

**Commissioners Meeting
July 6, 2021 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors opened the Commissioners' July 6th meeting by welcoming everyone; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Ashley Wilson, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; a prayer was offered by Reverend Cliff Bunch.

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

Mr Emsweller noted the "next Commissioner meeting day should be Tuesday not Monday"; he then moved to accept the June 21st minutes; Mr Koors seconded and concurred. Minutes are approved.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the claims; Mr Koors seconded and concurred. Claims are approved.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the June 11th payroll for county employees; Mr Koors seconded and concurred. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the June 25th payroll for county employees; Mr Koors seconded and concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported **United's** analysis on Bridge 131: \$475,000 to repair it or \$2,956,000 to replace it which would cost the County \$591,200 for our 20%. It would be a 2028 construction, so the replacement cost could increase or may decrease- won't know until closer to actual date of construction. Commissioners asked Mr Mohr what he would recommend; he recommends replacing Bridge 131. Mr Emsweller and Mr Mohr met with Greensburg officials, who still hope the County will share costs on their Park Road Project. Mr Mohr told Commissioners that Bridge 131, County 200 South on the Bartholomew County line, has more traffic than you'd think which makes it more important than sharing costs with the City's Park Road Project. Commissioners decided to table this decision until their next meeting when Mr Buening is in attendance. Mr Mohr gave **EMA's Brad Speer** estimates on repairs due to the rains/flooding in the County on June 4th – June 6th: \$235,500 which includes \$75-100,000 for the **Westport Covered Bridge**. He has contacted the person who rebuilt the **Moscow Covered Bridge** several years ago; he has agreed to come and offer his opinion/help on repairing-restoring the covered bridge to its historic appearance. East Base Road, just off of County Road 850 East is temporarily closed, also due to the June 4th weekend rains/flooding, until a section of pipe can be replaced. This week Highway crews should have repairs completed to stone roads and washouts due to the flooding and will continue repairing Bridge 116 on County Road 400 South.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to bring before the Commissioners; she did remind them of the APC's and BZA's July 7th meetings.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening is on vacation; no report.

Samantha Wood requested to be on this meeting's agenda, but did not show up.

County Sheriff Dave Durant asked for \$30,000 out of the Commissioners' Cumulative Capital Development Fund to purchase a car for Sheriff Deputy Pat Graue; he will use the Commissary Fund for any cost above the \$30,000. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the \$30,000 out of Cum Cap to purchase a patrol car and Mr Koors seconded and concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve issuing 2 credit cards through **First Financial Bank**- 1 for the County Council and 1 for the County Commissioners to use when going to conferences or purchasing supplies as needed for County use; Mr Koors seconded and concurred.

Mr Emsweller and Mr Koors signed the **Covered Bridge Certification** to affirm to the **Auditor of State** Decatur County does have one covered bridge- **Westport Covered Bridge**- still used by traffic in 2021. Decatur County receives \$1,850 from the State each year for maintenance of that bridge.

George L Morgan, Carole L Holbrook and Janet Shields filed a petition to vacate Second Street, running north and south between Pt Lot 8 and Lot 9 in Clarksburg Original Plat; parcel # 16-08-06-320-013.000-006 and parcel # 16-08-06-320-012.000-006. Mrs Shields told Commissioners the street was platted but was never created or made into a street- it goes nowhere. Petitioners are wanting to 'clean up the deed' so they can sell the

property. Mr Mohr has visited the property and is okay with the street being vacated. Mr Emsweller moved to approve **Ordinance 2021-11**, the closure- vacation of Second Street as presented; Mr Koors seconded and concurred.

Commissioners agreed for Requests for Proposals for washing the Courthouse windows outside and inside to be sent to local vendors.

Mr Emsweller contacted Dennis Radeken, who is an expert in big clocks such as our Courthouse Tower clock. Mr Radeken had to special order a motor for our tower clock.

Commissioners will ask for resumes for County Attorney since our current attorney- Ken Bass- has been selected to be the first **Magistrate Judge** in Decatur County, beginning September 1st, 2021. Interested attorneys are to submit their resume by July 19th to the Auditor's office.

County Treasurer Diane Wenning told Commissioner her office will certify the 2021 Tax Sale list on July 6th.

Mr Koors thanked all for coming to this morning's meeting and hope all have a good week.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be 8:00 am on Monday, July 19th, 2021, in Room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____