

Commissioner Meeting  
December 15, 2014 8:00 a.m.

Present: Jerome Buening, Rick Nobbe and John Richards

Minutes were approved as amended. Claims were reviewed and approved.

Mark Mohr, **Highway Superintendent**, reported the right-of-way project on Jon Martin's property is moving forward. A field check by **INDOT** on Bridge #168 has raised an issue with deck drainage. **INDOT** only allows deck drains to empty onto riprap which currently the water is routed into the stream below. Commissioners agreed there should be some sort of drainage to prevent ice build-up and damage to the beams. Also, if deck drains are put in, guardrails would not be installed thereby eliminating additional maintenance on this bridge. Mr Mohr is working with **United Consulting** on Layton Drive going to the **Westport Covered Bridge**.

Jenin Hanna- on behalf of Tina Hoeing- presented the grant applications to the **Community Action Coalition** for the Commissioners' approval. Ms Hanna stated there were no new programs, only the ones in 2014 requesting 2015 monies. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the requests as presented, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred.

Judge Matthew Bailey presented paperwork for the last cycle of the **DOC** grant and budget for the Commissioners to sign. Grant monies will total \$348,000 over a two-year period. Judge Bailey stated the bulk of the grant monies will be spent on **Home Detention** as there are fifty-four people currently in the program. Mr Richards moved to approve the grant application, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Buening concurred. Mr Richards moved to appoint Dan Goris (4 yr term) to the **Community Corrections Advisory Board**, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Buening concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to appoint local attorney Drew Young to the **Public Defender Board**. Mr Richards seconded the motion and Mr Buening concurred. Judge Tim Day told the Commissioners the "judicial" will meet to appoint a replacement for John Fitch who recently passed.

Jeff Hermes- **Extension Office**- presented the Annual Contract with **Purdue University** for three full-time educators in 2015. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the contract, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred.

After reviewing the three quotes/proposals on ambulances, Mike Trabel- **EMS**- recommended the Commissioners accept **Fire Services Inc** (Columbus, IN) quote. Mr Richards moved to accept **Fire Services Inc's** quote of \$103,800 for a box remount on a **2015 Ford F450 chaise** plus \$1,000 for an 'auto control box' for medications kept in the ambulance. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Buening concurred.

Mr Richards moved to adopt a resolution to honor and recognize Harold Sample's sixteen years of service as **Decatur County's Veterans Service Officer**. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Buening concurred. The Commissioners will present an American flag in a special-made box to Mr Sample at a later date.

The Commissioners also recognized Peg Polanski for serving twenty-six years as our **County Attorney**. A wall plaque from the Courthouse with Ms Polanski's initials- **MAP Room**- was presented in keeping with her request when she retires.

Various Board Appointments were made: **Animal Control Board**: Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Michelle Anderson, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Alcoholic Beverage Commission**: Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Al Knecht, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Health Board**: Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Alice Hardebeck and Nick Peters, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent**: Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Mark Mohr to Superintendent and Tim Ortman to Assistant Superintendent, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Hospital Board**: Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Laura Johnston and Darren Evans, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Hospital Association d/b/a Hospital Building Authority**: Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Herb Hunter, Mr Richards seconded and Mr

Buening concurred. **Solid Waste Management Board:** Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Jerome Buening, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission:** Mr Richards moved to reappoint Rick Nobbe and Mr Buening concurred. **Economic Development Commission:** Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Brenda Dwenger, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Vernon Fork Water District:** Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Jerome Buening, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Tourism Board:** Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Karen Cyman, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred. **Fair Board:** Mr Richards moved to appoint Rick Nobbe, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Buening concurred.

The Commissioners will set a budget amount for replacing the Courthouse phone system at their January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr Nobbe moved to have **Minutemaids** steam-clean the restroom floors in the Courthouse for \$648.96 to be done after the first of the year. Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to allow the transfers listed on the paperwork to get several appropriations 'out of the red'. Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred.

Mayor Gary Herbert reported the City is in the process of doing the title searches on the Railroad Street property. Also, phase one which involves removing the tanks from the property is on track.

Mr Nobbe moved to appoint John Richards to serve as President of the Board of Commissioners, Mr Richards seconded and Mr Buening concurred.

Mr Richards moved to recess, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Buening concurred. Meeting recessed. The next Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, January 5, 2015.

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Jerome Buening, President

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