

**Commissioners Meeting
January 3, 2023 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors, Chuck Emsweller and Jeremy Pasel

President Koors welcomed everyone to the Commissioners' January 3, 2023 meeting; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Purdue Extension Educator Chris Fogle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Mr 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 December 19th meeting minutes and the December 22nd Executive Session 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 December 23rd payroll, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Highway Superintendent Todd Houk told Commissioners his crews spent Christmas weekend assisting folks on the roads due to winds blowing snow over already-plowed roads. He will be applying to **INDOT** for the **2023 Community Crossing Grants** as well as the **Bridge Maintenance Grant**.

Krista Duvall, Area Plan Director, reminded Commissioners the **APC and BZA** regular meetings are Wednesday, January 4th beginning at 6:30 pm. Ms Duvall spoke to Christopher Burke using his draft for a drainage ordinance since Greensburg isn't moving forward on theirs. People have contacted Mr Koors about the NIPRO expansion which will make drainage worse besides not having any stormwater plans.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening completed 31 building inspections, issued 6 new permits and plan reviews, and no red tags were issued. Mr Buening received an emailed complaint about trash accumulating behind a residence- he will investigate and take appropriate action. He reported the perimeter footer for the new highway garage have been poured. He is also following up on the letters he sent out for nuisance properties. Mr Koors asked Kenny to copy him on letters sent out.

Mr Pasel made a motion to hire Patty Hensley for the HR Position, Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Koors will contact Ms Hensley to offer her the position at an annual salary of \$65,000.

Sheriff Bill Meyerrose introduced **Eric Blodgett as his new Chief Deputy and Mike Eggleston as his new Jail Commander**. Both men have leadership experience and looking forward to the next 4 years.

Mr Fogle presented the **2023 Purdue Contractual Service Agreement** for the Commissioners' approval. The Ag and National Resources position has been filled, giving Decatur County the 3 full-time positions paid for with the contract. Mr Pasel moved to enter into the \$119,020 contract, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins told Commissioners he continues working on the 2022 projects. More projects are coming as part of the **READI** program. Mr Robbins will be bringing the **Regional Development Authority Ordinance** once by-laws are finalized.

Mr Koors will be asking different departments to attend Commissioners' meetings to give quarterly reports on activities and what's happening in their department.

IT Network Engineer Josh Tressler introduced Jonathan Allen as their 3rd Technology person.

The Commissioners next meeting will be January 17th, 2023, at 8:00 A.M.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____