

Commissioners Meeting

July 5, 2016, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

After some discussion, the June 20th meeting minutes were corrected and approved as corrected.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr has tabulated the **RFP's (Request for Proposals)** for the **2017 – 2020 Bridge Inspections**. He received four proposals after the legal advertising and **INDOT** has approved his tabulations on the RFP's. Mr Mohr is recommending contracting with **United Consulting**. Mr Mohr, Mr Nobbe, **Greensburg School Superintendent Tom Hunter** and **Greensburg Mayor Dan Manus** met with **INDOT** to present a project to replace Bridge #236 on East Central Avenue. Mr Mohr believes **INDOT** may approve this project, but Decatur County 'scored only a 2' on the **Title VI** section of the scoring sheet. **Title VI is part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**. Mr Mohr has met with Harold Sample to discuss filling the county's role of **Title VI Coordinator**. Mr Sample will attend a meeting later this week in Crawfordsville to find out more about this job. **Veterans Service Officer Mike Baumgartner** told the Commissioners he did email Ms Radcliff at **INDOT** asking for information on the **Title VI** position. He also informed her Harold Sample is the **ADA Coordinator** for Decatur County. Mr Mohr will bring the final **Community Crossings Grant** application to the July 18th Commissioner meeting for approval and signatures.

The Commissioners approved a rezoning petition- 2015-11- presented by **Area Plan Director Krista Duvall**, submitted by Carrie Torrey for **Skyway Towers/Telecad Wireless** on 0.23 acres, A-1 to A-2 for a cell phone tower. Mr Mohr has approved a driveway permit for **Skyway Towers**.

Mark Lindenlaub of Thrive Alliance presented his request for continued financial support - \$15,000 – in 2017 from the Commissioners. **Thrive Alliance** serves a five county area- Bartholomew, Brown Decatur, Jackson and Jennings. The \$15,000 is used as a portion of the matching funds necessary to provide services for Decatur County seniors, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

Main Street Greensburg Director Wendy Blake presented her 'mid- year activity report. **The Farmers' Market** now has its own **Facebook Page**. The **Tenderloin Throwdown** was well attended- 500 'sample tickets' (people sampled the eight different vendors' tenderloins) were sold plus an additional 100 tickets during the day. Vendors also sold 'full meals'. The **Fisher 5 Mile Big Wheel Race** will be held on September 18th; also plans are being made for a **Harvest Dinner** at one of the **Farmers Market** Fridays. Mr Richards thanked Ms Blake for all of her hard work on events to bring people to Decatur County.

County Attorney Drew Young met last week after the Commissioners' meeting with Guy Relford, Joseph and Jerry Bell's attorney, to discuss concerns raised by Bell's neighbors. Mr Young stated he told Mr Relford the Bells have not applied for permits for a Bed and Breakfast, firing range nor has the bridge been inspected by County personnel. He gave the Bells three options: to relocate; to apply for permits or meet us in court. Mr Young has prepared a complaint which he is ready to file with the Courts. He stated Mr Relford has asked for a list of requirements for his clients to review. According to Mr Young the long range shooting area can be made safe for firing a gun, but currently it is a nuisance, hazardous. On another matter, Mr Young is working to get our Township Trustees to oversee the 'removal/killing of noxious weeds' in their jurisdictions. The question of who oversees this in the State's right-of-ways was discussed without a definitive answer. Mr Young will 'draw up an oath' for individuals appointed to various boards and commissions to extend similar ethic rules, internal controls and materiality rules adopted by the Commissioners and Council for county employees.

The Commissioners approved a request to hold a cookout for the County's employees on July 22nd.

Wendy Burford, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Child Support Office and **Debbie Martin** in the **Area Plan Office** are organizing the "Meet n'eat".

Auditor Chadwell spoke on Bev Karazsia's (**Big Brothers, Big Sisters Director**) behalf requesting an additional \$100 per month for office space rental. Currently the Commissioners pay \$400 monthly for

BBBS's rent. Commissioners asked for information on the lease agreement between Tim Hedinger and BBBS before deciding on the request for additional monies.

Mr Nobbe gave a brief update on the meetings with **Christopher Burke Engineering** on options for the **City Park Dam**. Three options were presented at a recent meeting with the engineer, but the dredging of the lake will be addressed in a later report. Option 1: 305 ft Labyrinth Weir- construct new dam; Option 2: 225 ft Arc-shaped Weir; Option 3: Decommission, no dam- there would be a small stream. Mr Nobbe stated Option 3 is not the intent of those involved with this project.

In the next two weeks the **Decatur County Bi-Centennial Bison** will be on display on the southeast corner of the Courthouse lawn. Several groups joined together with the **United Fund Board** to 'promote public art' in decorating the fiberglass bison. Paul Stone has been working with Mr Nobbe to prepare the 'empty planter' for the bison. He complimented those involved in painting the bison.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be July 18th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____

Exhibit A

Based on my recent visits to the Bell Properties and to surrounding properties, and having received no "hard evidence" from neighbors, I have not asked Joseph Bell or Jerry Bell to come to the BZA for review.

I have toured the property. Joseph Bell has a shop where he builds guns (as allowed in his Conditional Use from the Board of Zoning Appeals,) alongside a 19-20 yard range for testing these guns.

There is an approx. 600 yard range on the adjoining property owned by Jerry Bell. I have asked for proof that this range is open to the public - or- that the Bell's (Joseph or Jerry) are charging for use of this range, and currently have found or received no evidence. Both Jerry Bell and Joseph Bell (separately) have said the range is for family and friends.

I have been told by both the DNR and the Indiana BOAH that the Hurricane Creek Whitetail preserve has been in operation since before our county ordinance went into effect in 2007. Therefore, I believe, this "grandfathers" the preserve.

We do not have an ordinance regulating the placement of fences, so a fence can be put up on the property line (the fence in questions is anywhere from a couple feet off the property line to the north, to well over 200' in many places).

In conclusion, I CURRENTLY find no violations.

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