

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**February 15, 2021 8:00 a m**

**Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening, & Chuck Emsweller**

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.

**Commissioner Attorney Kenny Bass** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Rev Mike Bartlett then offered a prayer.

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

Mr Buening moved to approve the February 1st meeting minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims as presented, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Koors asked that all claims be email to commissioners Friday noon before the Monday commissioners meeting.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** reported his crews had been working all weekend to get ready for incoming snow. They plan to work all night as well. If the county level goes to red the workers will sit and wait to be called out. Trying to keep up with wind blowing drifts is a lot of time spent on money, man power and wearing of equipment trying to blow out drifts that will blow back in 15 minutes.

**Mr Mohr** presented a joint contract with USI & the City of Greensburg for sidewalk project and bridge 236. The contract is not to exceed a little over \$34,000 and is basically for right of way purchase. The county took the lead on sidewalk project which will require some right of way. Everything will go through the county and there will be an 80/20 match on the money. Mr Koors asked for a motion to approve the contract. Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** asked the commissioners if they had looked over the contract with Geo-Schneider that was presented in the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Ms Duvall explained she thought it is a great thing for the entire courthouse. It opens information and makes the offices transparent and easier to work with for the customer. Mr Koors asked if Ms Duval if she could keep the reoccurring cost in her budget and she said yes. Mr Koors also asked if this is eligible for **CARES Act money**? It was explained to the commissioners that the **CARES Act money** has already been spent by reimbursing County General, Parks Dept, & Health Dept. payrolls replacing more cash in their funds. In turn departments could apply for additional from these funds because the CARES Act did reimburse them. The contract would be for 3 years with an annual fee of \$7,380. And a setup fee \$20,190.00 totaling \$34,956.00. Mr Emsweller motion to approve, Br Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Koors said he would like to move that the commissioners form a **Decatur County Drainage Board**. The first rounds of members will be Andy Scholle as chair by his term of county surveyor, with other members being Scott Best, Brad Schutte, Mike Koehne, & Jim Gorman. The board will operate through Area Plan Director Krista Duvall. There is \$3,000 in the budget for pay them \$55.00 per meeting & Melissa Scholl will be their attorney. The board would meet once a month if there is an issue. Issues will come to Krista and she could give the issue to the board if needed. There is a drainage ordinance for use if needed. Mr Koors asked for a motion to approve the board members Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. The terms will be Scott Best for 3 years, Brad Schutte for 6 years, Mike Koehne for 3 years, and Jim Gorman for 6 years.

**Commissioner Koors** wanted to let the other commissioners know that in Millhousen there is a garage that was built on an existing alley several years ago. It has come to light that nothing has been done about it. Commissioner Koors asked Area Plan Director Krista Duvall if anything had been done on property. APC attorney Melissa Scholl is still looking for files. Ms Duval still needs to verify the legal address.

**Building Inspector Kenny Buening** was absent but had given his meeting report to Mr Koors for the meeting. Mr Buening reported 27 inspections, 8 building permits & reviews, and 1 red tag since the last commissioners meeting. The red tag was for a detached garage that didn't have a permit. The property owner came in and acquired a permit. Mr Bass also reported that the 30 days are up from Kenny Buening's letter for the property

owner in Lake McCoy with the burned down home so Mr Bass will start putting a complaint together. There has been no compliance or communication from the property owner.

Mr Koors had an estimate for \$6,900 from **Peine Heating and Cooling** for the Clerk’s office. The temperature has been 68 degrees. There will be some length added to the heating coils. Mr Emsweller asked how much warmer it would make the office. Mr Walker from Peine Heating and Cooling had reported it would make it 10 degrees warmer. Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

The commissioners discussed the OCRA grant that was previously presented by Mary McCarty & Brian Robbins. Ms McCarty had emailed grant information and a sign in sheet. The documentation gives the Decatur County Commissioner President authorization to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the needs of small businesses, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of community Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development. The OCRA committee will take applications from small businesses. The grant had already been approved and the resolution needed signed by Commissioner Koors and a public hearing held.

Mr Koors asked for motion to approve payroll from January 22, 2021. Mr Buening moved to approved, Mr Emsweller seconded, and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Koors asked for a motion at approve payroll from February 5, 2021. Mr Emsweller moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded, and Mr Koors concurred.

At 9:00 a.m. Mr Koors closed the acceptance of bids for Highway.

STONE BIDS PER TON	<u>53</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>11 &amp; 12</u>	<u>Riff Raff</u>	<u>4,5,8, &amp; 9</u>
New Point Quarry	\$9.00	\$10.50	\$14.00	\$13.20	No bid
Napoleon	\$9.85	\$10.75	\$14.50	\$13.20	\$13.10
Harris City	\$9.00	\$10.50	\$14.00	\$13.20	\$12.55
St Paul	\$8.95	\$10.50	\$14.00	\$13.20	\$12.55

FUEL BIDS PER GALLON

	<u>87 Octane</u>	<u>Premium Diesel Dyed</u>	<u>Low Sulfur Diesel</u>	<u>Automated Pump</u>	<u>Low Sulfur</u>
Premier Ag	2.099	2.0318	2.5508	2.265	2.605

CULVERT PIPES

	Aluminum Type Corrugated Steel Type
Civilcon	\$1.15/pound 2 2/3 X ½
	Corrugated Round
	\$1.25 /pound 3 or 5 X 1
	Corrugated Arch Pipe
	\$1.35/ pound 3 or 5 X 1

Mr Koors asked for a motion to accept all bids. Mr Buening moved to accept, Mr Emsweller seconded, and Mr Koors concurred.

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

**The next Commissioner meeting will be 8:00 am on Monday, March 1st, 2021**

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