

**Commissioners Meeting
March 7, 2022 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors who welcomed 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chad Smith; Pastor Mark Vice 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 February 21st minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller had questions on two claims submitted by the Sheriff's Department: setup and equipment from **Neatframe** for the Courts to have 'zoom rooms' with inmates and DOC juvenile holding paid to **Pendleton Complex**. Mr Emsweller moved to approve claims, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the February 18th payroll, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the March 4th payroll, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported some Highway workers have been focusing on sub-base failures while 4 patch crews are working on potholes. County Road 850 East, south of New Point, is closed to replace a box structure. The **Community Crossings Grants 2022-1** awards should be announced the latter part of March.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented **Decatur County Ordinance 2021-4** petitioner **Jessie Singh** requested to rezone .5 acre from A1 to B2 for the purpose of opening a liquor store across from the Love's Truck Stop. The **APC** did vote in favor of the request. Mr Buening moved to approve Ordinance 2021-4, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Decatur County Ordinance 2022-6**, petitioner **Darryl Wolterman** requested to rezone .5 acre from A1 to B3 for a car lot in Westport. The APC did not vote in favor of the request. Mr Wolterman told Commissioners there was a car lot on this property a long time ago. Mr Wolterman was informed at the **APC** meeting, since there were only 5 out of 9 **APC** members present (5 constitutes a quorum) he could request his petition be tabled or withdrawn until a full board is present or the Board could call for a vote and they may deny it and he would have to wait 1 full year before he could re-petition for the rezoning. The **Town of Westport** did give a recommendation to approve as they didn't have a problem with a car lot on the outskirts of town. Commissioners decided to talk to the APC Board members and make a decision at their March 21st regular meeting.

In the last 2 weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 47 building inspections, issued 14 new building permits and plan reviews; he also sent a letter to a New Point property owner to clean up their property.

Hannah Garrett of Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, via zoom, held a 2nd public hearing for the **Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs** who administered the federal **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds** for community development projects to small businesses. This CDBG \$250,000 grant was a part of Phase 3, with up to \$10,000 given to applicants. Ms Garrett closed the public hearing and she will send 'close out forms' to the Auditor's office within the month.

Mr Emsweller moved to accept **Decatur County Ordinance 2022-3**, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Ordinance 2022-3 establishes a non-reverting fund for revenues and expenditures pertaining to the Decatur County Fairgrounds.

County Sheriff Dave Durant and several officers were present to answer any of the Commissioners' concerns/questions about their request to close County Road 250 West between Base Road and Vandalia Road, May 26th to June 6th so the department may conduct **Emergency Vehicle Operations Training** for

all shifts. Instructors are on-site, 8 -10 hours, for all 3 shifts in order to meet the required training. Officers may go back out to the course to get some more training hours. Local resident Butch Wilson shared his concerns opposing the road closure. A concern of the Commissioners included neighboring counties' law enforcement using the training course. Sheriff Durant pointed out the 'inter agency' factor is a 2-way street as his department has benefited from other types of training, use of drones, crash reconstructionist and K-9's. Officer Pat Graue stated it takes 4 people, 4 hours to map, document and set up cones for the course; then change the course for different requirements requiring moving the cones per a new map, documenting the new placement. Mr Buening moved to approve but would highly recommend before next year there's a lot more thought given how to accommodate the county residents. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and he would like to attend the training for better understanding and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to accept the Banks Lawn Care bid of \$13,617, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Sycamore Advisory Group's bid was- \$17,532.

Mr Koors reminded all the rentals for winter storage are to be out of the Fairground buildings by noon March 12th. He also announced the Commissioners are putting together a 5-person committee for the 4-H fair activities and need lots of volunteers.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins told Commissioners he will be attending a meeting on March 29th to discuss 'how shovel ready' are the top 5 projects. Also, he hopes to work with Ms Duvall on the County's broadband ordinance.

Mr Buening moved to close the bids for fuel, stone and pipe. Mr Mohr opened bids received from **Rush County Stone, New Point, Napoleon, Harris City and St Paul Stone; CivilCon** for the pipe bid and **Premier Ag** submitted the only fuel bid. All bidders included the required Form 96. Mr Buening moved to accept all stone bids due to geographical delivery and CivilCon's pipe bid and Premier Ag's fuel bid. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. Commissioners signed the Form 96's for the 7 bidders.

New Point Stone, Harris City Stone & St Paul- 8s -\$13.20 11s- \$14.70 53s-\$9.50
73s- \$11.20

Napoleon Stone- 8s- \$13.75 11s- \$15.20 53s- \$10.35 73s- \$11.45

Rush County Stone- 8s- \$11.75 11s- \$12.00 53s- \$10.00 73s- \$10.25

Premier Ag- pump, per gal- \$3.766 off road- \$4.516 load, per gal -\$ 3.8281 off road - \$3.7956 on road- \$4.5326

CivilCon- bid is per pound

The Commissioners next meeting will be March 21st, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____