

**Commissioners Regular Meeting
January 21, 2020 8:00 a m**

Present: Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

Decatur County Commissioner Mark Koors began the January 21st meeting in President Nobbe's absence.

Having reviewed the minutes for the January 6th meeting, Mr Buening moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented and Mr Koors seconded the motion.

Mr Buening moved to approve the claims as presented and Mr Buening seconded the motion.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr told Commissioners he will submit three road projects to the "1st call for projects for the 2020 Community Crossings Grants" which closes on February 6th, 2020. The three projects to be submitted as well as the PASER Ratings: County Road 700 West (Milford) between CR 100 N to CR 1100 S; County Road 400 South, between CR 60 E and CR 220 SW and County Road 850 South between CR 700 W to Bartholomew County Line. **INDOT's** estimated share of the \$1,333,294 cost is \$999,976 (just under INDOT's \$1,000,000 threshold) and the County's would be \$333,318. **David Richter, Matt Lee and Josh Gonya of United Consulting** presented the Commissioners reports/records for the **Phase II** of the final inspections of the County's bridges, which was completed in 2019. Decatur County is in full compliance with the State and Federal requirements for inspections of our bridges.

County Attorney Ken Bass will present an amendment to Ordinance No 2017-1 at the next Commissioners meeting, making the position of the **County Surveyor** a non-voting member of the **Area Plan Commission** and adding another member to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The **APC** will now be a 9 member board.

Since the Commissioners' January 6th meeting, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 31 building inspections, issued 6 new building permits and red-tagged 2 electrical projects.

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. He believes a utility vehicle will better serve his department. Sheriff Durant will resend his 'vehicle rotation plan' to Mr Buening as requested. He also is considering rotating vehicles every two years in hopes of getting a better trade-in value. Mr Koors tabled this matter until their next meeting on February 3rd. Sheriff Durant has rehired Pat Richards and asked about changes made to the Paid Time Off (PTO) policy recently.

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Barker told Commissioners he was under the impression changes to the banked PTO policy would just affect new hires, not the older employees near retirement. He also understood a 'rough draft' of proposed changes would be given to department heads and he wasn't notified about when the changes would be adopted by the County Commissioners. Mr Barker also asked how does he can get his secretary's pay up to the same as the Deputies in the Courthouse per an agreement with the County Council years ago?' Mr Koors advised Mr Barker the updated personnel policy would be discussed at the Commissioners' February 3rd meeting.

Milissa Ashley, Executive Director of the Greensburg Housing Authority, contacted Commissioner Rick Nobbe who asked her to come and request funds to help pay a debt owed by the **GHA**. Ms Ashley was notified December 5th of a debt of \$27,279 HUD us asking to be repaid by February 7th. She has asked the Greensburg City Council for funding, but her request was tabled/denied. She told Commissioners the \$27,279 may be repaid over a three-year period. Ms Ashley does receive an annual salary of \$20,000 while Susan Beard does the home inspections at no charge. If the funds are not repaid, the GHA would voluntarily transfer this program to Indianapolis, which Ms Ashley hopes to avoid. Commissioners referred her to the County Council who meets immediately following this meeting.

Mr Buening moved to approve increasing the credit limit for the County's credit card from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Mr Koors seconded the motion.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____