

# DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**DECEMBER 18, 2006**

The Decatur County Commissioners opened their December 18th meeting with following present: Jerome Buening-President, Charles Buell, John Richards and Bridgett Weber-Auditor.

The December 4th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Mark Mohr – Highway Department informed Commissioners that Stello Products has agreed to rollover bids to 2007 for signs. Commissioners agreed and signed agreement.

Mr. Mohr has the cast iron sign that was on the old bridge #140 at 700S and will contact the Historical Society to see if they want to display it and if not it will be stored at the Highway Garage.

Mr. Mohr along with Ron May of Aecon Engineering, John Weaver of INDOT and Craig Parks of American Consulting were present to discuss various issues with the new interchange at 421 North.

Frontage road connectors were discussed with Richard Fogg and Richard Reed as they will affect entrances to both land owners. Mr. Mohr asked the Commissioners if they were in agreement with the proposed connectors and they agreed. INDOT and Decatur County will have an agreement to maintain overpasses and guardrails.

Mr. Mohr and Mr. May expressed concerns of the changes in the original plans for 8ft shoulders reducing them to 6ft. A large number of trucks will be using these shoulders and the maintenance will more costly by not providing a wide enough shoulder for trucks to pull over. Mr. Weaver discussed the issues with concrete costs, drainage, slopes, etc., with expanding the plans back to 8ft.

There were also discussions of concrete vs. asphalt. Mr. Weaver told the Commissioners that major improvements have been made with concrete typically lasting 30 years before repairs are needed. Concrete also has a longer construction season. Mr. May says the county may need to implement a crack and seal program if concrete is used.

Footprints are in place for a bike/walk path. Curbs and sidewalks will not be in the plan at this time but drainage will be.

Mr. Buell moved to have concrete pavement and 8ft shoulders, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to sign an agreement with INDOT on County Road 300N after the Commissioner's legal counsel has reviewed it, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Richards moved to close the 2007 Highway bids, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred. Bids were submitted as follows:

## Stone

Harris City--#53 \$6.50pt; #73 \$7.15pt; #8 \$8.00pt; #11 \$8.50pt  
New Point--#53 \$6.50pt; #73 \$7.15pt; #8 \$8.00pt; #12 \$8.50pt  
Napoleon--#53 \$6.75pt; #73 \$7.20pt; #8 \$8.35pt; #11 \$8.95pt  
St Paul--#53 \$6.50pt; #73 \$7.15pt; #8 \$8.00pt; #12 \$8.50pt  
Rush Co-- #53 \$6.20pt; #73 \$6.20pt; #8 \$7.75pt; #11 \$7.95pt  
Meshberger--#53 \$9.95pt; #73 \$9.95pt #8 \$9.95pt; #11 \$11.00pt; #12 \$10.10pt  
Paul H. Rohe--#8 \$7.75pt; #11 \$7.95pt; fill sand \$2.90pt; natural sand \$3.85pt

Mr. Buell moved to accept all stone bids on geographical area, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

## Petroleum

Premier Ag—Unleaded Fuel \$2.005gal; Premium Diesel \$2.151gal; Low Sulfur #1 \$2.308gal; Low Sulfur #2 \$2.116gal

## Corrugated Pipe

CPI—Mark Mohr recommended accepting bid and Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Mohr requested permission to look over bids and give his recommendations later in the meeting and Commissioners agreed.

Jim Moffett provided the Commissioners with an update on the bridge at the Park. A change order was signed for parking blocks by the Commissioners. Keys for the Ballards will be kept at the Parks Department shop.

Mr. Buell moved to appoint Mark Mohr-Highway Superintendent and Tim Ortman-Assistant Superintendent for 2007, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Claims were reviewed and approved.

Pam Blasdel—Public Health Coordinator/Interim Emergency Management Director had Commissioners sign the Pandemic Flu Plan. Mrs. Blasdel requested someone from the Commissioners sit on the district planning council for first responders. Mr. Richards moved to appoint Mr. Buell to the planning council and Mr. Buening concurred.

Pepper Cooper of Maverick Insurance provided the quote for new rates on the Worker's Compensation Policy with Downey Insurance. Mr. Richards moved to sign Worker's Compensation Policy with (IPEP) Downey Insurance, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to appoint Pepper Cooper of Maverick Insurance as the Agent of Record for 2007, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell informed Gilliam Janitorial of some issues with services at the Health Department. Commissioners would like to monitor their performance and discuss a contract in January.

Bob Dawson gave the Commissioners an update from the Bike Path Committee. This committee will continue efforts to raise funds to construct paths around and near the Honda Plant.

David Neuman submitted the Drainage Ordinance for signatures. Commissioners would like time for Ms. Polanski and themselves to review it.

Patricia Yount of Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates, Inc. was present to discuss possible solutions to the sewer problem in Sardinia. Each property would need a new septic tank. The cost would be \$16,500.00 per home to put in the Eco System based on 30 homes. Approximately 3 acres of land would be needed to construct the wetland. The possibility of creating a regional sewer district was also discussed along with obtaining grant monies to fund it.

Mr. Mohr recommended accepting bids from Premier Ag, CPI, and Asphalt Materials. Mr. Richards moved to accept bids from Premier Ag and CPI, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred. Mr. Buell moved to accept Asphalt Materials bid for RS2, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Judge Westhafer, William O. Smith and Sheriff Daryl Templeton were present to discuss a proposal from Mark Barclay for Courthouse Security. Sheriff Templeton recommended that a committee be formed to discuss this matter in the future.

Mr. Richards moved to appoint Alice Hardebeck to the Health Board, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to appoint Margaret Polanski as County Attorney, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Richards moved to appoint Charles Buell to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Richards moved to appoint Joe Johannigman to the Innkeepers Board, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Richards moved to appoint Herb Hunter to the Decatur County Hospital Association, Mr. Buell seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to appoint Clair Fredrickson to the Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to appoint Gerald Hall to the Airport Board, Mr. Richards seconded and Mr. Buening concurred.

Mr. Buell moved to appoint Jerome Buening to the Economic Development Commission Board and Mr. Richards concurred.

Mr. Richards moved to appoint Charles Buell Board President for 2007 and Mr. Buening concurred.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr. Richards moved to recess, Mr. Buening seconded and Mr. Buell concurred.

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Jerome Buening, President

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