

Commissioners Teleconference Meeting
May 18, 2020 8:00 a m

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the May 18, 2020 Decatur County Commissioners meeting in session; he announced there are Title VI forms available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office. He then asked everyone to take a moment in silence for those COVID related deaths in Decatur County.

Mr Buening moved to approve the May 4th virtual minutes as presented, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Koors questioned the number of fax lines the County is paying for; also, the fuel surcharges listed on invoices from trash contractors. Most offices need a dedicated fax line for communications with several entities such as Decatur County Memorial Hospital, Health Department and BMV. He then asked if offices could share a fax line. Mr Koors moved to approve the claims, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Rick Hall of Barnes and Thornburg had called Mr Nobbe to let him know he's putting a program together for funding through COVID-19 to provide a service to ensure we don't miss out on any funding for COVID-19. Mr Hall would charge a \$5,000 overall fee which includes completing the COVID-19 relief request form to be submitted to the State. Information shared by Greensburg Mayor Josh Marsh shows Decatur County could receive \$869,298; Greensburg City- \$386,600; St Paul- \$34,520; New Point- \$11,128 and Millhouses- \$4,282. Mr Nobbe will ask Mr Hall if the towns could be included; so, Commissioners will act on this at their June 1st meeting.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr told Commissioners his workers are continuing to do: site-distance work on SW 60, a **Community Crossings Grant project**; the SW 220 project, finishing work near Harris City Quarry, where the creek channel was moved- is a big improvement and it looks good and a total pipe replacement on County Road SW 60 south of County Road 300 South. Mr Mohr will be sending out RFP's (Request for Proposals) for the 2021-2024 Bridge Inspections as required by INDOT. He contacted **Globe Asphalt and Dave O'Mara Contractors** to ask if they would consider 'rolling over' their 2019 asphalt prices for 2020. Mr Buening moved to roll bids over as discussed, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners approved a bid date of June 15th for the Highway's **2020-1 Community Crossings Grant Projects**, which \$999,970.47 was awarded to Decatur County. The Bridge 236 project, on East Central Avenue, is now scheduled for an early 2022 bid date due to permits required by the DNR. **Milestone** has agreed to repair a county road they damaged while working on I-74.

County Sheriff David Durant, via phone call, requested to make a slight change in how the approved \$90,000 for 3 new vehicles will be spent. **Acra Automotive** allowed more on trade-ins, so he would like to purchase a fourth vehicle. The Sheriff's Department needs more utility type vehicles and he plans to keep vehicles a little longer due to the economy/budgets. Sheriff Durant has decided not to replace/fill Chief Deputy's position and add another road deputy; which Commissioners agree will give the best value to our residents. **Koch Mechanical** has been contracted to check and replace filters at the Detention Center. **QPH, Peine and Koch** have submitted bids for preventative maintenance contracts once warranties expire. In the near future, Commissioners plan on having discussions for hiring a full-time maintenance person for the County.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have any rezoning ordinances to present. She did announce the **Board of Zoning Appeals** will hold a meeting on May 27th; 3 petitions will be heard at 6:30 pm and another 3 petitions will be heard at 7:00 pm.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported he issued 22 new building permits and completed 55 inspections in April. In May so far, he has issued 16 new building permits, completed 54 inspections; issued 3 red tags due to no permits and one complaint on a structure damaged in Clarksburg- he will send a letter to that property owner.

Kevin Krekeler of Assured Partners NL presented the renewal for the County's property and liability insurance and also workers comp coverage. He noted the increased premium is partly due to adding a \$22 million dollar jail and the bond requirement for \$3.2 million loss of rents coverage; premium for workers comp increased \$32,311. The 2019-2020 insurance premium was \$331,752; the 2020-2021 premium is \$374,961. Mr Buening

moved to approve renewing the County's insurance coverage with Assured Partners, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Lisa Davies of J & L Minutemaids has agreed to wait until 2021 to request a fee increase for their janitorial contract. The 2021 contract will be renewed every two years. The Auditor's office requested a 'breakout of work done due to COVID19' in County buildings to be submitted to the State for reimbursement. Commissioners agreed to sign the 2021 contract for \$93,704, but wait until the Council is made aware of the increase for budget purposes.

A request to update existing electrical boards used for events around the square and the fabrication of a new one to be built by **HGM Electrical of Greensburg**, was sent to the Commissioners from **Main Street Greensburg, County Fair Board, Tourism and the Tree City Fall Festival committee**. The Commissioners would pay \$648.17 of the total \$3,240.88. Mr Koors moved to approve the request, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Decatur County created a credit card policy which has five different paragraphs addressing usage of credit cards issued to departments. A proposed sixth paragraph is to address sales tax and tips/gratuities. The State Board of Accounts is also reviewing their policy on this; currently they may not exceed adding a 20% tip. Tips may only be charged to a County credit card in an effort to bring events, business(s) to the County, such as taking a client to dinner. Mr Koors moved to approve the amended Decatur County Credit Card agreement, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Public Health Preparedness Sean Durbin is updating the Commissioners weekly on the COVID-19. Decatur County continues the downward trend in the number of cases.

Commissioners have received some phone calls with concerns about the health of the tree on the Courthouse clock tower. Mr Nobbe has spoken with **Tree Centric Solutions** to do an inspection of the tree, trim it and possibly devise an irrigation system to the tree for \$2,140 plus the cost of a crane. **Tourism** does budget \$5,000 for maintenance for the tree.

Commissioners have received proposals to repair and/or replace the north doors to the Courthouse: **Bruns-Gutzwiller** proposal, including hardware, for \$19,000, plus \$2,400 for the auto door operator for a total of \$21,400; for \$2000 they would only replace the pivots and thresholds. **Hoosier Glass of Indy** proposed reusing the auto opener and replacing the doors for a cost of \$11,800. Christy Smiley will ask **Architectural, Glass and Metal** for a quote to replace the doors.

Banks Lawn Care will continue mowing at the **Court Services Building** (old Washington School) until bids can be advertised/taken for mowing.

Mr Nobbe will ask Project Manager Chris Grabosky to complete the bond questionnaire from **Liberty Mutual** for **Banta Electrical**.

Mr Nobbe submitted a final invoice for **Burke Engineering** for the engineer phase for the City Park Dam. The City of Greensburg and Decatur County shared costs for this phase.

Commissioners again has received an inquiry about a property in Westport that has been on several County Tax Sales. County Attorney Ken Bass contacted the IRS since there is a federal lien against the property. The property has to be appraised; then request the IRS forgives the lien and the County would need to charge a buyer the costs of the appraisal. Commissioners agreed to keep this on their topics' agenda.

Commissioners have received a request from the **Saddle Club** to gather and ride horses at the Fair Grounds. They need more details before making a final decision on this request.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____