

Commissioners Meeting

March 21, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The March 7, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

United Consulting presented their final Courthouse study. There are 2 parts to the study. The first one being a tree analysis. Leaf samples from the tower tree indicate it is a White Mulberry Tree. The tree is healthy and growing at a slow pace of 1" to 2" per year. A nutritional analysis does not show any signs of distress. This type of tree typically lives for 50 years. They believe the tree is getting close to that now.

RC Engineers did the 2nd part of the study on the clock tower and building. Fritz Hargitt talked about how they could look back and see all of the different layers that has been applied over the years. In the beginning, the limestone was heavily striated, or layered. This method allows moisture to seep in. Over time, the outer layers flake off. A layer of Shamrock (stucco) was applied in the early 1900's to form a barrier over the brick. RC Engineers believes there have been 5 to 6 different types of patchwork done. Overall, the brick seems to be in good condition. The clock tower was built in 1860 with over 30" thick walls at the top. Straps have been placed to support the tree. As the tree grows, some of the straps are moving upward. Others are tightening around the tree trunk. There is a need to stabilize the tree and top of tower. Commissioner Rick Nobbe asked what the next step should be. Mr. Hargitt said they will put a list together of qualified contractors. He recommends starting in late 2016.

Barbara Gallegos with Assured Partners Neace Lukens presented an update on the Property Casualty/Workmans Comp Renewal for 2016/2017. **Bliss Mcknight** only quoted Property/Casualty, **IPEP** quoted Workmans Comp. **Travelers Insurance** is working on a quote and will have it finished soon. Cyber Liability was also discussed and will be quoted. The renewal date is May 22, 2016.

Lisa Davies with Minute Maids discussed the Renewal of Contract. The Sheriff's office was adjusted to 3 days of cleaning since the new Dispatch Center has been added. County Attorney Drew Young will review contract before commissioner's sign.

Rob Duckworth stated week of March 22, 2016 is **Severe Weather Week**. Sirens will be tested on March 22nd at 10:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. There will be an ordinance adopted stating the control of the siren and when to sound it will go to the Central Dispatch location. The Fire Station previously handled it. Commissioner Jerome Buening made a motion to have the week of March 22, 2016 be considered Severe Weather Week. Commissioner Rick Nobbe seconded and Commissioner John Richard concurred.

David Straughn was here on behalf of **Camp Woodsmoke**. He is asking permission to replace 10 directional signs to Camp Woodsmoke. Zoning will allow for signs as long as the property owner and Highway department approves of location. There was some discussion on who would be liable for signs.

Camp Woodsmoke has planned to maintain them. Attorney Drew Young is going to look into the liability issue and report back at next meeting.

Charity Wilder spoke on behalf of the Library. They are planning a block party on August 13, 2016 to celebrate Decatur County. They are asking to close the road on the back side of the Library to set up booths. Road will be closed from approx. 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Grand Prize for one of the drawings will be a guided tour of the Courthouse. Commissioner Rick Nobbe made a motion to allow the tour be given as a prize, Commissioner Jerome Buening seconded and Commissioner John Richards concurred.

A Request of Use of Facility Usage was presented for **Indiana Department of Child Services** of Decatur County to put up pinwheels from April 25th through April 29th. The event kickoff will be on the 25th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a choir performance and speakers in regards to **Child Abuse Prevention**. Commissioner Jerome Buening made a motion to allow the pinwheel display along with the presentation. Commissioner Rick Nobbe seconded and Commissioner John Richards concurred.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe spoke about the possibility of adding a Transplant Rider to the current insurance policy. The cost will be approximately \$35,000 a year and will cover the cost of transplant and 1 full year afterwards. After weighing the pros and cons, the decision was made to hold off for another year and discuss again.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be April 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____

