

**Commissioners Meeting
December 5, 2022 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors opened the December 5th meeting of the Decatur County Commissioners by welcoming everyone; Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Jail Commander Dana Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and President Koors then offered a prayer.

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

Mr Buening moved to approve the November 21st meeting minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller questioned a claim for earpiece connectors submitted by the Sheriff's Department. Assistant Office Administrator Teresa Reiger told Commissioners the \$4,976 is for 50 radio connectors. Mr Emsweller then moved to accept the accounts payable claims, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller questioned a pay amount on the November 25th payroll- incorrect overtime hours were stated. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the November 11th payroll, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the November 25th payroll, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors. Concurred.

Highway (Interim) Superintendent Todd Houk stated the Bridge 73 on County Road 150 North and 950 East is complete; still working on widening the road. Highway crews have finished berming County Road 80 West, now will work on the ditch and replace a culvert pipe. Berming work on County Road 50 East should be completed today. Pipe installation and raising County Road 1250 South is finished; crews worked the Soil and Water Department on this project. A majority of the highway trucks are outfitted and ready to plow snow. Installing 36" arc pipes on a culvert and raising part of County Road 50 North is the next project for a highway crew.

Krista Duvall, Area Plan Director, did not have anything to report.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening completed 35 building inspections, issued 2 new permits and plan reviews, and 2 red tags-both violations have been remedied. Mr Buening received 2 complaints on nuisance properties: he visited one and did send a letter to owner. The Health Department called him regarding a trailer with a leaky roof and is missing a side wall. He has sent a letter to property owner from last month's nuisance complaint.

Steve Ruble, Strand and Associates, presented the **Park Road Water Main** project contract signed by **O'Mara Contractors** and asked the Commissioners to approve in order to start the project. Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the **Greensburg Power of the Past ground lease**, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. The lease sets out \$12,000 per year which includes cash rent on tillable acreage, use of the Fair Grounds during the Power of the Past's August event and a lease for a building site.

Land surveyor Andy Scholle, on behalf of Sean Wildey, answered the Commissioners' questions regarding Wildey's petition to vacate an alley and one-half of a street in Forest Hill. Mr Scholle explained that Mr Wildey plans to place a manufactured home on the property requiring the lots to be combined in addition to the alley and one-half street vacations. There are no utilities in the alley nor one-half street and a neighboring farmer is ok with the request. Mr Scholle stated the Health Department is requiring septic system to go on the back two lots, then be connected to a new perimeter drain. After some discussion, Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2022-11, vacating both the alley and one-half platted street, referenced in the petition. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Jail Commander Dana Parker told Commissioners the jail passed a re-inspection by Homeland Security with no issues. Mr Parker offered a pre-warning about water issues in the jail: problems with scaling is a continual problem due to the City water and rebuilding mixing values is getting expensive. There is a separate RO system for the dishwasher and a water softener for the kitchen only. He suggested the Commissioners consider putting in an entire softening system which may cost \$50,000- \$100,000.

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

BZA Board member Gary Fischer's term expires on December 31, 2023 instead of 2022 as shown in the Board Appointments.

Mr Emsweller moved to reappoint **Chad Smith as County Attorney**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to reappoint **Bryan Robbins and** appoint **Sarah Reisman to the DCMH Board**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to reappoint **Jeff Whitaker and Shelley Hadler to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to reappoint **Mike Baumgartner as County Veterans Service Officer**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to appoint **Mr Koors, himself and Commissioner-elect Jeremy Pasel** to the **Decatur County Solid Waste Board**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to appoint **Mr Pasel** to sit on the **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission** and Mr Koors seconded the motion.

The Commissioners next meeting will be December 19th at 8:00 A.M.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____