

Commissioners Meeting

March 7, 2016, 8:00 a m

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The February 15th meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** told Commissioners he did approve a request by **JDH** for directional boring along the Shelby County line where the lines could not be attached to existing utility poles. Mr Mohr did inform **JDH** the road right-of-way is 'full of utilities'. Mr Richards commented that company should pay the costs to relocate any utilities. Mr Mohr has been working with the **Rockies Group** on a road usage agreement; also working with **United Consulting** on the bridge and culvert inspection terms. He confirmed with the Commissioners any 'petition to vacant an alley' would be reviewed first by the **Technical Review Committee** and if petition is denied, then the process stops. Mr Mohr has contacted **INDOT** about the railroad crossings along State Road 46, but due to lack of manpower **INDOT** will not complete that project. Mr Buening reported the **Honda TIF Board** is not taking any action at this time.

Mr Nobbe moved to enter into an agreement with **United Consulting** for a 'one-time' inspection of the **Westport Covered Bridge** to determine the maximum occupancy for people, placement of some tables and chairs, straw bales, etc. for \$1,800. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. **United** will also provide 'variances' for the weight placement. Mr Nobbe did ask who would enforce the weight restrictions. **County Attorney Drew Young** will include restrictions and responsibilities in the contract requiring the Commissioners' approval.

Mr Buening moved to enter into an agreement with **United Consulting** for 'an annual critical' inspection for seventeen bridges in Decatur County. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. **INDOT** has made some changes on the frequency of bridge inspections due to the classification of each structure.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** submitted **Decatur County Ordinance 2015-15**, rezoning petition, A-1 to A-2, filed by Joseph Bierhaus for 2.5 acres. All three Commissioners approved the request.

Michael Kuhn, agent for **Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York**, presented the benefits of offering **GLG America's** government program to county employees. After some discussion, Mr Buening moved to allow Mr Kuhn to meet with employees to purchase life insurance if they choose. Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. This life insurance program is portable so it does not end if the employee leaves County employment. Commissioners agreed to sign 'an agent of record' to be mailed to **Boston Mutual Life Insurance**, since some county employees have purchased life insurance through them.

Kurt Kegerreis, **Region 9 Southeast Indiana Workforce Board**, presented updates on the current two initiatives of the **Skill Up Grant**: assisting student jobseekers and the "Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) and iGrad" efforts. Region 9 has incurred a 20% reduction in funding partially due to Indiana's low unemployment numbers. The services provided by the **Work One Offices** are also shifting to helping people get jobs instead of assisting them to file for unemployment benefits.

Kyle Linville representing the **Greensburg Youth Baseball League** asked for the Commissioners' approval to change the date to 'conduct a parade of ball players' beginning at the **Kobler Park** entrance on Park

**Stone, St Paul Stone, Napoleon Stone and U.S. Aggregate Stone** for stone and **Premier Ag Co Op** was the only bidder for fuel. Mr Buening moved to take the culvert pipe and asphalt bids under advisement and let Mr Mohr review to compare the best product for the price. Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Nobbe moved to accept the only fuel bid from **Premier Ag** and accept all of the stone bids in order to get the best deal depending on the geographical area. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Mr Buening moved to enter into the \$35,580 annual contract with **RBSK** for **IT Services**, Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

**Patty Jackson, Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning**, presented a resolution authoring the submittal of the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority**. This project is an “owner occupied rehab” and the grant is for up to \$350,000 and requires a ‘local match’ of \$35,000. Ms Jackson explained the sources for the local match: **Housing Preservation Grant (HPG- USDA) for \$11,199, Town of Westport- \$1,000, City of Greensburg- \$11,401 and the remaining \$11,401 from Decatur County**. Ms Jackson contacted Mayor Dan Manus about the \$11,401 pledge since he just took office January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Mr Buening moved to adopt the **Resolution for Application to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority**. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Buening and Mr Richards agreed with Mr Nobbe to pay the County’s portion out of “Plans and Implementations” in County General. Ms Jackson will supply an invoice to the Auditor for the County to invoice Westport and Greensburg for their portion of the local match monies. She will also be advertising locally for the Home Inspector- Ron Weston has done the inspections in the past, but with a full-time job he may not be able to assist with this project.

The **Westport Business Association** submitted a ‘**Request for Use of Facilities**’ to use the **Westport Covered Bridge** on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm to 9 pm. They also stated electricity is needed- a meter on the southwest corner of the bridge will be ‘turned on’. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the request, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

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

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John Richards, President

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