

**Commissioners Meeting  
September 16, 2024**

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

Mr Koors welcomed everyone to the September 16<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.

Chris Ramey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag then Pastor Terry Canfield offered a prayer.

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

Mr Pasel moved to approve the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes; Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Questions on some claims included the hiring of a tree service to cut trees back for the Community Crossings Grants' projects; a vendor needing to turn in a Certificate of Liability for seal coating the Detention Center parking lot and the Animal Shelter vet doing the spaying and neutering on adopted animals. Mr Blodgett made a motion to approve the claims, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the September 13<sup>th</sup> County payroll of \$377,119.20, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

**Highway Superintendent Todd Houk** report included: highway crews continue to spray vegetation, bushwack, replace downed road signs; bridge maintenance on scours/undercutting; working on waterproof membranes on some bridges, then working with **Globe** on the milling and patching on those bridges; milled excess deadload on some bridge decks to be paved later. Hot mix overlay completed on the Community Crossings Grants projects: County Road 300 East, from U S Highway 421 to County Road 700 South; County Road 400 North, from County Road 400 East to County Road 500 East/Northeast 80; County Road 500 North, from State Road 3 to County Road 400 East; County Road 220 Southwest, from County Road 600 South to County Road 700 South; wedge work on East Base Road, from County Road 250 West to County Road 700 West. Mr Houk is preparing the close out letter for the chip and seal projects to submit to **INDOT** and he's waiting on **IPEP** for an answer to questions Commissioners had on requiring separate heater blocks with individual circuits for the cold storage building. He received a notice from INDOT they will be working on a bridge on U S Highway 3 just south of I-74 near their homebase; so, there will be lane restrictions and traffic control for Honda.

In the past 2 weeks, **County Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed: 38 building inspections, issued 8 new building permits/plan reviews and issued 2 red tags during final inspections: 1) no GFI receptacles in garage and 3 more smoke detectors are needed in bedrooms in house 2) a missing receptacle on kitchen island and no pipe on pressure relief valve for water heater and had an open hole in the breaker panel and needs to be covered. On another property, he requested a below the slab plumbing diagram on a barn-dominium which showed the garage drain going into the septic system, so he shared the diagram with the Health Department and informed the contractor the garage drain has to 'drain into daylight'. Mr Buening checked on the Smith property at County Road 850 South and work is still being done, just not fast enough; so, he informed the owner who stated she 'will make it happen'. One of the 2 burnt-out structures at Lake McCoy is being torn down, but Mr Buening said the County will probably end up tearing down the other one since there's a property line which goes through it and the 3 owners don't want the expense of tearing it down.

Commissioners approved the **Animal Control Director Minde Myers'** request to use the lot behind the Shelter on October 19<sup>th</sup> to host a Trunk or Treat Event. The **Animal Control Board** has set up "an on-call" policy whereby the Animal Control Officer will be paid \$3.00 an hour with a 2-hour response time. There will be "response pay" if he has to go out. The ACO will be on-call – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Tuesday through Friday and 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturdays. Calls will not be taken on Sundays and Mondays. Ms Myers had emailed a report to the Commissioners detailing the 'runs/calls' to the various areas of the County. There were runs made to Westport but since they have their own ordinance she can't enforce the County's Animal Control Ordinance within the town limits.

Commissioners reopened the discussion on the 4 HVAC bids for the Annex. Mr Pasel moved to accept Option 3 - \$188,644 from **Wallpe Heating and Cooling**; Mr Blodgett seconded the motion based off of Option 2 since option 3 wasn't an option. Wallpe will complete the work listed in option 3.

**Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins** told Commissioners he just returned from Midwest Japan Conference in Columbus, Ohio where he networked with State Officials and International folks pertaining to projects here. The ARA - Regional Development Authority should be hitting that 65% mark by October 1<sup>st</sup> which will unlock the funding for the READI 2 projects. He asked to be notified if there are any changes to projects, such as the Fairgrounds, as those will be submitted through the grant management tool to the State. Our ARA will be the first in the State to hit that 65% mark.

**Greensburg-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Director Dawn Lowe** invited everyone to the September 18<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting for Alley 1822, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, on the southside of the Square. Tickets are available for the September 26<sup>th</sup> HR Power Hour and the topic will be “are you willing to give a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance” to those with convictions.

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

**The next Commissioner’s meeting will be October 7<sup>h</sup>, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in Room 106.**

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