

Commissioners Meeting  
October 21, 2024

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

Mr Koors opened the October 21<sup>st</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 then Pastor Ray Sweet 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 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Blodgett moved to approve the October 16<sup>th</sup> Executive Session minutes, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel stated at the last Commissioners’ meeting, the claim for feed from **Lowe’s** for the goats was approved; he then asked Animal Control Director Minde Myers to pull the Lowe’s claims to see how much has been spent on the 81 goats and 4 horses from the animal seizure in May. He stated \$6,949.62 has been expended for grain plus the \$4,700 and \$1,566.66 charged by ABC Farms for hay and boarding. The first \$4,700 invoice was paid by the **Humane Society**. Another \$1,000 was spent in October for grain, bringing the total costs to \$10,000 to \$12,000. Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve the claims, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the October 11<sup>th</sup> County payroll of \$373,757.52, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

**Highway Superintendent Todd Houk’s** presented his 2-week report: highway crews continue to do bushwacking, spraying vegetation; bridge maintenance; grader patching on some roads, and he plans to meet with **County Attorney Chad Smith** to work on a maintenance agreement with the Greensburg Street Department for the **Joint Park Road Project**. Mr Houk met with a **INDOT** representative to receive project information on the entrance/exits ramps at Shelbyville State Road 9 to the St Paul exit and State Road 244 to St Paul. **HMA** will be doing the overlay so he needs to get **Honda’s** shift schedules as well as schedules for the **2025 Decatur County 4-H Fair and Power of the Past**. Mr Houk asked Commissioners whether he should add Bridge 90 (County Road 180 East and 500 South) to the ‘federal system’ to be replaced since it would be 7 years out before letting. **USI Engineer John Sangorgio** told Commissioners Bridges 131 and 141 are in the design stages and the next bridge on the list is Bridge 90 which is an old arch bridge built in 1900. Commissioners agreed to continue adding bridges to the system as long as the County can afford it.

**County Building Inspector Kenny Buening’s** gave his 2-week report: 38 building inspections were completed (AP Director Krista Duvall completed 11 of those while Mr Buening was on vacation), issued 11 new building permits/plan reviews and 1 permit renewal. A homeowner questioned the use of 14-gauge wire on a 20-amp breaker which Mr Buening did find code allowing it. A person from **DHS** told Mr Buening a concerned citizen asked why an electrical permit isn’t required to hook up a generator and Mr Buening stated it isn’t required. He spoke to Mr Smith this morning about starting a file to document complaint letters received, visits to the sites, pictures and letters sent to property owners which he will forward to Mr Smith if the property owners do not comply with the county ordinances. He thanked the Commissioners for the purchase of the 2016 Ford Explorer to use for going out on inspections.

**Animal Control Director Minde Myers** presented the report requested by the Commissioners:

	September	Year		September	Year
		To Date			to Date
In-Takes - County - Cats	20	174	Owner surrendered - County - Cats	4	
In-Takes - County - Dogs	13	128	Owner surrendered - County - Dogs	3	
In-Takes - City - Cats	35	250	Owner surrendered - City - Cats	11	21
In-Takes - City - Dogs	12	122	Owner surrendered - City - Dogs	7	

Finalized Adoptions - Cats	13	192	Strays picked up - County - Cats	16	
Finalized Adoptions - Dogs	12	126	Strays picked up - County - Dogs	10	
In foster - Cats	69		Strays picked up - City - Cats	24	
In foster - Dogs	39		Strays picked up - City - Dogs	5	
Sent to Rescue - Cats	1	123	Animal Control Officer		
Sent to Rescue - Dogs	7	73	Incidents - County	8	66
			Pick up from Incidents-County	2	147
Returned to Owner - Cats		2	Incidents - City	25	140
Returned to Owner - Dogs	8	66	Pick up from Incidents-City	1	29
Euthanized by Shelter - Cats	0		Runs - County	8	78
Euthanized by Shelter - Dogs	0		Runs - City	26	123
Euthanized request by Owner - Cats		2	Citations - County	4	10
Euthanized request by Owner - Dogs	4	10	Citations - City		

There are two days in November scheduled for the TNR (trap, neuter, release) for cats. Mr Blodgett had several questions for Ms Myers regarding Facebook posts about the Shelter’s appearance/organization and Ms Myers asked if this discussion could be continued in an executive session. Mr Pasel said things are getting taken care of, such as the TNR surgeries, different programs are helping to save dollars and things will be at a descent operating level plus once a replacement is hired for the Animal Control Officer’s position, giving Ms Myers more time to concentrate on the daily tasks of the Shelter.

