

**Commissioners Special Meeting**  
**January 22, 2019 8:00 a m**

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

The January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Decatur County Commissioners meeting was called in session by President Nobbe; he reminded all the **Title VI voluntary survey forms** are on the table in the corner for anyone wishing to fill one out and turn into the Auditor's office.

Having reviewed the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr Koors moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable claims and the payroll claims, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent**, reported his employees worked the weekend and Monday pushing snow, clearing roads; will 'move slush' beginning Wednesday to get ready for the next weather system. Mr Mohr is finalizing the **Community Crossings Grant** application which is due February 7<sup>th</sup>; projects to be included are County Road 400 South, Highway 421 South to the Ripley County line and Southwest 60, Greensburg City limits to county Road 1100 South- two 'long stretches' of road. The State has approved the **Highway's Asset Management Plan** which is another requirement when applying for State grants. Mr Mohr thanked Mr Koors for helping with negotiating the reimbursement amount for the unofficial detour using county roads during the State's Highway 421 projects. Mr Koors moved to approve the revised **Contract B35245 for \$39,525**, (originally dated June 11, 2018 offering \$7,000), for reimbursement. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Mohr told Commissioners he's still working on purchasing new dump trucks. He then asked for the Commissioners' approval to add/buy a skip-steer type-track loader, in the price range of \$60,000-\$70,000, giving the Highway Department a third piece of equipment for final grade work- almost like a small bulldozer. They approved Mr Mohr's request.

**Kenny Buening, Area Plan Building Inspector**, reported completing 33 building inspections and issuing 7 new building permits in the last two weeks. He issued one red tag on a dwelling and the contractor has complied with requirements; a certified letter to a property owner in New Point was returned undeliverable; he received notice the building has been removed on a property on State Road 3 and a letter written by County Attorney Ken Bass was delivered to a property owner in Sandusky, by Courthouse Security Officer Mike Woodhull. Kenny has made several attempts to notify this property owner to remove the 'un-plated vehicles'. Commissioners questioned if our current ordinance should be amended; **County Attorney Ken Bass** advised the ordinance is fine as is. They agreed a lawsuit would be a better route in this instance as the Court's ruling is more of a finality; the only drawback is the time the Courts could be anywhere from ninety days up to six months. Mr Koors moved to have Mr Bass start the legal process on this particular case, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners may need to adopt an ordinance outlining their options, such as impounding or selling the vehicles for scrap, should the Courts rule in their favor and the property owner does not comply.

**County Treasurer Brenda Dwenger** presented her 'year-end report': interest earned to date- \$122,549.91 in the general account; three cd's were cashed to pay off the loan, \$1,243,937.39, for the Courthouse masonry project saving \$34,597.12 in interest; the '6 year investment ladder' has earned \$113,323.05 since last February and will be reinvested at **Trust Indiana** at a higher rate of 2.38% in 2019. The Commissioners received this information at the **2019 Board of Finance Meeting** earlier today.

**Jodi Coffman, standing in for Main Street Greensburg's Director, Terrah Nunley**, presented the "**Request for Use of Facilities**" for June 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> for the **Sixth Annual Tenderloin Throwdown**. Ms Nunley will coordinate with the City to close the streets around the Courthouse. Mr Buening moved to approve the request, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Another "**Request for Use of Facilities**" submitted by the **Decatur County United Fund's Strawberry Festival**, for June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>, to use the south lawn of the Courthouse and the south side parking for their 'drive thru'. Mr Koors moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

**Saltcreek Township Trustee Fred Krieger** did contact Charlene Cockran to ask if she would agree to be re-appointed as the third advisory board member- she does not want to continue serving. Mr Krieger recommended Steve Hadler to be appointed by the Commissioners. Mr Koors moved to appoint Steve Hadler

to a four-year term on the **Saltcreek Township Advisory Board**. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Commissioners and Mr Bass have reviewed the 2019 Extension Contractual Agreement between Purdue and Decatur County. Mr Buening moved to enter into the **2019 Extension Contractual Agreement with Purdue**, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Decatur County will reimburse \$107,345 to Purdue for three agents/employees of Purdue to serve our community.

**Youth Development Agent Teri Hornberger** asked the Commissioners what are the next steps in dealing with **County Fair Board**. Four gentlemen also shared concerns about enforcing term limits on the Fair Board, 4-H Council and Extension Board, as well as information on budgets being shared. Commissioners agreed changes aren't happening as quickly as some want- they don't want to have 'hind sight regrets'. They encouraged all to keep the lines of communications going.

**Tony Vie of Elevatus Engineering and Chris Grabosky of Maxwell Construction** discussed future 'change orders' on the new jail construction which impact the contingency fund, which currently stands at \$613,770. Commissioners thanked County Sheriff Dave Durant and Jail Commander Tony Blodgett for their efforts to bring changes ahead of time before decisions have to be made on change orders. Mr Vie explained the \$27,808 credit due is based on the 'expected cost estimate on construction' was higher than the actual bids. Mr Buening moved to accept Elevatus' letter to Decatur County to correct their fee. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Grabosky received the revised credit for the studding on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert** asked if one of the Commissioners would sit on the "event center committee" created by the **Tourism Board** or they could appoint someone. Commissioners agreed to think about it and let Mr Deiwert know.

Commissioners approved Auditor Chadwell' s request to pay the first quarter payment (\$15,000) to **Economic Development Commission** with the January 28<sup>th</sup> utility bundle since that payment was inadvertently omitted in today's clams.

Deputy Auditor Rhonda Heger told Commissioners the title searches are completed for the unsold 2018 Tax Sale properties. The next step is to send out notifications.

Commissioners' next meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Koors moved to recess and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe thanked all for attending today's meeting. Meeting recessed.

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Richard J Nobbe

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