

**Commissioners Regular Meeting
July 1, 2019 8:00 a m**

Present: Rick Nobbe and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the July 1st, 2019 Commissioner meeting in session; he announced 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.

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

Mr Koors moved to approve the minutes as presented for the June 17th meeting and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported **Globe Asphalt** completed an 'overlay' project on County Road 200 South between County Road 700 East and the Town of New Point- the project turned out great. This project was outside of the **Community Crossings Grants**. Highway workers continue working on structures and radiuses in preparation for paving. They are still seeing/fixing problems from the April and May rains. **Paul Rohe Company and Enneking** are still under contract to complete the repairs on the **Westport Covered Bridge**. The more than normal rains have delayed this project; so repairs were not completed before the June 8th **Covered Bridge Festival**. Frustrated local farmers have called Mr Mohr about **INDOT's** road construction projects- now it's the County Road 420 overpass and the Moscow overpass. He told the Commissioners his 2020 Budget is going to be a challenge due to the State restricting one-half of the **Motor Vehicle Highway** funds to road construction/preservation. Health insurance takes about half of the Highway budget. He hopes to 'recoup or reimburse' his Highway funds via reports from the restricted MVH monies.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reminded Commissioners the **Area Plan Commission's** July meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 2nd and there will not be a **Board of Zoning Appeals'** meeting this month. Mr Nobbe asked Ms Duvall about forming a committee for the **2020 Census** and asking someone to chair that committee. A letter needs to be sent to the **Census Bureau** advising the Committee Chairman's name and contact information. The Town of New Point has already formed their committee; the City of Greensburg still needs to form their committee.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening has completed 40 inspections, issued 9 new building permits and red tagged one project on State Road 3 South since June 3rd. The property owner on State Road 3 South was unaware of the rules when replacing a storm damaged porch; he did go into the office and pay for the proper permit. On July 26th he met with the State Fire Marshall and an architect at an 'event barn' about the construction design release'. The 'barn' did not pass inspection due to no emergency exit lighting and grab bars in the restrooms. The architect will inform the owner and work to bring the structure into compliance before the next inspection. Kenny and the State Fire Marshall then visited a business about an 'occupancy certification correction'. The business owner needs to submit 'Chapter 34' paperwork to Homeland Security to be in compliance.

Sue Lamborn of Thrive Alliance-Aging Community Services of Indiana presented her request of \$15,000 to be included in the Commissioners'2020 Budget. Mr Nobbe told her she really needs to present her request to the County Council.

Decatur County Sheriff Dave Durant asked Commissioners for permission to increase the fees to \$12.00 his department may charge when someone requests a copy of an accident report. The public may get a copy of an accident report on **BuyCrash** for a fee. Mr Koors moved to approve the \$12.00 fee for a copy of an accident report and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Sheriff Durant** also asked for the Commissioners' approval on adopting an ordinance implementing a \$5.00 Vehicle Inspection Fee to be put into the **Sheriff's County Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund** or create a **Vehicle Inspection Fund**. This ordinance will need to be advertised before it is enforced. Mr Koors moved to approve the \$5.00 vehicle inspection fee and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Sheriff Durant** requested a change in the current **County Personnel Policy** pertaining to **Holidays (Section 4.2)** and this change would only pertain to the Sheriff's and Jail personnel. He stated the fourteen holiday hours of comp time earned by Road Deputies (2184 hours) and Jail personnel (2268 hours); making a payout for those hours \$36,750 and \$73,872, respectively. Sheriff Durant proposes stopping the double time and a half policy and start paying time and a half. He would make the jail personnel, who work 84 hours in a two-week pay period, take the 4 hours off; which is the best solution fiscally plus paying Holiday hours at a regular hourly rate. He also proposes to offer 6 bonus days to 'use or lose' in a calendar year; if someone is hired after July 1st,

they would get 3 bonus days to use or lose. Sheriff Durant’s goal is to require two levels of overtime approved and to pay those overtime hours as they are earned. Mr Nobbe suggested adding this discussion to the Department Heads’ meeting; while Sheriff Durant agreed, he reiterated this is specific to the Sheriff’s Department and Jail. **Communications Center Director Erika Free** told the Commissioners she is planning to ‘mirror’ the Sheriff’s plan/policy since her department also is a ‘24/7’. Commissioners agreed this is a right step to effect change and they support it. Sheriff Durant presented one last item for the Commissioners’ consideration: extending the years of service from 20 to 32 for retirement benefits. Currently a Deputy Sheriff with 20 years of service would receive 50% of the average of his 3 highest years’ salary; going to the 32 years, he would 74% of the average of his 3 years of salary. **McCready & Keene**, a retirement service company, has advised the Sheriff Decatur County has been funding the whole department adequately; so to increasing the number of service years to retirement would only increase the budget line item \$2,000 per year. **McCready & Keene Advisor Stan Brown** told the Sheriff Decatur County has a young department so there’s time for investments to grow; also the annual \$146,000 should not have to be increased for future years.

Mr Koors moved to approve the request for a county credit card submitted by Decatur County Circuit Court Clerk Adina Roberts and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Barry Bailey of RBSK has advised the Auditor’s office the computer server in the Courthouse needs to be replaced. In early May of this year, he presented a quote for ‘storage system’ for Circuit and Superior Courts, Clerk and Prosecutor for a total of \$4,671.99. The new server would cost approximately \$28,500. Commissioners stated when buying a new server, they should purchase one big enough to handle future needs.

Mr Nobbe stated in the interest of time, he stated the total disbursement amount submitted in Requisition #12 as \$1,239,486.27.

Requisition #12 for Disbursement of Funds from the 2018 Jail Construction Account

EXHIBIT A

<u>Payee and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bruns-Gutzwiller – App # 11	\$346,500.00
Quality Interiors Inc – App # 7	\$61,308.00
FE Moran Fire Protection – Inv# 006-211557000	\$9,813.37
Quality Plumbing & Heating – App # 11	\$59,007.00
Koch Mechanical Inc – App # 1030-9	\$70,956.95
Banta Electrical Contractors – App # 8	\$244,492.00
Pauly Jail Building Co Inc – App # 12	\$402,844.95
Kerkan Roofing Inc – App # 6	\$3,172.50
Anthony Anderson Painting – App # 2	\$10,800.00
Professional Service Industries Inc – Inv # 00638530	\$2,641.50
Maxwell Construction – Inv #11	\$27,950.00
Total---	\$1,239,486.27

Mr Koors moved to approve **Requisition #12** for the new jail in the amount of \$1,239,486.27 and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Visitors and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert told Commissioners he met with the **State Tourism Director Misty Weisensteiner** to give her a tour of Greensburg and the Decatur County Courthouse. As new laws take effect July 1, 2019, he will be allowed to share more financial information. There are also changes for the County Treasurer on reporting the “Innkeepers Tax” .

Main Street Greensburg Director Terrah Nunley told Commissioners rescheduling the cancelled June 22nd Tenderloin Throwdown wasn't possible due to some vendors are 'booked 6 months out'.

County Treasurer Brenda Dwenger reported the 3-month investment interest is 2.63% and she hopes get the 6-month amount later today.

Local resident Jerry Hermann shared his photos of roadside flowers mowed and trees whacked off, not sawed. Mr Hermann asked the Commissioners to let him mow and keep the trees trimmed back. He also expressed safety concerns on finding 'lead' bullets in a tree.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____