

**Commissioners Meeting  
January 3, 2022 8:00 a m**

**Present: Mark Koors and Jerome Buening**

President Koors welcomed everyone to the Commissioners' first meeting of 2022; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Kenny Buening led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Sheriff Dave Durant then offered a prayer.

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

Mr. Koors asked a couple of questions regarding claims which were answered by Blair Haley. They had one change to make to the 12/20/2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Buening moved to approve claims, Mr. Koors concurred. Mr. Buening moved to approve Payroll Claims, Mr. Koors concurred.

**Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent**, There are 2 Federal Aid Projects being looked at. The priority being Bridge 231. Mr. Mohr has a meeting with INDOT on Thursday to discuss projects. Highway employees are continuing to clear brush, remove log jams and pipe work. Mr. Mohr told Commissioners that he went ahead and ordered pipes since the price is significantly going up. He asked if they could store it on the new Highway Dept. land. Mr. Koors agreed to allow them to place them in the grassy area.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** presented 2 ordinances for the Commissioner' review. **Ordinance 2020-7**, petitioner Dustin Barkdull is requesting to rezone 1.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 in order to build a single family detached dwelling. The APC unanimously approved this request. Mr. Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2020-7 and Mr. Koors seconded. Ordinance 2021-20, petitioner Casey Clark is requesting to rezone 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2 in order to build a single family detached dwelling. The APC unanimously approved this request. Mr. Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2020-7 and Mr. Koors seconded.

**Building Inspector Kenny Buening** completed 24 building inspections, issued 5 new building permits and looked into 1 complaint regarding trash in yard.

Mr. Koors presented the **Peine Contract** for the Courthouse at an annual cost of \$2,250. Peine takes care of the heating and cooling systems. Mr. Buening made the motion to approve and Mr. Koors seconded.

Commissioners received a quote from **Otis Elevator** for repairing the Courthouse elevator. Most current parts are from the 1970s and 1980s. The cost of \$38,489.92 is for the front and rear door replacement. Otis requests payment in full before parts are ordered. If not, they will add a 10% finance charge. Mr. Buening agrees with the cost of repair but will not pay up front or the 10% finance charge. Mr. Koors agrees that he would like to see an agreement made to only pay 50% up front with no finance charge. Mr. Buening made the motion to approve only if Otis agrees to the 50% and zero finance charge. Mr. Koors seconded. Auditor Janet Chadwell will make the call.

Commissioners received the Nepotism letter from Probation Officer Abby Harry. Attorney Chad Smith will check to see if it covers just Probation or if it includes Community Corrections also.

**The Commissioners next meeting will be January 17, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.**

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

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