

Commissioners Meeting

December 7, 2015, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

The November 16th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr asked Commissioners if the recently acquired **Reservoir Road** should added to the **State's Road Inventory List** for Decatur County; which would provide minimal financial support for improvements/maintenance for that road-- Commissioners stated not at this time. Currently that road is barricaded to prevent public access to the Reservoir. Mr Mohr reported **United Consulting's** contract on **Bridge 2** is still open as the 'fix' on the asphalt hasn't met his approval. The asphalt design has been submitted by **United Consulting** for **Bridge 168** and is on schedule. **INDOT** is adamant contractors stay on schedule or funding will be withheld.

City of Greensburg Engineer Ron May and Mayor Gary Herbert presented a 'revised' cost for a digital sign to be placed along I-74 near County Road 300 North, on property owned by the **City of Greensburg**. Mr May stated after doing some more research, the cost may be more in the \$250,000 to \$350,000 range. He also added there would be 'ongoing' maintenance and energy costs. He stated the City is requesting a financial commitment from the Commissioners. Mayor Herbert said this joint venture would be much like the Courthouse financing with **EDIT monies**. While the Commissioners agree this concept could help inform prospective employees of employment opportunities, Mr Nobbe asked if this has been presented to the **Economic Development Commission** and Mr Buening asked if 'contributions' from businesses would be accepted. The Commissioners are 'not shutting the door' on the 'sign' request, they would like more time to think about it. A few future projects on the Commissioners' list include the **Adams Rail Park, Event Center** and the **Reservoir property**.

Marsha Miller-Smith and Kelly Zullo of Assured Neace Lukens presented a 'preliminary quote' for health insurance for county employees effective March 1, 2016. At this time the renewal rates are coming in under the normal 11% annual increase. Ms Miller-Smith credited the savings (costs are down 9% over last year) to the County contracting with **Decatur County Memorial Hospital** on the **Stay Well Clinic** and the number of employees who chose the **High Deductible Health Plan**. She also reported the drug costs through **True Scripts Management Services** are lower compared to previous years. Ms Zullo told the Commissioners 'you're doing all the right things' in what we can control. Mr Nobbe would like to offer a monetary incentive to bring more employees to the **HDHP**. Ms Miller-smith agreed that would be a win-win for the both County and employees.

Clair Fredrickson of the Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water District Board of Trustees presented **Resolution 12-7-2015** reappointing Kathleen Tarzwell for another four-year term to that board. Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Ms Tarzwell, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. The Commissioners signed the Resolution.

Central Dispatch Director Tiffany Bowling and Sheriff Greg Allen presented items-- the service years/anniversary date, vacation and comp time for the six dispatchers 'coming over' from **Greensburg Police Department Dispatch**—which the **911 Board** approved at their special meeting held on December 4, 2015. The **City of Greensburg** may offer a 'severance package' to those six dispatchers partly because 'longevity pay' is only given to the Sheriff's "road deputies" and **Decatur County** doesn't offer a "fully-paid health insurance plan". Mr Nobbe asked Ms Bowling to make sure all six dispatchers

Community Corrections Director Mark Cripe informed the **Commissioners Community Corrections Advisory Board** member Steven Teverbaugh has relocated to another state and has resigned his position- Criminal Defense Attorney- on the **Board**. Upon Mr Cripe's recommendation, Mr Nobbe moved to appoint local attorney Ken Bass to complete Mr Teverbaugh's term. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Children's Advocacy Center representative Sarah Brichto asked the Commissioners if 2016 funding for the **CAC** was approved. **County Attorney Drew Young** asked the Commissioners to consider promising some funds since several counties in our district have generously funded the **Center**. The Commissioners couldn't promise a specific dollar amount, but will see if there are available funds to help support this program.

Veteran Service Office Mike Baumgartner informed the Commissioners someone had placed the **American, State and Armed Services** flags at 'half-staff' on **Veterans Day, November 11th**. He stated **Veterans Day** is not a recognized 'half-staff day'. He emphasized no harm was done, but it is wrong. Mr Baumgartner asked the Commissioners if they might have monies in their budget to purchase four shirts for himself and his assistant, Harold Sample. The shirts are \$25 each and have the Courthouse Tree emblem and "Decatur County Veterans Service Officer" embroidered on the chest. The Commissioners agreed they would pay \$100 - \$150 for the requested purchase.

Mr Richards read a **Proclamation, "...whereas Friday, December 11 marks the 199 anniversary of the day President James Madison signed the act admitting Indiana as the 19th state of the Union...do hereby proclaim December 11, 2015 as Indiana Statehood Day and the Official Kickoff of the Bicentennial and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion and celebrate the upcoming year."**

Mr Nobbe moved to appoint and welcome Ms Patricia Cruser to the Hospital Board replacing Reuben Kissel who will retire from the Board December 31, 2015. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Buening moved to adopt the **2016 State Holiday Schedule** for Decatur County, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to reappoint Al Knecht to the **Alcoholic Beverage Commission**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

A proposal for lawn care in 2016 was submitted to the Commissioners; Mr Nobbe will contact our current vendor, John Knecht, for a quote.

Mr Nobbe asked Mr Young to contact **Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** and ask her to let the **State Fire Marshall's Office** know the **Area Plan** positions are now filled.

Several appropriation transfer requests were presented for the Commissioners' review and approval, as funds have been depleted.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be December 21st, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President
