

**Commissioners Meeting
December 21, 2020 8:00 a m**

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

The December 21st Commissioners meeting was called in session by President Nobbe; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

(Meeting minutes and claims are emailed to each Commissioners on each Friday before their Monday meeting)

Mr Nobbe asked if either Commissioners had any corrections or additions to the December 7th meeting minutes; hearing none he stated the minutes stand approved.

Mr Koors moved to approve the claims as presented, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported stone shoulders were 'put down' finishing the project on County Road 400 South and South West 60, which is one of the **Community Crossings Grants**. He hopes to have the contract with **United Consulting**, which **INDOT** has approved for the **2021-2024 Bridge Inspection**, to **County Attorney Ken Bass** to review before the Commissioners sign it. This week Highway crews will begin replacing a culvert pipe on County Road 700 East between County Roads 300 South and 400 South; advisory signs warning of 'stone patch' are in place at the pipe project at Southwest 60 and County Road 900 South- asphalt will be laid next spring. Mr Nobbe said a county employee asked for 6 tons of the top soil removed to expand the parking lot behind the Court Services Building. He told Mr Mohr several people have called him saying the Highway Department did a good job cleaning the ditch on Southwest 60.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented **Decatur County Ordinance 2020-16**; petitioner Clair Smith is requesting to rezone 2 acres from A1 to A2 for the purpose of constructing a single family detached dwelling. The Area Plan Commission unanimously approved the rezoning. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2020-16, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Ms Duvall presented **Ordinance Articles 2, 3, 9, 10 and 12** which were revised for clarity, to the Commissioners for their review. There were no major changes to **Article 2** as it states general definitions. **Article 3**: due to technology only one site is needed, the 'reserved site' for a septic system was deleted and it now states a 'dedicated site for a septic system'. Another change in **Article 3**, if a property owner meets the criteria to build a pond, they do not have to go before the **Board of Zoning Appeals**. The **APC** is sending **Article 9**, which addresses agriculture, unchanged but with a commitment from **APC President Paul Stone** to continue discussing setbacks as well as water usage and road usage. All three Commissioners are encouraged discussions will make these 'rules' better going forward. Gordon Smiley spoke on behalf of the **Decatur County Farm Bureau**, offered open teamwork with a goal of making it better. Mr Koors moved to approve the 2020 Decatur County Ordinance revisions as amended and updated as of December 16, 2020. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners thanked everyone for their concerns and efforts on this Ordinance.

Since the last Commissioners meeting, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 54 inspections and issued 17 new building permits plus plan reviews and no red tags were issued. He met with Mr Bass regarding the burned house, which needs to be torn down, on a property at Lake McCoy. County GIS maps show a property line dividing the house making it difficult to determine which property owner should receive a letter from the County. Mr Nobbe has spoken to Sandusky resident Jeff Steele about the Joshua Fields property in Sandusky and asked Kenny not to send a letter just yet. Mr Steele indicated local residents in Sandusky are willing to clean up the property.

Liz Coombs of RBSK emailed Commissioners 2 renewal proposals for IT support for County offices, excluding the Detention Center and the Communications Center. The first proposal was for 8 months at a monthly cost of \$4,614.34 beginning January 1, 2021; the second one is for 2 years, 8 months with a \$4,272.67 monthly cost. Both proposals are set for renewal in August of 2021 or 2023. After some discussion, Mr Buening moved to approve the 2-year, 8-month service contract, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe received a call from **Koors Heating and Cooling** saying 3 air handlers at the Court Services Building needed replaced/upgraded. The proposal for this job is \$6,024. Mr Buening moved to approve the upgrade to the 3 air handlers, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Public Safety IT Director Josh Tressler shared information he'd gathered the last 5 years' costs, for the County's phone system and support; he then compared quotes from **ETC/Great Plains, Comcast, Level365** . His analysis- all are easy to use and every option is better than what we have. All options require minimal investment in infrastructure and do not include such as 'running new wire/cable'. Mr Koors moved to get a phone system from Comcast, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe announced Jeremy Stallsmith has installed a new sound system in the **EOC Room; Clearsound Design** will be upgrading the sound system in Rooms 106 (big meeting room) and 141 (old community corrections room) in the Courthouse. He has confirmed with **Veronica Schilb of Barnes and Thornburg** the sound systems qualify to be funded with **CARES Act** monies. He then read a partial list of applicants requesting funding from the County's **CARES Act** reimbursement: **Decatur County 4-H-** \$1,187.50 for restroom janitorial cleaning at Fair Grounds; **Decatur County Soccer Club-** \$443.18 for latex gloves, spray bottles, signs, etc for Fall Season; **WTRE** for equipment to allow continue broadcasting of city and county meetings and any emergent situations that might arise; **Koch Mechanical-** \$29,790 to provide and install UV lights in 11 AAON units in Detention Center; **Greensburg Schools-** \$555.81 for headset for Zoom meetings, printer to work from home, wireless computer equipment to work from home, printer and HDMI cable to work from home. Mr Nobbe has asked **Brad Speer, EMA Director**, if EMA could be the owner of the equipment that **WTRE** is requesting as the County shouldn't be buying equipment for any business; he also asked Ms Duvall for a short presentation from **iWorQ systems** (community development for permit management and code enforcement) at the next Commissioners meeting—Council would have the ultimate approval for all CARES Act Additionals.

