

**Commissioners Meeting
February 1, 2021 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors and Jerome Buening

President Koors welcomed everyone; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Jay Vanderbur then offered a prayer. Mr Koors asked everyone to keep Commissioner Chuck Emsweller in their prayers as he is scheduled to have surgery this morning.

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

Mr Koors asked that a correction be made in the January 19th minutes: "once the PODS are sold, Sheriff Durant would like to have a pole building constructed and correctional grade fencing placed around that building." Mr Buening moved to approve the January 19th meeting minutes as corrected and Mr Koors seconded the motion.

Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims as presented and Mr Koors seconded.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported his crews have been 'pulling banks down' on County Road 880 East (the back entrance to Lake Santee) in order to widen the road and the larger pipes, which have been delivered, will be placed weather permitting. A bridge on County Road 700 West, part of the **2020 Community Crossings Grant Program**, will be replaced with pipes. Most of the **2020 Community Crossings Grant** \$1,000,000 was spent improving Millhousen Road between County Road 1000 South to Sebo Lane. **INDOT** made a couple of corrections on the **2021-2024 Bridge Inspection Contract with United Consulting**. Commissioners signed a contract with **INDOT** for 80/20 reimbursement for the **2021-2024 Bridge Inspection** to be done by **United Consulting**. Mr Mohr shared an **INDOT** email regarding plans to '**create- build a Michigan left**' at the intersection of State Roads 3 and 46. He recommends the Commissioners request a public hearing for that project.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reminded all about the **APC** (6:30 pm) and **BZA** (7:00 pm) meetings scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd, in the **Emergency Management Meeting Room** at 315 South Ireland Street. The landfill petition is on the agenda for the **BZA**.

In the past two weekends, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 39 building inspections, has issued 15 new building permits plus plan reviews and issued 1 red tag for no building permit. He and Debbie Martin, Area Plan Assistant have been reviewing expired building permits; then contacting the applicants to verify if project was completed or stopped. County Attorney Ken Bass will start the 'filing a complaint' procedure once 30 days have elapsed since Kenny mailed a letter to the property owner at Lake McCoy regarding the removal of a partially burned building.

Mr Buening moved to approve the **Decatur County SAVE (Stop Arm Violation Enforcement) Grant** and Mr Koors seconded that motion.

Kelly Robinson of Schneider Geospatial presented information on a "Geo permitting system" which offers the public online access for building permit applications, supports online payments and input inspection data on-site/in the field; it would really help the work flow. It's a management system which any office can use. It integrates with the Assessor's CAMA (computer assisted mass assessment) system and also the Auditor's Tax system. Ms Duvall is requesting to use some of the **CARES Act Reimbursement** monies as this geo permitting system would greatly enhance **Area Plan's** ability to work from home and the building inspector could keep his scheduled on-site building inspections. The contract would be for 3 years with an annual fee of \$7,380. The total implementation plus setup fee is \$20,190. Ms Duvall would upload zoning data so anyone could access 'history' on a particular property. **County Recorder Dottie Robbins** asked fees could be collected for copies of deeds requested in conjunction with the building permit. County Assessor Dorene Greiwe stated this geo permitting system would greatly benefit her office for looking up information they need on building permits and it would instantly notify the Assessor of any new rezone. After some discussion, Commissioners decided to put this topic on their next meeting's agenda and asked Mr Bass to review the contract.

No bids were received for the PODS. Mr Koors closed the bids and will decide what direction to go. Mr Bass stated the proper procedure was followed including the legal advertising. Mr Koors did have a phone conversation with **Eagle** and they are interested in selling the PODS for the Commissioners for a fee.

Public Safety IT Director Josh Tressler gave an update on the **Comcast** phone system for the Highway Department, Court Services Building, the Health Department and the Courthouse. He met with **Comcast** last week to put together a contract. This project is expected to take 30 to 60 days to get everything going. Mr Tressler is also working with Emergency Management Director Brad Speer on ordering and setting up video equipment for meetings, conference calls, etc. This equipment will be paid from through an EMA Grant.

Mr Buening asked if the information regarding the **ACLU** lawsuit was shared with the department involved. Auditor Chadwell emailed the notice to the Commissioners, Ken Bass and the elected official; who emailed he would consult with Mr Bass and authenticate the request and respond appropriately.

The next Commissioner meeting will be 8:00 am on Monday, February 15th, 2021

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____