

Commissioners Meeting

February 15, 2016, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The February 1st meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reminded Commissioners of the bid openings for stone, aluminum structural plate, corrugated aluminum pipe, gasoline, diesel fuels, milling and patching and hot mix has been advertised for 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' March 7th meeting. He asked about the status on petitions to close any alley in the County. The Auditor's Office and Mr Mohr believe there shouldn't be any more alleys closed as the County would have to retain easements for placement of future utilities and/or emergency access to properties. Commissioners agreed to ask the **Technical Review Committee** to study this issue and report back with the pros and cons on this. They also discussed maintaining right-of-ways and taking each petition on a 'case by case' basis. The **Rockies Express Pipeline Road Usage Agreement and bond** have been signed- copies are in the Auditor's Office and Mr Mohr's Highway Office. The **Westport Covered Bridge** sustained some damage by a car on the northwest corner. Mr Mohr is waiting for the Police Report so he can contact the driver's insurance company. There are funds in the **County Covered Bridge Fund** for maintenance/repairs as needed. **County Attorney Drew Young** gave an update on the **Enterprise Bond**: the subcontractors' attorneys have entered an appearance and requested a change of venue. The case has been moved to **Shelby Circuit Court** and formal mediation is still a few months away. Mr Mohr has spoken with Jim Moody of **INDOT** regarding railroad crossings in the County. Mr Mohr believes **INDOT** should be responsible for the design, letting and decide which intersections to do since 'fixing the railroad crossings' only benefits **INDOT**. Mr Mohr will contact Brian Keith on additional information on costs and prioritizing which crossings to 'fix'. Mr Buening will bring this topic up at the next **Redevelopment Commission** meeting.

Brian Wenning, on behalf of **St Mary's Church**, asked for the Commissioners' approval to close **South County Road 60 E (Millhousen Road)** for one and a half hours on the morning of August 27th for their **On Eagle's Wings 5K Run**. Last year they had almost a thousand participants, so closing the road ensured safety for the runners. Mr Buening moved to allow closing Millhousen Road for the 5K Run, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Mohr will make sure the road signage is up a couple of weeks before August 27th to inform local residents.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reported her office is staying busy, although nothing specific to report today.

Kaitlyn Linville representing the **Greensburg Youth Baseball League** asked for the Commissioners' approval to 'conduct a parade of ball players' beginning at the **Kohler Park** entrance on Park Road then continue to the **Decatur County Youth Baseball Diamonds** off of County Road 200 West. The parade would begin at 8:00 a.m. on May 7th and should last until 9:30 a.m. Mrs Linville stated this request has already been approved by the **Greensburg Board of Works**. After some discussion, Mrs Linville agreed contact the folks at the **Country Club Golf Course** so they can notify members about the parade and **Sheriff Greg Allen** agreed to have one of his **Deputies** lead the parade and another Deputy to follow/end the parade. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the request, Mr Buening seconded, if the Golf Course is accommodated and Mr Richards concurred.

Main Street Greensburg Director Wendy Blake presented copies of her **2015 Annual Report**. There

project is an “owner occupied rehab.” Patty Jackson of the **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission** had planned to attend this meeting to answer any questions, but due to the snow and slick roads she decided not to drive from Madison to attend. The grant is for \$350,000 and requires a ‘local match’ of \$35,000. Mr Nobbe called Ms Jackson to ask about sources for the local match: **Housing Preservation Grant (HPG- USDA) for \$13,000, Town of Westport- \$1,000, City of Greensburg- \$8,000 and the remaining \$13,000 from Decatur County. Greensburg Mayor Dan Manus** will check with the **City Council** to see if they have already agreed to the \$8,000 or if they need to review this project for approving those monies. The Commissioners decided to adopt the resolution on March 7th- their next meeting. Ms Jackson did say waiting will delay the release of grant monies. Ms Duvall requested a list of houses that have been approved for this project.

Mr Buening moved to proclaim February 7th thru 13th as **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Week**. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Nobbe reviewed two quotes for lawn care for the **Courthouse, Health Department** and the **Highway Department. Knecht’s Lawn Care: \$5,360 and Off Duty Services and Lawn Care LLC: \$5,180**. He suggested staying with **Knecht’s** this year and he will put together some ‘specs’ to be advertised for 2017’s mowing season. Mr Nobbe moved to allow **Knecht’s Lawn Care** to continue at the **Courthouse, Board of Health and Highway Department**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Nobbe will contact both entities.

Mr Nobbe moved to enter into an agreement with **Decatur County Memorial Hospital for Stay Well services** and ‘labs’ at the **DCMH**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. The fee for ‘per member per month’ remain at \$20; but the 70% discount for labs changed to 60% which will add about \$5,000 to the County’s expenses.

Mr Nobbe moved to support the proposed study on the City Park Dam submitted by **Christopher Burke Engineering** and to pay the County’s portion- \$12,500- out of **EDIT**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. The water level in the lake is being lowered in lieu of our property insurance issue. Mr Buening commented the entire lake, at one time, has never been dredged to his knowledge. The **Greensburg City Council** has already agreed to pay the \$12,500 -balance of the \$25,000 study. This study should give options on removing the dam, rehabbing the dam, building a new dam either earthen or concrete with an alternative spillway.

Mr Nobbe moved to adopt the **Ordinance of Decatur County, 150.04, Technical Review Committee**. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

Commissioners did receive an email from Jim Cummings of the **Greensburg Learning Center** inquiring about available funds. Mr Nobbe asked him to submit an invoice for \$10,000 to the Auditor’s Office for payment.

Mr Nobbe reported the **Economic Development Commission** is preparing to “add” **Greensburg Water and Sewer** to the **Business Enterprise Park’s** 550 acres once funding is ‘in place’. Approximately \$1.6 million is needed to get the utilities thru the ‘sleeves’ under the interstate for the nine month project. The **Adams Rail Park** will need about \$755,000 to begin their project plus some roads may need to be widened.

Commissioners agreed to return a \$100 donation from **Cross Pointe Studios** received for the county’s part of the **Indiana Bicentennial Bison Project** as local funding is sufficient.

Mr Young is in the process of simplifying and shortening the contract for use of the Fair Grounds. He also reported the various Boards in Decatur County are fine with changing the members’ terms to expire on December 31st of any year; with the exception of the **Greensburg Public Library**.

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Date: _____