

Decatur County Commissioners

January 22, 2013 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as presented.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent reported that Northern Clearing, representing Enterprise Gas Pipeline was not aware of the **Road Usage Agreement** and some rutting of ditches and cutting of corners had taken place. Mr. Mohr shared the information with the company and doesn't feel there will be a problem with adherence to the agreement.

Mr. Mohr reported that the **Bridge 18** bid came in significantly lower than the initial projected amount. He stated that Duncan Roberts is the low bidder and he assumes that INDOT will award that company the bid. County Attorney Peg Polanski asked about engineering fees in reference to a prior issue and Mr. Mohr assured her that wouldn't be an issue. Mr. Mohr went on to discuss Bridge Inspection scoring and stated he is waiting on paperwork from INDOT. United Consulting was the low score and Mr. Mohr asked for the Commissioners to approve him moving forward with contacting the company. The commissioners gave their approval.

Mr. Mohr reported that culvert pipe will be bid by the pound for the first time.

Current work being done by the highway department includes the intersection of 700 West and 1250 South involving a narrow pipe and no right of way. Negotiations have been ongoing for years but finally all parties are in agreement and the work is going on to make the area much safer.

Mr. Tom Deniston, Sardinia landowner presented paperwork seeking to close the west end of 1270 S in Sardinia. Ms. Polanski clarified what lots are involved in the proposed closure and discussed additional paperwork that would need to be prepared. After some more discussion, Mr. Richards moved to approve the petition to close the road and Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried and the petition will be signed once it is drafted.

Patty Jackson, SIRPC introduced Kerry McConnell and stated she would be helping with the Rehab project. Ms. Jackson opened and read aloud the **bids for 8 properties**. (Please see attached bid sheet for details.)

Mr. Nobbe asked what the procedure is when only one contractor bids on a property and Ms. Jackson said other quotes would be gathered from area contractors to use in the process.

A fully executed copy of the Proliance contract was received by Mr. Nobbe. Tami Wenning will keep the contract on file. After a brief discussion of the four properties being billed through Proliance, it was agreed that the Commissioners should revisit the topic late in the year to see what savings are taking place. The contract will automatically roll over if the commissioners don't take action to end the business relationship.

Mr. Nobbe reported that the County Council had agreed to fund \$5000 of the cost to start the **Codification of Local Ordinances** in 2013 and will budget the balance into their 2014 budget. Ms. Polanski will contact the company to see what the next steps are to get the project going later this year.

Ms. Polanski presented the Stop Sign Ordinance. Current legislation requires that any ordinance that

prescribes a penalty for a violation must be published once a week for two weeks. In order to cut back on legal advertising costs, Ms. Polanski will review and reword the ordinance to reduce or eliminate the cost of advertising.

Jacqueline Clements, Maximus presented the 2011 Cost Allocation Plan savings for Decatur County and reported that the county would receive \$34,800 in reimbursement of indirect costs in child support. Since 1997, CAP has recouped around \$400,000 for the county. Ms. Clements explained the contract waiting to be signed is for CAP 2012 that will be figured in 2013 and reimbursed in 2014. She stated that is the reason the company tries to get the contract signed so early. There is a small cost savings in signing a three year contract over a yearly. She also pointed out that the fee that Maximus is paid is reimbursable at 66%. Money that is reimbursed goes back into the fund it was expended from. Ms. Clements explained there is an “out” clause that the county can use to break the contract. After a few more questions and answers, Mr. Buening moved to sign the three year contract. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried. The contract will be for 2012, 13 & 14 work and the reimbursement will be in the years 13, 14 and 15.

A contract allowing CASA use of the commissioner meeting room for up to 8 hours a week for 2013 was presented. Mr. Buening moved to allow use of the facilities. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was some discussion of the Auditor’s office using Ms. Clements to help teach processes on settlement and other Auditor issues. Tami Wenning will need to go before the council to see if they approve of the proposal.

Ms. Polanski reported on the old Hospital/Ambulance contract and said she is working with hospital attorney Don Wickens. The insurance company wants a lease agreement between the hospital and the county but Ms. Polanski doesn’t feel it is necessary. There was some discussion of accident scenarios and who would be responsible for payment. Mr. Nobbe stated that perhaps someone needs to visit with the hospital board. Ms. Polanski will revisit issue with Mr. Wickens and suggested that Mr. Wickens could review with the hospital board.

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to close the bids for culverts, stone and fuel. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Polanski opened bids.

The only fuel bid was from Premier Ag.

Stone Bids were received from:

New Point Stone

Ward Stone – Flatrock

Rush County Stone

Bids were with FOB pricing and “Furnished and Applied Pricing” for a variety of product. Bids received are on file with the Auditor’s office.

Culvert Bids –

CPI

CIVILCON – Jeffersonville

Both companies complied with the request for culvert pricing by the pound. Bids are on file in the Auditor's office.

Mr. Mohr requested that the Premier Ag fuel bid be accepted and that the other bids be taken under advisement so prices could be reviewed and calculated. Mr. Richards moved to accept the fuel bid from Premier Ag. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Buening moved to take the remaining bids under advisement with Mr. Richards seconding the motion. The motion carried.

Tami Wenning relayed a request from Chris Ramey, an employment specialist with DSI. Mr. Ramey would like an area in the courthouse to use to interview clients. Mr. Nobbe will check with Work One to see if there is a space available.

Smith's Bell and Clock Service had presented a preventative maintenance agreement. The agreement would cover 2 visits per year with normal maintenance at \$500. Mr. Richards indicated he already does some of what the company is offering to do. Mr. Richards and Mr. Buening both indicated that they didn't feel a maintenance agreement to be necessary at this time.

An agreement between the county and **Microvote** was presented to the commissioners for their approval. After brief discussion, Mr. Buening moved to renew the annual contract for \$9500. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Polanski informed the board that she would not be at the Monday, March 18th meeting.

There was discussion about a plan for Edit money. Mr. Buening referenced an upcoming informal group that might be discussing the issue.

Mr. Buening asked about the Sardinia septic issue. At last action, Ms. Polanski had asked Allan Crosby from the Health Department to check samples from the stream and she hasn't heard back from him. Mr. Buening reiterated his earlier stance that he doesn't feel it is right that the majority of landowners complied with the septic situation and the handful that didn't aren't getting any sort of penalty. There was much discussion on what penalties could be applied and/or enforced. The final thought on the topic was that Ms. Polanski would check with Mr. Crosby from the Health Department.

Mr. Buening brought up the issue of the Fair Board not having a lease with the county for the use of county owned property. Ms. Polanski asked if the county provides money to help the fair board. Mr. Richards replied that the fair board has a tax rate and money generated from events. It was pointed out that it is county property. Mr. Buening wondered why a lease isn't just sent to them. Mr. Nobbe pointed out that on county property; the county usually has knowledge of what is happening on the property prior to the work getting started. Someone mentioned that minutes from the fair board and the park board should probably be reviewed by the commissioners. Other issues from park and fair board activities were mentioned.

Mr. Richards moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____