

**Commissioners Meeting
January 17, 2023 8:00 a m**

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

The Commissioners' January 17, 2023 meeting was opened with President Koors welcoming 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.

Dana Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Luke Koors 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 3rd 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 Emsweller moved to approve the January 6th payroll, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Koors introduced **Patty Hensley** as the new **Human Resources Director**; she will begin her duties on January 23, 2023.

Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent, has submitted projects for **INDOT's Community Crossings Grants Program 2023-1**. He is currently working on the application for the **State's Bridge Maintenance Grants**; 12 bridges are included in that application. Mr Houk presented an agreement with **Jon Clodfelter with United Consulting**, to assist him on the estimates of preventative maintenance/construction costs for each of the 12 bridges for a fee of \$14,400, which includes construction, PE and construction inspection. These are Federal Aid projects requiring an 80/20 match, so the Highway Department would need to budget for that 20% = \$900,000. Mr Houk told Commissioners 4 of the 12 bridges are in the **Honda TIF District- 2** on US Highway 421, 1 on Vandalia Road and 1 on County Road 500. The earliest any of these bridge projects would let is 2026. **County Attorney Chad Smith** reviewed the agreement. Mr Pasel moved to enter into the contract with United Consulting, Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to pay the **Strand and Associates'** invoice for the waterline extension-along Park Road which the Commissioners will pay the \$5,855.28. Two invoices from **Strand** on the final design of the new Highway Garage as submitted, to be forwarded to the **Decatur County Redevelopment Commission**. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Krista Duvall, Area Plan Director, told Commissioners there is a drainage meeting scheduled for this week.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening completed 32 building inspections, issued 8 new permits and plan reviews, and no red tags were issued. Mr Buening received a complaint about a person living in a garage; he continues to work on expired building permits.

Sheriff Bill Meyerrose presented a report on the **Commissary** balances for December, 2022 through January 16, 2023. He shared quotes from **Axon** for **Body Cameras-\$119,525 and Dash Cameras with-\$170,880 and without- \$123,840 license plate readers**. Each of these quotes may be finance through Axon, interest free, for 5 years. Sheriff Meyerrose confirmed this system interacts with **Spillman** and the Prosecutor's Office, does not require additional hardware. Any upgrades are included for 5 years and does include hardware. The Department had applied for a grant on December 15th for \$11,200 for body cams and are in the process for applying for 2 more grants. If he had to choose, Sheriff Meyerrose would go with the body cams because delivery is expected in March where the dash cams would be November. He shared his concerns on the status of the current inventory of vehicles at the Sheriff's Department-several have high mileage and maintenance costs have been extreme. He asked Commissioners to pay for the 2 **Dodge Durango's** already ordered and approve the purchase of 2 additional vehicles out of Cum Cap, to get the rotation process started. He would like to initiate a program where 4 vehicles are

purchased each year from with the Sheriff's budget and rotate these vehicles every 4 years. There is an additional \$11,000 per vehicle to outfit with red and blue lights and detailing. The Commissioners' Cum Cap vehicle budget is \$180,000 which includes all county vehicles. Sheriff Meyerrose is confident Commissary funds will be available to purchase another vehicle, besides the one already ordered. He hopes to use any monies from selling vehicles at auction would be used for outfitting new vehicles. Mr Pasel made motion to approve purchasing 3 vehicles this time around for the Sheriff's Department, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Emsweller moved to forego purchasing the dash cams at this time and approve purchasing the body cams out the Public Safety Fund, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

County Treasurer Diane Wenning gave an update on the water- moisture issue in her office isn't low enough so Enneking could paint the office. She doesn't know what to do as Ellerman Roofing advises additional downspouts are needed which they can't do until spring.

Mr Pasel moved to approve **Pay App #4, \$139,984.51**, for the new Highway Garage. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. This pay app will be given to the TIF-County Redevelopment Commission.

Mr Pasel made a motion to author(sign) the Body Cam Grant application so the Sheriff can accept the grant. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel proposed changing 4 Commissioners' meetings- March 6th, June 5th, September 5th and December 4th- to evenings, starting at 6:00 pm. Mr Emsweller moved to accept those, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors said will give a try. Mr Pasel encourages people to come and participate.

Commissioners signed an ordinance, presented by Bryan Robbins, allowing Greensburg to annex 850 feet of a road leading up to County Road 250 near Honda since both ends of the road were annexed by Greensburg several years ago. The Commissioners had approved Greensburg annexing 1350 feet this at their March 21st meeting.

Mr Koors reported he received an estimate of \$50,000 - \$52,000 from **Acculevel** to level the Armory gym floor and waterproof the basement; remove the garage door to the basement; install a sump pump; add an egress window on the west wall and encapsulate the walls.

Mr Koors hopes the Commissioners will figure out funding to do the whole Veregy energy cost-savings proposal for the Court Services Building.

The Commissioners next meeting will be February 6th, 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.

Attest: _____

Date: _____