

**Commissioners Meeting  
February 6, 2023 8:00 a m**

**Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel present and Chuck Emsweller via zoom**

President Koors welcoming everyone to the February 6<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Sheriff Bill Meyerrose led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Dawn Barnes then offered a prayer.

(Meeting minutes, payroll and claims are emailed to each Commissioners, each Thursday before their Monday meeting)

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the accounts payable claims, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup> payrolls, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve **O'Mara Contractors' pay app 1- \$189,533.55** for the Park Road and County Road 200 West water main extension. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners reviewed the **Amendment #1 from Strand and Associates** for the Highway Facility final design, changing the \$756,600 cost to \$770,600. Mr Pasel made a motion to approve the amendment and Mr Emsweller seconded the motion. Mr Koors concurred.

**Highway Superintendent Todd Houk** told Commissioners he is including a pickup, a dump truck and a boom mower in an auction scheduled for sometime in March. He received several phone calls about mailboxes 'popped off' by the Highway trucks when plowing snow. He investigated and saw the snow plows/trucks did not hit the mailboxes; the wet snow being thrown by the plows caused the damage. Crews will be working on brush around bridges and fixing scours. Mr Houk asked if there's a tipping fee being charged in the County; Mr Koors stated it's been talked about, but not instituted. He has decided to withdraw/not submit applications for **INDOT's Bridge Maintenance Grants** and he thanked **Jon Clodfelter with United Consulting** for working on this with him. The County's match for 12 bridges would be \$2,000,000 of a \$10,000,000 project.

**Krista Duvall, Area Plan Director**, presented 4 ordinances for the Commissioners' approval: **Ordinance 2021-8, landowners Todd Mauer and Jeff Mauer petitioning for Morgan Mauer** to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of constructing a single family detached dwelling. The APC all voted in favor, with Todd Mauer abstaining. Mr Emsweller moved to approve Ordinance 2021-8, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2022-8, petitioner Mitch Knecht** is requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of constructing a single family detached dwelling. The APC all voted in favor of this petition. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-8, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2022-2, petitioner Kerri Meyer** is requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of constructing a single family detached dwelling. The APC all voted in favor of this petition. Mr Emsweller moved to approve Ordinance 2022-2, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2022-10, landowner Richard Feldman petitioning for Larry Coy** requesting to rezone 2.005 acres from A-1 to B-2 for the purpose of business expansion off of the county side of Carver Street. The APC all voted in favor of the petition. Mr Pasel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-10, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Ms Duvall did meet with **Christopher Burke**, has accessed LTAP's model for drainage ordinances. She will start with the ordinance model and have a separate standards section.

In the past three weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** completed 46 building inspections, issued 24 new permits and plan reviews, issued 4 permit renewals and 2 red tags were issued. Mr Buening received a complaint about a person living in a garage; he continues to work on expired building permits. He has not sent out any letters in the past three weeks.

**Sheriff Bill Meyerrose** asked for the Commissioners' approval to pay a \$7,632.42 **LOTH Furniture** bill- 2 desks and chairs- out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mr Pasel moved to approve Sheriff Meyerrose's request and Mr Emsweller seconded the motion. He presented 2 quotes to replace the generator for the **Detention Center** that was hit by lightning last October: **GenSet Service, LLC -\$4,078 and Cummins Sales & Service out of Indianapolis- \$5,033.75**. Mr Pasel made a motion to accept the quote from **GenSet**, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Sergeant Rob Goodfellow asked permission from the Commissioners to close County Road 250 West, between West Base Road and Vandalia, to conduct their emergency vehicle course, same as last year. It will be closed May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup> and a letter has been mailed to Butch Wilson as well as contacting property owners along that road. Sergeant Goodfellow explained by having this local road course it saves traveling to train at the academy in Indianapolis plus paying for 'track time'. Mr Pasel moved to approve the closing the part of County Road 250 West, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Koors asked that ample notice be given to all via [Facebook](#), radio and the newspaper.

**Board of Health President James Howell and Health Department Executive Director Sean Durbin** shared some updates/information on the **Health Department**. Mr Durbin explained the **Board of Health** directs/governs the local Health Department. **Health Officer Dr Mary McCullough** is serving her term after being appointed by the Commissioners in 2022. There are currently 6 full-time employees and 1 part-time person. Health Department employees are responsible for the County's vital records- birth and death certificates; environmental health which includes sanitation and food protection; public health preparedness and emergency response; also inspecting dwellings unfit for human habitation which serves mostly renters. Decatur County is in the bottom 10 counties in funding- \$31 per capita while the medium is \$55 per capita, according to the **Public Health Commission**. He will be applying for a grant which offers a lot of latitude. The Board of Health plans to continue their strategic planning according to Dr Howell. Mr Koors thanked him for his leadership on the Board.

**Anita Diederich** told the Commissioners a trashy property next to her is not zoned for a junkyard nor a vehicle repair shop. She said since taking pictures and emailing to the Commissioners, 6 more vehicles were moved to that property. Property owner Robert Huesman is selling this property on contract per Ms Diederich. The contract buyer will not allow Building Inspector Kenny Buening on the property to see what is in violation of county code. Ms Diederich said the old tires being stored on the property are actually knocking over the privacy fence. Mr Durbin stated the tires fall under the Health Department's jurisdiction; he will work with Mr Buening to clean-up that property.

The **Decatur County United Fund** submitted a Request for Use of Facilities for June 9<sup>th</sup> for their **Annual Strawberry Festival**. Mr Emsweller moved to approve and Mr Pasel seconded with the caveat of receiving the required Certificate of Insurance liability. Mr Koors said let's wait. Mr Pasel moved to table the request, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

**Commissioners announced noon on the Thursday before their Monday meeting is the deadline for getting on the agenda and any topics for the agenda.** Commissioners will discuss the Allen Memorial Pool at their February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr Pasel suggested the Commissioners and County Council meet in an executive session to discuss the Veregy project for the Court Services Building. Mr Emsweller believes more bids are needed.

Mr Passel moved to accept the Clerk's contract with **CSI** for record storage, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. The \$4,000 cost will be paid out of the Clerk's budget.

Mr Koors welcomed **Patty Hensley as Director of Human Resources**. He stated any department looking to hire- whether part-time or full-time- should contact Mrs Hensley for the legal advertising, job applications, back ground checks and on-boarding. Mr Houk said Mrs Hensley assisted his department and she is a great addition.

**Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins** will be meeting with a large-scale home builder this week; he's working with Mr Koors and Council President Danny Peters on some other projects. He hosted a meeting for steak-holders for Broadband and it went well.

**Greensburg-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dawn Lowe** invited all to the **2023 Legislative Update at Greensburg City Hall** on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 – 10:00 am. This event is open to the public. Tickets are available for the **Chamber's Ag Day Breakfast** on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Greensburg Community High School Agricultural Learning Center, 7:30 – 9:30 am.

**The Commissioners next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:00 A.M.**

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

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