

**Commissioners Meeting
June 6, 2022 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors welcomed everyone to the June 6th meeting of the Decatur County Commissioners; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Jail Commander Dana Parker 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 Buening moved to approve the May 16th meeting minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the accounts payable claims, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the May 27th payroll claims, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, told Commissioners the road off of the west end of State Road 46 East going to **Lake McCoy** and then going back to State Road 46, known as Lake Road and Boulevard Road, has been renamed to County Road 100 South. This change should help first responders locate this road when receiving 911 calls. He reminded Commissioners the opening of the asphalt bids for the **Community Crossings Grants 2022-1** is scheduled for the June 20th Commissioners meeting, at 9:00 am. Those projects will actually be done in 2023. The **RFPs** for **Bridge 131**, County Road 200 South, are due in the Auditor's office by 4:00 pm on June 17th. Highway crews are doing a lot of dirt work in moving the road away from a creek prior to putting in 2 pipes and the phone company moving phone lines that were in a bridge abutment; this project should be completed this week. Highway crews will replace, move and align **Bridge 73**, County Road 150 North, which should also improve drainage. Repair work, by **JM Ballard Company**, is nearing completion on the **Westport Covered Bridge**. Mr Buening thanked the Highway crews for their work and EMA's coordinating clean-up efforts after last week's storm damage in the St Paul area. He stated the cooperation- citizens and volunteers- was something to see and they did a great job.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening presented 2 ordinances for **Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** who is on vacation this week. **Ordinance 2022-1, petitioner Mattox Double R Farms Inc/ Jacob Mattox** requesting to rezone 2.99 acres, from A1 to A2 for the construction of a single family detached dwelling. Those **APC** members present all approved. Mr Emsweller moved to approve Ordinance 2022-1, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Ordinance 2022-15, petitioner Strand and Associates acting on behalf of the Decatur County Commissioners**, requested to rezone 42.140 acres, from A1 to B3 for the purpose of constructing new buildings for the Highway Department. There was 1 dissenter on the **APC** vote, the rest who were present approved. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2022-15, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening completed 47 building inspections, issued 22 new building permits and plan reviews, renewed 3 building permits and issued 2 red tags for meter base violations. He has received a complaint from the Sardinia area- has not followed up on that yet. A local farmer couldn't get this equipment through on a dead-end section of County Road 850 West due to a property owner's excess stuff on the edge of the road. Kenny will stop in or leave a note at that property.

Commissioners haven't contacted the person they would like to appoint to the **Greensburg-Decatur County Contractual Library Board**, so will table that action until their June 20th meeting.

Mr Buening moved to approve the **Conflict of Interest** submitted by **Animal Control Board Member Dr Craig Martin**. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

The Auditor's office has received some questions on weed control in the County. **County Attorney Chad Smith** told Commissioners the **Township Trustees** are charged with the responsibility of weed control per **Indiana Code**.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the **Request for Use of Facilities** submitted by Dennis Fogle for the **Fall Festival** to be held on September 16th and 17th, using the entire Square/ Courtyard. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening made the motion to approve the purchase of a used Gator from Stone's Farm Service for \$4,500. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners will discuss, at their next meeting, a fair price for land for the **Power of the Past group** to lease.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins talked about Tax Abatement guidelines; he's traveling to Dallas on June 7th for 'relationship building' and he has 2 projects in the coming months.

Mr Emsweller and Mr Buening continue trying to locate a motor for the Tower Tree Clock to purchase.

At a previous meeting Commissioners agreed to use **\$150,000** from **CARES Act** monies and **\$150,000** from monies for the sale of the **Health Building** on North Lincoln Street to use as 'seed money' for a new building at the Fair Grounds. The **Decatur County Community Foundation** will be the custodian of these funds so to provide the public an avenue to donate to this project and hopefully qualify for match monies from corporations.

Sheriff Dave Durant told Commissioners his department received \$19,100 from a vehicle sold at an auction; those funds were receipted into the Cumulative Capital Development Fund since the vehicle was originally purchased with Cum Cap funds. Mr Emsweller move to approve the \$19,100 to be used by the Sheriff towards purchasing another vehicle. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners approved **County Treasurer Diane Wenning's** request to contact **Steve Enneking** to perform another moisture test in her office since the bird's nest in the downspout just outside her office has been removed.

The Commissioners next meeting will be June 20th, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____