

**Commissioners Meeting  
November 18, 2024**

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

Mr Koors welcomed everyone to the November 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Todd Houk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Pastor George Willette then 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 November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr Pasel 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 November 8<sup>th</sup> County payroll of \$377,764.92, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

**Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent**, presented his report for the past 2 weeks: highway crews continue to do regular maintenance – patching, sign maintenance and bridge maintenance. **LTAP** (Local Technical Assistance Program) **Purdue** contacted Mr Houk offering a simulation program for snow removal to entry level drivers, so he sent 4 drivers to Purdue. LTAP also has a new snow removal simulator at Greenfield and invited drivers to 'test' that out, so 6 drivers went to Greenfield to test that one out. Mr Houk has submitted the road asset management plan and the bridge asset management plan to LTAP. Decatur County was awarded **\$375,008.86** for the **Community Crossings Grant 2024-2**. He presented 3 new grant documents for Bridges 106 and 141 and CCMG 2024-2, to be submitted to the Auditor's Office per the **State Board of Accounts**, for the Commissioners' review and approval; he will ask Council to sign the same paperwork at their meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve signing the grant paperwork for the 3 grants, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Blodgett made a motion approving Juvenile Probation Officer Jeramiah McAdams' request to apply for a \$15,000 grant from CAC (Community Action Coalition), Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred. The grant would start in January, 2025 and may be used for alleviating costs for drug screening, purchasing bullet-proof vests, portable breathalyzers or clothing – just to name a few items.

**Teresa Kovacich, Parks and Recreation Director and Zach Wirrig, Greensburg Public Projects Director**, presented the bids for the parking lot at Rebekah Park which is **Bid Alternate 1 for Greensburg's Rebekah Park Trail project**. Mr Wirrig said the \$195,000 bid is for a 37-parking spot lot, with 2 of those being designated handicap accessible. There would be curbing around the parking lot except on the back side which would allow for expanding/adding parking in the future. He is asking for the Commissioners' approval today. Commissioners questioned why the 'islands, bump-outs, trees and vegetation' which is ineffective as those reduce available parking plus the costs of upkeep/maintenance. Mr Wirrig said those are required by City Ordinance. Commissioners asked Mr Wirrig for a lot design without the islands and bump-outs and he said they could apply for a variance for the January, 2025 BZA meeting, would be the earliest it could be on the agenda. Mr Wirrig said he will work on numbers for a larger parking lot and a generic **MOU** (Memorandum of Understanding) to bring both back to them in December.

**County Attorney Chad Smith** shared some tweaks he made to **Ordinance 2024-14**, opposing the import or transport of biosolid materials from sources other than Decatur County into Decatur County: excepted is Greensburg Water and Waste Water who are under **IDEM's** rules and added St Paul Water/Waste Water Department and the Westport Water and Sewer Office. He said **BEX Farms** does have some biosolids coming in which should also be excepted out. **Evan Daily, Biocycle LLC**, asked Commissioners to include Biocycle in the 'exceptions' to Ordinance 2024-14 since Biocycle has Permit 00000915 under **IDEM** making that ordinance illegal. Mr Daily said the Commissioners do not have the power per Indiana Code 36-1-3-8 to regulate conduct that is regulated by a state agency. Currently no testing for PFAS is done because IDEM doesn't require it.

The BOT Team reviewed the two BOT proposals for the Fairgrounds Building Project. Mr Pasel moved to accept **Scott Barnes Construction's Proposal for the Fairgrounds Building Project**, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. The project is scheduled to start in Spring, 2025 and there isn't a projected completion date.

A committee of Danny Peters, Todd Mauer, Brad Schutte, Paul Stone and Mr Koors interviewed applicants for the job of County Building Inspector. Mr Blodgett moved to appoint Tim Kramer to the position of County Building Inspector, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

**RecreationSports Coordinator Rob DeHoff** presented a Change Order for Diamond 1 for \$1,447 for the Astro Turf Contract which was requested by Mr DeHoff. He said this is cosmetic to stripe it which gives the ‘infield a grass look’. Commissioners believe the \$1,447 change order should be paid by Astro Turf since it is before ground breaking for a \$750,000 project.

The discussion on the “Fairgrounds Upgrades” was put on hold until additional information is available.

**Greensburg Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Director Dawn Lowe** presented an overview of the latest Annual Report. The **Chamber’s Annual Dinner** will be Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> which dinner at 6:30 pm.

**Animal Control Director Minde Myers read her report for October:** see attached

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		CATS	DOGS			YTD CATS	YTD DOGS	
10/01/24		75	29	ANIMALS IN SHELTER				
1	INTAKES COUNTY	5	21	INTATES COUNTY	179	149		
	INTAKES CITY	40	6	INTAKES CITY	290	128		
	INTAKES OTHER			1 INTAKES OTHER			1	
	1			Rabbit				
	hamster			hamster				
	rats							
DISPOSITIONS								
	ADOPTIONS	33	14	ADOPTED	225	140		
	IN FOSTER	63	35	IN FOSTER	0	0		
	EUTHANASIA	5	5	EUTHANASIA	44	26		
	RESCUED	0	2	RESCUED	123	75		
	RETURNED	1	3	RETURNED	3	69		
	O REQ EUTH	1	2	O REQ EUTH	3	12		
TOTAL COUNT								
ANIMAL CONTROL		INCIDENT	ANIMAL PU	RUNS	YTD INCID	YTD PU	YTD RUNS	
	COUNTY	4	0	2	COUNTY	12	147	80
	CITY	8	1	4	CITY	148	30	127
TOTAL					TOTAL			

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OWNER SURRENDER	CAT	DOG			YTD CAT	YTD DOG	
CITY		27	4	CITY		21	
COUNTY		8	0	COUNTY		4	3
STRAYS							
CITY		13	2	CITY		63	18
COUNTY		5	13	COUNTY		37	41
WAITING LIST		28	15				
CITATIONS WRITTEN		2		YTD CITATIONS		12	

Ms Myers has received a 6-month extension for the **Save Them All Grant** to cats for TNR before January, 2025. The HVAC has been installed at the Shelter and K-Fab has put some troughs.

**David Alvey, ABC Farm and Custom Bailing**, asked for payment due him for services provided – boarding and feeding 81 goats and 4 horses confiscated last May. He said Commissioners did not contact him to ask for a detailed invoice nor did anyone ask how much the animals were being fed daily. Ms Myers did take some grain for those animals. The 34 cattle were boarded roughly 40 days and sold for \$17,000 and Mr Alvey got rid of 2 other cattle that were in such bad shape- malnourished. Mr Alvey stated there wasn’t any overlap on feed for the cattle while the goats and horses were there. Mr Blodgett made a motion to pay the invoices due Mr Albey, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Local resident Fred Becht told Commissioners the guard rail at the curve of East County Road 400 North to North County Road 700 East, in front of his house, was hit a couple of weeks ago, didn’t do a lot of damage to his property but the guard rail needs replaced. He says it needs to be there to protect his family. Commissioners said the driver who hit the guard rail needs to replace it and pay via his insurance.

**EDC Director Bryan Robbins’** report: the costs for the **READI 2.0 Fairgrounds Project** are closer to estimates/expectations; looking at sharing costs with the County to do a housing study, he will present the Economic Development Agreements in the next couple of meetings and 3 philanthropic groups offer services for funding raising for local projects.

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 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in Room 106.**

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