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**Commissioners Regular Meeting  
February 3, 2020 8:00 a m**

**Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors**

President Nobbe called the Decatur County Commissioners February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in session and announced there are Title VI forms available for anyone wishing to fill out and submit to the Auditor's Office.

Mr Koors moved to approve the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes as presented, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the claims as presented, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

At the Commissioners' invitation **Tony Vie of Elevatus Architects and Jail Project Manager Chris Grabosky** outlined two proposals for the old jail at 119 Railroad Street. Mr Vie recommended an assessment of the old jail to determine what life is left in it per structural systems, electrical load, ADA accessibility, mechanical systems. **Elevatus'** fee to complete the assessment is \$18,200. Once the assessment is completed, Mr Grabosky would add budgeting information for the Commissioners and County Council to review and make a decision on the future of the building. **Elevatus'** second proposal would cost 'not to exceed \$26,200' for relocating the modular units (PODS) to the new jail site. They did the initial installation on the PODS, so a lot of the 'paperwork' could be updated and submitted to the State. Mr Vie stated the PODS are in great shape. Mr Buening stated he has great reservations about moving the PODS because he believes every effort should be made to remarket them. Mr Koors said we need an honest dollar amount what to sell the PODS for. **County Prosecutor Nate Harter** speaking on behalf of Law Enforcement-Public Safety personnel, strongly urges the PODS be moved to the new jail for treatment programs through a third-party vendor. He stated Sheriff Durant is dedicated to treatment programming and those in this program need a separate living environment to keep them away from inmates who would undermine their recovery. Mr Nobbe asked if there are any **State** funds, available grants through **Community Corrections or DOC** to lessen the burden on our taxpayers. **Sheriff Dave Durant** is exploring a program which Jennings County is using in partnership with **Centerstone Mental Health** and does not cost the taxpayers. Sheriff Durant told Commissioners the Judge plans to fill the new jail and the PODS; will see once everyone gets moved in the new jail what happens through the Courts.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** told Commissioners the ditch along County Road Southwest 60 is right up against the road which is one of the **Community Crossings Grants** projects, so he is working to obtain right-of-way to move the ditch back east; two driveways (within 20' of each other) will be turned into one driveway due to replacing a pipe going across the road. After obtaining right-of-way trees were removed at County Road 600 to improve site distance with the Highway Department replacing the fence for the property owner. He has a meeting this morning with utility company at the Bridge 236 site to discuss the utilities along the sidewalk. Commissioners approved Mr Mohr's request to purchase a new copier/printer for approximately \$5,000 since the old quit.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** presented three ordinances for the Commissioners' review and approval: **Ordinance 2019-4**, submitted by Seth Smooth to rezone 2 acres from A-1 to A-2, in order to sell a buildable lot. Mr Buening moved to approve Decatur County Ordinance 2019-4, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Aaron Morgan petitioned to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2, to build a single-family dwelling in **Ordinance 2019-20**. Mr Koors moved to approve Ordinance 2019-20, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. On their November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting Commissioners returned **Ordinance 2019-23** to the APC for further review. The **APC** revisited/approved the ordinance petitioned by **Sandcreek Homes** (Steve Snyder) for two parcels, 1.5 acres each, to be rezoned from A-1 to A-2 to build single family dwelling on each. Ms Duvall stated no tillable acres would be lost on this rezone. Mr Koors moved to approve Ordinance 2019-23, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Ms Duvall told Commissioners BEX Farms has requested their petition be tabled until the APC's March meeting. Commissioners decided to wait until they find someone willing to serve on the Area Plan Commission, then they will amend Ordinance 2017-1 which sets requirements for members to the APC.