**Sean Durbin, Health Department Executive Director**, told Commissioners he is really proud of the immunizations team who has been holding open shot clinics for the public plus going to the local nursing homes and schools. State Health Commissioner Dr Linday Weaver has planned to visit our Health Department. Mr Durbin asked for the Commissioners permission to put in a Community Garden, 50’ x 100’ area, at the Annex property. It will have a chain link fence around it and several local organizations want to partner in this project. Commissioners agreed it’s a great idea.

No one from **Centerstone Community Health Center** came to this meeting as requested to further discuss payment for their services for Decatur County residents.

Parks and Recreation Director Teresa Kovacich told Commissioners there has been some fire alarm issues at the Armory for the past several months. The current system was installed in 2002 when the Alternative School opened on the second floor. Mrs Kovacich had contacted Koorsen Fire and Security check on this; said there are 3 hotspots in the panel. Parts are obsolete, so the cost to replace the system would be \$7,700 – not monitored. Commissioner-elect Brian Wenning doesn’t believe it’s necessary to have a fire alarm in the Armory; he will ask Greensburg’ Fire Inspector to look at it.

Commissioners discussed the proposals/benefits for different locations to place the **new Fairgrounds building** as part of the **READI 2.0 grant**. The County’s new maintenance person will need a building/storage space for tools, equipment, for the increased maintenance needs, so maybe use the old **Community Building** for a couple of years and then build a small pole barn somewhere, possibly out toward the Highway Garage. The plan is to move the **Extension Office** to the end of the new building and tear down that existing Extension Office building for parking. Mr Pasel’s first recommendation is to demolish the **Headquarters Building** and use that footprint as he would like to see the ‘middle’ area continue to be used as green space. Another possible location is to move the **Optimist Shelter**, tear down the old Community Building and place the new building in that area. Mr Koors said the new building includes an awning on the west side for Fair vendors like the **Letts VFD**. Commissioners agreed moving the Optimists and putting the new Fairgrounds building in that location best serves the needs/purposes of the community.

Mr Pasel said the October 16<sup>th</sup> Executive Session went well, so he moved to officially offer the job to the interviewee, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Koors said he has been assured the Council are okay with the salary. Mr Koors congratulated **Interim 911 Director Leigh Ann Dashiell** on the new position of **911 Director**, effective today.

Mr Pasel made a motion to terminate the two individuals as discussed in the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Meeting, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Koors announced winter rental storage at the Fairgrounds is set for 8:00 am on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr Koors reminded county personnel they are to complete the required **Internal Controls Training** and turn in a signed certificate to the Auditor’s Office no later than November 1. The **County Personnel Policy** requires this training and in the past two audits a finding of non-compliance by the **State Board of Accounts** will result in fines if the County doesn’t submit proof of compliance.

Mr Pasel sent his list of appointees to the **Fair Committee** to Mr Koors, Mr Blodgett and Patty Hensley- HR to review. He stated the County Council still needs to make their appointment which will take place at the Council’s November meeting. Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve the initial list of appointees, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

**Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins** told Commissioners the **ARA** did hit the 65% mark which unlocks the funding for the **READI 2** projects, but the State hasn’t built the infrastructure to release the READI 2 funds so waiting for that. He asked Commissioners for information on any updates to the Fairgrounds Project. He continues working on Economic Development agreements to bring to the Commissioners soon.

Mr Pasel announced he has a meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup> with **Baker Tilly** to discuss their findings/report on the County’s financial health.

**County Treasurer Diane Wenning** reminded everyone November 12<sup>th</sup> is the due date to pay their Fall property taxes.

**911 Director Dashiell** thanked the Commissioners for the security lights put up in the back of the Dispatch as it was really dark, and they now feel safer.

**Greensburg/Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Director Dawn Lowe** announced there will be a Community Clean Up in Downtown, November 9<sup>th</sup>, noon to 3:00 pm. The **Small Business Administration** will be coming in on November 14<sup>th</sup> and featuring Greensburg as a Community of Indiana. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Mr Koors asked all to remember Danny Peters and his family during this time of his Mother passing away.

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in Room 106.**

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