

**Commissioners Meeting
May 15, 2023**

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

President Koors welcomed everyone to the Commissioners' May 15th meeting; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Communications Director Erika Free led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Mark Vice then offered a prayer.

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

Mr Blodgett had two corrections to the May 1st meeting minutes: :Commissioners decided to stagger the barricades for local traffic, both north and south parts of County Road 200 East at East State Road 46 and Sheriff Meyerrose agreed to pay for trimming the shrubs around the Detention Center out of his Commissary Fund. Mr Pasel moved to approve the corrected May 1st meeting minutes, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve payment of the claims presented, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Blodgett moved to approve the May 12th payroll claims, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent, reported Highway crews continue to patching potholes, spraying vegetation around bridges and masonry work/repairs on some bridges The special ordered pipe for County Road 200 South has been delivered and crews will install this week. Mr Pasel moved to approve **Resolution 2023-7**, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Resolution 2023-7** authorizes Mr Pasel to sign documents related to the **Community Crossings Grants 2023-1**.

Kenny Buening, County Building Inspector, issued 13 new building permits with plan reviews, completed 35 building inspections and issued 2 red tags- ground wire not covered in conduit for a meter base and a panel box was not grounded; both have been corrected.

Sean Durbin, Health Department Executive Director, shared information on the newly **Senate Enrolled Act 1 Behavioral Health Matters**, effective July 1, 2023: local structure of **Board of Health** needs the number of lay persons with public health knowledge, reduced from 3 to 2- the Greensburg Mayor would submit 3 names to the County Executive for the President to choose one and the Council would select the second lay person. Mr Durbin gave the Commissioners a handout with information on funding requirements plus additional requirements including core services. Funds dispersed via SEA 1 will be an 80/20 match and the Health Department will be rated by key performance indicators in order to continue receiving this funding. Half of the funds should be received on or around January 1, 2024, with the balance due to the Health Department by 2025 with evaluation being done every 2 years. SEA 1 does require the Commissioners' approval to accept this funding.

Commissioners discussed a request, brought by Mr Houk for Sheriff Meyerrose, for signage for a 30-mph speed limit zone on County Road 150 West south of Park Road.

Mr Blodgett moved to approve **Payment Application #8 - \$691,221.35** - for insulation, electrical work, aggregate and work on the new Highway garage, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. This will be forwarded to the **County Redevelopment Commission** for payment.

The **Health Insurance Committee** asked the Commissioners to adopt **Amendment 8** to the **County's Employment Benefit Plan**, where newly elected County Council and County Commissioners are no longer eligible to elect coverage under the County's Employee Benefit Plan, including both medical and dental plans. Amendment 8 includes a Grandfathered County Council Members and County Commissioners clause allowing those who are currently on the medical and dental plans to run continuously as long as both their elected terms and coverage run continuously regardless of the elected positions. Commissioners agreed to vote on this at their June 5th meeting.

Mr Pasel made a motion to approve the **YMCA's Request for Use of Facilities- Courthouse lawn-** on June 24th, beginning at 5:15 am to 5:15 pm, as a gathering place for their bicycle ride/fund raiser. Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners discussed buying/placing a white vinyl park bench at the Fairgrounds in memory of Commissioner Chuck Emsweller.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall told Commissioners the Final Draft of the Drainage Ordinance is ready for review.

New Point Stone was the only stone bid received for the Highway's Notice to Bidders. New Point Stone's bid included their various quarries- Napoleon Quarry, Harris City Quarry, St Paul Quarry and New Point Quarry. Mr Pasel moved to accept bids as submitted, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Premier Energy was the only fuel bid received for the Highway's Notice to Bidders. Mr Pasel moved to approve the fuel bid, Mr Blodgett seconded approving the only one and Mr Koors concurred.

Economic Development Director Bryan Robbins told Commissioners the **Opportunity Expo** for seniors from the three local High Schools was well attended and gave those seniors a great platform to get career knowledge. Decatur County is officially "Broadband Ready".

Greensburg-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Director Dawn Lowe announced on May 25th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, is **HR Power Hours** with local Greensburg Fire and Police Departments share information on topics of commercial and industry warehouse safety and local drug trends.

Steve Leist and Kevin Krekeler, agents representing Assured Partners NL, presented the renewal quotes for the county's property, crime, cyber, workers compensation and casualty insurance for May 22, 2023 to May 22, 2024. The expiring insurance coverage cost was \$420,863; today's quote is \$455,423. The significant premium increase for workers comp is due to payroll increases of almost 2 million dollars while the premium for property increased partly due to additional equipment/vehicles and insuring buildings at value/replacement costs. After some discussion, Mr Pasel moved to approve the insurance renewal as presented, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Council President Danny Peters announced he and Bill Metz will be at the Fairgrounds on June 10th, 10 am – noon, for anyone interested in renting a booth during this year's 4-H Fair.

The Commissioners' next meeting is June 5th which will begin at 6:00 pm

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Blodgett made the motion to recess, Mr Pasel seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. Meeting recessed.

Attest: _____

Date: _____