

Commissioners Meeting

May 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the May 1st Board of Commissioners meeting to order. Mr Nobbe reminded everyone Title VI Surveys are located at the meeting room door for whoever wishes to complete one to submit to the Auditor's Office. After reviewing the April 17th meeting minutes were reviewed, Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Nobbe stated the claims are good.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported right-of-way will be acquired for a box-structure going in to replace part of an arch in a bridge on County Road 180 just off of Highway 421 South. This project also required moving an eight-inch water main and gas line. Most of the damage, caused by weekend storms, was south of Greensburg; also water running over Lake McCoy came over the dam taking the stone off of South Boulevard Road (county road). Crews were out 'sweeping the roads' to remove debris and trees/logs. With the Commissioners' permission, Mr Mohr got quotes for a truck for the Bridge Crew. He found a Ford F350 with an eleven foot bed, dually, four-wheel drive with a service body from Don Meyer Ford for \$43,241. Mr Koors moved to approve the purchase of this truck from Don Meyer Ford. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

County Attorney Ken Bass believes an ordinance would be appropriate to initiate the "Adopt a Highway" program in Decatur County. He stated there is no liability to the County. The ordinance should state a minimum of 'one mile of road' may be adopted. The Highway Department will furnish the "Adopt a Highway" signs recognizing the participating entity: should the size of the sign be 20" by 20" or 24" by 18"? Once someone does 'sign up' to adopt a road, he will meet with them to see how they want their sign to read. Custom signs will cost more, but not astronomical. Mr Mohr has found a few 'Adopt a Highway contracts' online hoping to modify for Decatur County; he will get those to Mr Bass for review. He also asked about minimum of 'mowings', length of contract?

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall hopes the Area Plan Board will vote to approve the revised Comprehensive Plan at their May 3rd meeting; then pass on to the Commissioners for their approval. She has not received any reply from the property owner near Hartsville regarding the 'notice to remove trash'.

An agent from Assured Partners Neace Lukens explained a couple of changes on the County's property and casualty insurance: an increase on limits covering leased or rented equipment at a cost of \$2,900 and is endorsed under our current policy and increasing coverage for the Fair Board/Fair Ground buildings to \$100,000 for additional cost of \$36. Once the 2017 4-H Fair is over, the Fair Board will work on creating lists of inventory with actual value-costs to see if they adequate insurance coverage. Since the proposed renewal policy premium quotes are 'flat' and the deductibles are staying the same, Mr Buening moved to approve renewing with Neace Lukens, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. In addition to the renewal forms, terrorism forms will also be sent to the Auditor's office for Mr Nobbe's signature.

Veteran Service Officer Mike Baumgartner told the Commissioners he currently doesn't have a driver for anyone needing transportation to their VA appointments. While these positions are chosen by the Veterans Administration, he would like to have two to three volunteers. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Baumgartner to contact the United Fund or the Community Foundation to request funds to pay these drivers.

A Request for Use of Facilities submitted by the Right to Life Group to place white crosses on the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn, May 27th to June 3rd. Mr Buening moved to approve and also ask Patricia Koors to notify Knecht's Lawn Care, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. The Greensburg Ministerial Association filed a Request for Use of Facilities for noon to 1:00 on May 4th on the east side of the Courthouse. Mr Koors moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Bass will contact the State Board of Accounts to update our current cell phone policy so claimants will not be required to submit the call log or call history with their invoice.

Mr Bass has met with County Surveyor Andy Scholle and former County Attorney Drew Young on the lots the Commissioners/County owns within the Lake McCoy Conservancy. Mr Scholle told Mr Bass the original plat only provides actual measurements for very few lots and only five-foot wide paths were platted which over time were widened for vehicle access to properties. The Commissioners' goal is to get those lots sold and back on the tax rolls.

Mr Nobbe was contacted by Tena owner Ann Ogle asking for an explanation why the big increase in her Lake McCoy Conservancy taxes. He explained the revenue (income) and bond payment budget situation.

Lake McCoy property owner Gary Reece told the Commissioners he is interested in buying Lots 1 and 18 from the Commissioners. Mr Reece has a tree service business and offered to remove a rotten tree on Lot 1 since it may fall on his house. Mr Bass will write an agreement, to include a 'hold harmless clause' for Mr Reece to take the tree down. Mr Reece stated lots of people are dumping trash on other lots throughout the resort.

AT 9:01 am Mr Bass opened the bids for the Courthouse Masonry Project to review to insure the correct forms were submitted in the bids. (Alternative 2 is to remove the bell from the clock tower.)

	Base Bid	Alt 1	Alt 2
Hydro Tech Inc	\$1,470,000	\$480,000	\$45,000
Bulley & Andrews Masonry Restoration LLC	\$1,105,200	\$469,000	\$40,600
Wells Masonry Restoration	\$1,765,194	\$302,396	\$89,700
General Restoration Corporation Exterior Restoration Specialists	\$1,240,000	\$469,000	\$54,000

Mr Nobbe said they would take these bids under advisement and award the bid later.

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

Mr Nobbe reconvened the May 1st Commissioner meeting to review the bids for the Courthouse Masonry Project. Arsee Engineer Frederick Herget reviewed each of the four bids, citing each did include a \$100,000 contingency allowance.

Mr Buening moved to accept Bulley and Andrews Masonry Restoration LLC's base bid and alternative 2 and within 30 days- keeping our options open- negotiate and accept alternative 1, our ultimate goal of accepting their base bid and alternatives 1 and 2. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Mr Herget will draft a contract to include the base bid plus alternative 2 and he check options to negotiate lowering cost on alternative 1, which could be in the form of a 'change order'.

Mr Buening moved to recess, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Meeting recessed.

The next Commissioners' meeting will be May 15th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Richard J Nobbe, President

Attest _____

Date: _____