**County Building Inspector Kenny Buening** reported he has completed 37 building inspections, issued 7 new building permits and red tagged 2 projects- plumbing and electrical- since January 21<sup>st</sup>. He has received a complaint about trash and will send a letter to the property owner

Having emailed the vehicle rotation plan, **County Sheriff David Durant** asked Commissioners for \$90,000 from the Cumulative Capital Developments Fund to pay for 3 vehicles (Dodge Ram 1500 trucks) for his Department and will put \$20- 30,000 back into Cum Cap by selling instead of trading in vehicles. He plans to get the ‘fleet’ to SUV’s, trucks and maybe one or two sedans. Mr Koors moved to approve the \$90,000 to purchase the three vehicles, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe is working with Barry Bailey of RBSK, Communications Director Erika Free and IT Manager Josh Tressler to put in the VPN access for the Courthouse’s HVAC system for Peine for remote access, at virtually no charge.

The x-ray machine used by Courthouse Security needs detectors replaced and **Auto Clear** has submitted a bid for \$2,470. Mr Buening moved to approve the repair costs, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners decided to get another quote to replace or repair the north entrance doors of the Courthouse. Bruns-Gutzwiller had given a quote of \$2,000 for a ‘short term repair’ and a \$19,000 to replace the doors, using the existing handicap operator. Mr Koors moved to approve replacing the ‘pop off valves’ on both boilers and drain caps in several offices. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Brittany Saunders, Director of Decatur County Solid Waste has scheduled an ‘electronics recycling’ time for the Courthouse on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 to 9:30 am.

Mr Buening moved to approve the Coroner’s request for a County Credit Card, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve signing a release of bond letter to **Enterprise** to complete the mediation process between the County Highway Department and Enterprise. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Koors moved to approve **Decatur County United Fund’s** request to use the Courthouse lawn on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to hold their **Annual Strawberry Festival**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the **2020 Stop Arm Violation Grant**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. This is a reimbursable grant and does not require any County match money.

Mr Koors moved to approve signing the two grants applications- **Indiana Local Health Trust Fund and the Local Health Maintenance Fund**. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve **Requisition #19 for the Decatur County Jail Project**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Grabosky stated the County has spent approximately \$21,000,000 so far on this jail project. Commissioners will follow-up with our financial advisors on the balance of funds for the jail.

**EXHIBIT A**

<u>Payee and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Bruns-Gutzwiller – App # 18	\$17,125.00	
Quality Interiors Inc – App # 14	\$10,440.00	
Levensteins Flooring – App # 2	\$36,135.36	
FE Moran Fire Protection – Inv # 009-211557000	\$9,564.14	
Quality Plumbing & Heating – App # 18	\$7,747.70	
Koch Mechanical Inc – App # 1030-16	\$37,890.00	
Banta Electrical Contractors – App # 15	\$71,677.39	
Pauly Jail Building Co Inc – App # 19	\$43,516.64	
Anthony Anderson Painting – App # 9	\$10,260.00	
MAD Technical Services – Inv # S19445	\$2,210.00	
Inv # S19490	\$3,215.00	--
Inv # S19492	\$1,395.00	
Home Depot Storage Racks – Ord# W848893847	\$3,339.90	
Ord# W848896016	\$1,368.96	

StoreMoreStore Gun Lockers – Ord #10113	\$1,557.90
Maxwell Construction – Inv #17	\$27,950.00

**Total--- \$285,392.99**

Commissioners want to make sure changes made to the County Personnel Policy allows existing employees to use their banked PTO time until they retire; meaning the amount of time above the new cap of 15 days is not lost and employees have until they retire to use/take it. Once an employee does use banked PTO and they get 'below the 15 days', they are not permitted to accrue more than the 15-day cap. The final approved Personnel Policy will have signature pages for employees to sign and turn into the Auditor's office to place in each employee's personnel file.

Mr Buening moved to approve the **2020 Capital Improvement Plan identifying uses for Economic Development Income Tax**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. The plan is: Comp Plan, Revision of Zoning Ordinances --\$10,000; Highway Equipment -- \$100,000; Courthouse Loan Repayment -- \$325,000; Economic Development Commission -- \$60,000; Build Decatur County Fund -- \$160,000 and the Rainy Day Fund -- \$150,000 for a total of \$795,000 to be spent of the \$924,609 certified by the Department of Revenue for 2020.

EDC Director Bryan Robbins shared his quarterly report and shared one of our own 911 people competed against 22 applicants and won a trip to Washington DC.

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

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