

**Commissioners Meeting
May 2, 2022 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors opened the Decatur County Commissioners' May 2nd, 2022 meeting by welcoming 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.

Mr Emsweller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Dawn Barnes 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 April 18th minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the claims, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the April 29th payroll claims, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, told Commissioners the **Community Crossings Grants** project on County Road 200 West, off of County Road 1100 South, required replacement of 2 pipes and channel alignment before paving begins. Another **CCG** project on County Road 800 East and County Road 550 North will require additional dirt work due to widening that part of 800 East. Two crews continue running the dura-patcher fixing potholes. Mr Mohr announced his department has been awarded just under \$1,000,000 as part of the **CCG 2022-1 program**. **Contractor JM Ballard** has completed the 'backside' of the **Westport Covered Bridge** repairs per the accepted part of the contract. Commissioners had tabled work on the top which included repair damaged shaker shingles, wash and paint. The cost so far is \$19,500 of the original \$28,632 contract due to the scaffolding used. Mr Mohr asked the Commissioners, if they're willing to spend a little over \$9,000, to accept the part of the contract for 'bottom repair' and take care of the mold problem (which always fighting on the north side) and then paint from the top and go down since the scaffolding is still in place. Mr Buening moved to allow Mr Mohr to have Ballard's complete the contract, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reminded all the **APC** and **BZA** meet May 4th beginning at 6:30 pm. County Surveyor Any Scholle and Ms Duvall have met twice to discuss changes to the ordinance for the **Drainage Board**.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening, in the past 2 weeks, has completed 45 building inspections, issued 14 new building permits and plan reviews, renewed 1 building permit and issued 5 red tags - one for the height of the basement stairs- only 74" should be at least 80"; 2 with GFI issues upon final inspection; 1 with 6 different issues- firewall wasn't taped or spackled in garage, no receptacle covers on, no handrail on the basement stairs, no CO2 detector in the mechanical room which houses a gas furnace and gas water heater and the basement door swings out over the stairs and no landing; issued a stop work order on a driveway being constructed in a flood zone which it was the DNR who contacted Kenny. Last week he met with an architect, the Fire Chief, the builder, an Indiana Code official and Mr Koors to review the sprinkler variance for the new Highway building.

Steve Leist and Kevin Krekeler of Assured Partners shared information for the property and liability insurance renewal due May 22nd. **Intact** has given notice they are leaving the public sector insurance. Eight carriers were approached, three entered into final negotiations; of those three Mr Leist recommended going with **Liberty Mutual** to replace coverage by **Intact, Chubb and BCS** and retain **IPEP** for the **Workman's Comp**. Commissioners will review the proposals and make a decision at their May 16th meeting.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the **Request for Use of Facilities** submitted by **Main Street Greensburg** for the **Farmers Market**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. **Main St Director Tonya Downey** told Commissioners the Farmers Market will be held every Friday, May 6th through September with the 4th Friday each month featuring a 'Fun Zone' in spaces 21-24 on Franklin Street.

Mr Buening moved to approve Decatur County's Right to Life group to place crosses on the southwest corner of the Courtyard, Mr Emsweller seconded the Mr Koors concurred. The display will be May 28th to June 4th, 2022.

Nancy and John Derheimer presented the finished **Bicentennial Quilt** to be on display in the Courthouse. The Quilt Club and the Art on the Square folks work together on this project and Mrs Derheimer completed by doing the quilting.

Mr Emsweller moved to offer Jake Bauer the position as Fairgrounds Manager, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to table the Conflict of Interest submitted by Craig Martin, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. County Attorney Chad Smith will review the submitted form.

Sheriff Dave Durant told Commissioners a custom memorial to honor Tудie Navarra has been ordered. A May 29th ceremony will be at 4:00 pm at the Detention Center.

The Commissioners next meeting will be May 16th, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____