Mr Buening moved to approve the **2021 Commissioners Meeting Schedule**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners met on the first and third Mondays of each month unless a Holiday falls on that Monday, the meeting is then on Tuesday.

Mr Nobbe gave an update on the **PODS**: he sent emails to the **State Sheriffs Association, the Department of Corrections** and **Eagle-** the company that built the PODS. He received an email from **Eagle**, offering to buy the PODS and take care of the moving expenses. Mr Bass will check the statutes on what steps to follow if an entity offers more than the County paid and legal advertising. **Eagle** wants to know our intentions by December 23rd. Monies from the sale of the PODS will be receipted into the **Special Purpose Jail Fund** since the PODS were paid for out of that fund.

Decatur County Sheriff Dave Durant told Commissioners the County Council has approved his request to hire a maintenance person for the Detention Center. Sheriff Durant agreed to pay that salary out of his Commissary Fund for one year, but the benefits will need to be paid from another fund. This maintenance person will be the Sheriff's employee for first year; then the Council will decide how to fund a maintenance position(s).

BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY THE COMMISSIONERS:

Mr Koors nominated **Commissioner-elect Chuck Emsweller** to represent the Board of Commissioners on the **County Fair Board**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to reappoint **Mike McCoy** to the **Alcoholic Beverage Commission**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Commissioners thanked **Hank Martin** for years of service on the **Animal Control Board**. Mr Koors moved to appoint **Dr Craig Martin** to the **Animal Control Board**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Koors moved to reappoint **Mr Bass** to a one-year term as **County Attorney**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Bass said it's been his honor to work with the Commissioners and Mr Nobbe.

Mr Buening moved to reappoint **Dr James Howell and Dr Mary McCullough** to the **Board of Health**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners will announce their third appointee to this Board once they've contacted Darrell Richards whose term expires December 31, 2020.

Mr Koors moved to appoint **Dr Nicole Boersma** to the **Decatur County Memorial Hospital Board**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to reappoint **Paul Gosnell** to the **Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water District**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to reappoint **Jeff Whitaker and Shelly Hadler** to the **Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Koors moved to reappoint **Drew Young** to the **Public Defender Board**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to reappoint **Mike Baumgartner** to the one-year term of **County Veterans Service Officer**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to reappoint **Daniel Fayette and Darren Covington** to the **Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Board**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

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

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

M Buening moved to appoint **Chuck Emsweller** to the **Decatur County 911 Board**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve **all three Commissioners** to a 1-year term on the **Solid Waste Management Board**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Koors moved to appoint **Jennifer Sturges to the Criminal Defense Attorney position, William Austin- to represent the Ex-offender position and Rebecca Six to represent the Probation Officer position** on the **Decatur County Corrections Advisory Board**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Buening stated when setting up the **Corrections Advisory Board**, Commissioners agreed to ‘stagger’ positions by having some be 2-year terms and the rest would be 4-year terms. Mr Buening moved to transition all **Decatur County Corrections Advisory Board** appointments to a 4-year term pursuant to Indiana Code, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to appoint **Ben Buening** to complete Howard Wilkerson’s term on the **Parks and Recreation Board**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

EDC Director Bryan Robbins thanked Mr Nobbe for his twelve years of community service and hope he stays involved.

Mr Koors thanked Mr Nobbe for his 4 years of training- all the things he does in the Courthouse,

Mr Buening thanked Mr Nobbe for his dedication and preparedness for the job; organizing things especially with the COVID thing.

Mr Nobbe appreciates all of the comments; he’s had such an opportunity to meet people, work with folks, enjoyed it all. He truly loves the job.

Mr Nobbe turned the meeting over to Auditor Chadwell who opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of County Commissioners. Mr Buening nominated Mark Koors for President of the Commissioners. With no other nominations, Auditor Chadwell closed the nominations. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion. Mr Koors accepted the position. Mr Buening and Mr Koors presented Mr Nobbe with a plaque recognizing his 12 years on the Board of County Commissioners.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____