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Commissioners Meeting

January 3, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

Commissioner Nobbe called the first meeting for 2018, Commissioners meeting in session. He announced **Title VI voluntary survey forms** are available on the table by the door for whoever would like to complete one to turn in to the Auditor's office.

The December 18th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. The payroll claims and accounts payable claims were reviewed and approved.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported his crews worked to clear county roads part of December 24th and part of December 25th due to snow and ice. Mr Mohr gave the Commissioners copies of the **RFP's** for Bridge 236 project; responses are due to the Auditor's office by 4:00 pm on February 2, 2018. The City of Greensburg will 'do their own RFP's' for their sidewalk project on Bridge 236. The City and County will partner under one contract for 'letting' so the 'two projects- profile and the grade will match up'. Mr Mohr asked for the Commissioners' permission to proceed to replace two dump trucks with two 'tri-axle' dump trucks equipped with snow equipment. With the Commissioners' approval, the bid package will include a payout package and a finance package to see which would fit his budget. He also would like to look, purchase a used cab-over semi with a drop trailer. Currently outside vendors are hired to move the Highway's pipes, large pieces of equipment; it has gotten expensive. Mr Mohr believes the efficiency of having the capability to move our own equipment/materials as needed is well worth the cost of a semi and trailer. Commissioners agreed Mr Mohr could proceed to research/look for a semi with a drop trailer.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to report; except she does need for the St Paul Board to announce their appointment to the **Board of Zoning Appeals**.

In the last two weeks, **Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 34 building inspections and issued 5 new building permits as well as red tagging 2 building sites. He shared photos of the Forest Hill alley discussed in previous Commissioners' meetings. The adjacent property owner has cleared the brush, still needs to move the vehicles. It is cleared enough so one could drive through from county road 695 west to county road 700 west. As of December 28th, the vehicles are still in **INDOT's** right-of-way at 10459 West State Road 46. Commissioners agreed there needs to be a progression once an issue is brought to their attention; so they will continue to monitor this situation while considering their next action. Mr Buening has been reviewing expired building permits and contacting the applicants to let them know they need to reapply for a permit if their project is proceeding.

County Treasurer Brenda Dwenger told the Commissioners the new credit card readers have been installed; will be ready to accept payments on January 8th. Mrs Dwenger stated there is a large amount of taxes in arrears and she would like to collect those 'back taxes'. She introduced **Jacque Clements, Association of Indiana Counties Director of Professional Development and Corporate Relations**, who explained **AIC's TRECs debt setoff program**. Legislation was passed last year to allow counties to intercept state tax refunds for delinquent taxes. Ms Clements described the process counties would follow while the **AIC** working with **LexisNexis** would be the clearinghouse working with the **Indiana Department of Revenue**. There would be no fees charged to the County- the taxpayer would pay a fifteen percent fee. Ms Clements presented a **Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with AIC**, with no obligation, for the Commissioners to review. Mr Koors moved to sign the **MOU**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe asked for periodic updates on this process throughout 2018.

Lisa Davies of Minutemaids Janitorial presented an updated three-year contract. The contract included departments added throughout 2017, but not listed in the 2015 contract. Mr Buening moved to enter into a three-year contract and to leave the annual fee the same (\$84,510.92). Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Greg Fox of Dunn and Associates presented cost differences for health insurance under a \$60,000 and a \$75,000 specific. After some discussion, Mr Buening moved to support option B-\$75,000 specific, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe stated four different architectural firms will be interviewed beginning at 11:00 am on January 16th, on each of their proposals for the new jail project. He asked **County Attorney Ken Bass** to attend if he is available. A committee including **Maxwell Construction** (construction manager), the Sheriff plus a couple from his department, two to three Council men, and three from the Auditor's office will be present during the interviews.

Mr Nobbe reported **Rex McKinney, CEO of Decatur County Memorial Hospital**, is working on a draft for an agreement between the Commissioners and **DCMH** for the ambulance service and also an agreement for health care services. The Commissioners increased their annual support to **DCMH** for the ambulance service from \$108,000 to \$143,000 so **DCMH** would purchase needed ambulances and dispose of old ones instead of the Commissioners. Mr McKinney hopes to present those contracts at the next Commissioners meeting.

Mr Koors moved to adopt/sign **Resolution 2018-1**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Resolution 2018-1** allows the Commissioners to hire/employ an architectural firm for the planning and financing of the new jail project, a public work.

The Commissioners referred Auditor Chadwell to Sheriff Greg Allen concerning security badges issued to non-county employees.

Commissioners discussed asking various departments, boards to present quarterly or semi-annual reports/updates on their activities at a regularly scheduled Commissioner meeting. A few of the boards and departments mentioned were: **Communications Center, Fair Board, Board of Health, Parks Department, EDC, Tourism and Dunn and Associates.**

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

The next Commissioners meeting will be January 16th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Richard J Nobbe, President

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Date: _____