Five vehicles would be leased in 2025 for \$67,312, helping the Sheriff to better budget. All of the Sheriff's vehicles would be rotated at the end of year four with a \$454,261 savings. He will continue using the same outfitter and just move the dash cams. Mr Pasel moved to approve the Enterprise contract, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

RecreationSports Coordinator Rob DeHoff presented the Astro Turf Contract for the Commissioners' review and approval. He asked Mr Pasel be given authority to sign any change orders in 2025. Phase 1 of the project would use the \$450,000 in ARPA funds; the completion date is 5 months from now, weather permitting. Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve the Astro Turf Contract, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners approved a request by **Steve Freeman and Mr DeHoff, Rotary Club of Greensburg**, to place a "Peace Pole" on the southeast corner of the Courthouse Square lawn. The pole would be 6' tall with a plaque in front, stating "May Peace Prevail on Earth", hoping to inspire unity throughout world.

Mr Smith presented the **BioSolids Ordinance** for the 1st reading and Commissioners will vote at their November 18th meeting. This ordinance prohibits the application of any biosolids, not processed by the City of Greensburg Utility Department, to any real estate located in Decatur County. There is no avenue for pre-approved nor exceptions. Mr Smith stated the County cannot regulate **Greensburg Water and Wastewater** as they are subject to **IDEM's** regulations.

Commissioners will meet next week with **Scott Barnes Construction, Ferguson Construction and Greg Martz** regarding the RFPs for the Fairgrounds' building. Commissioners will announce a decision at their next meeting.

Mr Pasel moved to appoint **Steven Yost to the Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water District Board**, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel gave **EDC Director Bryan Robbins’** report: **READI 2.0** projects are beginning to get approved for funding; **Lilly** has given additional funding for specific READI 2.0 areas; some READI 1.0 projects are being closed out, shifting to READI 2.0 and there isn’t any word whether there’ll be a READI 3.0. The EDC Board approved a revolving loan to **Mayasari Indonesian Grill** who enjoyed a ribbon cutting held last Friday for the expansion. The presidential candidate of Central Java in Indonesia was invited to the ribbon cutting as part of building additional relations with the county through ag trade. The EDC is working with **Baker Tilly** on a financial analysis on **Cobia** as well as working with **Purdue**.

Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve the **2025 Purdue Extension Contractual Services Contract for \$127,510**, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

EMA Assistant Gary Hash reported **Wallpe Heating and Cooling** has set/placed and tested 7 or 8 big AC units at the Annex

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

The next Commissioner’s meeting will be November 18th, 2024, beginning at 8:00 AM in Room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____