

**Commissioners Meeting
March 6, 2023 6:00 PM**

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel present

Mr Koors announced with a heavy heart his condolences to Brenda & Chucks family for Chucks passing.

President Koors opened the March 6th Commissioner 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.

Sheriff Bill Meyerrose led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; a prayer was offered by Reverend Jerran Jackson.

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

Mr Pasel moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Mr Koors seconded.

Mr Pasel had a question regarding a Detention Center claim in the amount of \$1,076.38 for corroded valves. Sheriff Meyerrose stated that they are in the process of getting water softener quotes for the entire building to keep this from happening again. Mr Pasel thanked him for the answer and moved to approve the accounts payable claims and Mr Koors seconded the motion.

Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent, reported crews are running the hot box and Patcher fixing pot holes in the road. Still working on preventative bridge maintenance throughout the County. They cleared log jams and wash outs on Lake McCoy Rd. Mr Houk thanked Brian Owens Auction Co. for selling a mower and truck over the weekend. Mr Houk called Railroad again regarding damage to 350 West that need to be repaired.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the March 3rd payroll, and Mr Koors concurred.

Krista Duvall, Area Plan Director, stated the new Purdue appointed Extension Educator does not meet the requirement for the Board of living in Decatur County. She asked if the Ordinance can be revised to allow an out of County member. Attorney Chad Smith stated statute says it can not be changed. The Educator MAY appoint someone to fill her spot. Attorney Smith will continue to investigate the best option for this matter. Ms Duvall asked for approval to change the North section of N Old US Hwy 421 addresses. She states that they are not consistent. Mr Smith stated a new ordinance will need to be drafted. Mr Pasel wants to see the ordinance before further discussion.

In the past two weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** completed 35 building inspections, issued 15 new permits and plan reviews, issued 4 permit renewals and 2 red tags were issued. Mr Buening received the construction design for Loves Truckstop in St. Paul.

Elections Deputy Clerk Patricia Louagie gave an update on the **Order Adopting Vote Center Plan Amendment.** The original vote center plan was adopted on December 22, 2021. The Election board has determined that during municipal elections, only the vote centers that correlate with the towns having an Election should be open on Election Day. Mr Pasel moved to approve the order, Mr Koors concurred.

Health Department Executive Director Sean Durbin shared some news pertaining to the Governor's Public Health Committee recommendations. Senate has passed 41-7. Asking for a 2.5 million dollar increase in Indiana Health budget. This will be passed down to County level without any local dollars needed. This will allow Decatur County Health Department to increase funding to the National level. This will allow for increased investments for new programming and to partner with new agencies. Some requirements include: Immunizations, Lead investigations, have a public health nurse, mandated school liaison. Luckily Decatur County already has several of these in place. Will see increases in well water provisions/testing at no charge. Hopefully will see an increase in trauma care. They have already reached out to partnering with surrounding agencies and are working well with Decatur County Community Hospital. Mr Durbin is asking Commissioners for their approval of support. Mr Pasel and Mr Koors both thanked Mr Durbin for all of his efforts and his communication.

Rick Nobbe discussed the goal of making Decatur County Broadband ready. Presented a Resolution for Commissioners approval taking the County to the next level of being Broadband ready. Mr Pasel asked why this is needed. Mr Nobbe answered this will offer significant impact on those applying for grants and service providers want to do business with communities that can offer broadband. This shows that we are prepared for any type of investments. Mr Nobbe left the Resolution with Attorney Chad Smith to look over and will discuss at next meeting. Watch Communications has an updated map of their service towers. Would like to educate the community on what is coming.

Fair board member Steve Gunn asked if the financials for the Fair Board has been sent to State Board of Accounts and if so what are the results. Mr Koors explained that he spoke to SBoA and since it was less than \$50,000 and a 501c, the County would be responsible for paying for the audit which would be in excess to \$35,000. Mr Koors stated in his eyes, this is a closed topic. Mr Gunn was informed he could contact the Extension office for the building rental rates.

Jamie Brown was in attendance to discuss the rental of the Port A Lets during Fair week. He doesn't feel like a situation was handled properly at the Fair Committee meeting and wants to make sure that choosing the right company is handled properly. Mr Koors stated they will place the job out for bid and choose from there.

Nicola Jones with Enterprise Fleet Management discussed fleet vehicles. Ms Jones put together a savings analysis which could potentially save the County \$628,573 over the next 10 years. Each vehicle would have a life span of 4.6 years. Mr. Pasel asked what happens to current owned vehicles. Ms Jones answered they would phase in the new vehicles and sell any current ones on the Counties behalf. They do not receive a percentage of the sale price. The lease program also offers a maintenance program of up to 100,000 miles, excludes brakes and tires.

Request of Use of Facilities was presented for the Annual Fall Festival on September 15th and 16th.

Mr Pasel moved to approve, Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Koors spoke with Mr Houk regarding South Elementary not being designated a school zone. This will be investigated and action will be taken to get this posted on the road.

Parks and Recreation Director Teresa Kovacich asked the Commissioners how to proceed with pressure testing the pool. Ms Kovacich reached out to the liner company and they stated a new liner could be installed if the concrete is in good condition. Mr Pasel suggested Parks Dept employees go in and cut up the liner the best they can to see what kind of shape the concrete is in. The liners condition now will not hold water. They do not have the equipment or the manpower to pull the liner out of the deep end. Ms Kovacich is still visiting other pools to continue moving forward on the proposed aquatics center.

The Commissioners next meeting will be at 8:00 am on March 20th, 2023. With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Pasel moved to recess, Mr. Koors concurred. Meeting recessed.

Attest: _____

Date: _____