

Commissioners Meeting

December 21, 2015, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The December 7th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr asked Commissioners if anyone from the **Cottonwood Lake Estates Economic Improvement District** has come back to the Commissioners to request the County 'take over' the roads within that subdivision. No one has contacted any of the Commissioners. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Mohr to make sure those roads meet County Highway specs and contact someone on that Improvement Board what their intentions/expectations are on this matter. Mr Mohr wanted to make sure the Commissioners know roads in the Westport area which have names on the road markers do have a number in the 911 grid system, but some GPS systems may have problems/issues. Right-of-way agreements for two parcels in the Bridge #168 project have been approved by **INDOT** and were presented for the Commissioners' approval. **County Attorney Drew Young** reviewed the documents; Mr Nobbe moved to enter into the contract agreement on the two parcels, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. This project will have a 2016 Spring letting and should be completed sometime in 2017.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reported on her meeting with the **Compression Station** representatives. Ms Duvall will take the **FEMA Flood Plain** updates done by the **City of Greensburg** to the **Comprehensive Plan Committee**.

Marsha Miller-Smith, **Assured Neace Lukens Insurance**, and Mr Nobbe gave updates from the December 7th insurance meeting. Our medical/prescription claims are much lower when compared to this time last year due in part to the **CIGNA and True Scripts** discounts, our contract with **DCMH** for the **Stay Well Clinic** and the 79 employees who signed up for the **High Deductible Health Plan**. Ms Miller-Smith explained several counties/businesses offer 'incentives' to go on the HDHP plan- some give anywhere from \$200 to \$1,000 as a one-time deal. She expects to have a 'firmer' quote for our March 1st renewal date by the first part of January, 2016. Employee meetings with reps from **Assured Neace Lukens, Health Smart, Aflac, etc.** are tentatively set for January 12th and 13th so employees can ask questions to make informed decisions which fit their health insurance needs/out of pocket costs.

Liberty National Life Insurance representatives- Roger Rich, Holly Willhelm and Amanda Wells presented information for various life insurance policies available as a voluntary benefit for employees. Mr Nobbe will take this info to our next insurance committee meeting and employees may contact Ms Willhelm if they wish.

Greensburg/Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jeff Emsweller along with **Board of Directors President Susan Burkhart** detailed a Decatur County 'video project' the **Chamber** would like to undertake. Local businesses are in need of more workers/employees and this video project might be one avenue of 'attracting' families and workers to Decatur County. **John Gootee of Cross Pointe Studios** presented a short video his company had put together for Clinton County; he has also done a project for Shelby County. Mr Emsweller explained \$15,000 is needed in order to start such a project: Greensburg Mayor Gary Herbert has pledged \$5,000 from EDIT funds. The Commissioners decided they are not ready to make a decision today.

together' to send to the various Boards, which the Commissioners make appointments to, asking them to shorten/lengthen the service terms to arrive at a January 1st beginning date instead of a mid-year beginning date.

Mr Buening moved to appoint Don Schilling, Brian Keith and Chris Bower to the **Redevelopment Commission**. Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to appoint Drew Young as the **County Attorney**. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe move to appoint Roger Krzyanowski to the **Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)**. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Buening moved to appoint Jeff Whitaker to the **Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)**. Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved the three Commissioners continue on the **Solid Waste Board**. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Buening moved to appoint Rick Nobbe to the **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission**. Mr Nobbe agreed and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to appoint: Mike Baumgartner as **County Veterans Service Officers**; Mark Mohr as **Highway Superintendent** and Tim Ortman as **Assistant Highway Superintendent**. Mr Buening seconded those appointments and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe did contact our current lawn care provider for a quote for 2016, but has not received anything yet.

Mr Nobbe reported the **United Fund and United Way groups** have requested some financial support for one of their **2016 Bicentennial Projects**. Since a **bison** is on our **Indiana State Seal**, they would like for Decatur County to 'paint our roots' on a bison and Mr Nobbe thought that bison could be displayed in our southeast planter. **Main Street Greensburg, Tourism, City of Greensburg, Chamber of Commerce** has each contributed \$300 toward this \$1,200 to \$1,500 project. Mr Nobbe moved to support this project and contribute the \$300. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

After reviewing several appropriation transfers due to the twenty-seven bi-weekly pay periods in 2016, Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Buening expressed his sincere appreciation to the many people, who serve without compensation, on the various boards in Decatur County.

Mr Nobbe moved to ask Mr Richards to serve another term as **President of the Board of County Commissioners**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards accepted.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be January 4th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President
