

Commissioners Meeting
May 3, 2021 8:00 a m

Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors welcomed everyone to the May 3rd Commissioners 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.

Jail Commander Dana Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, then prayer was offered by Reverend Keegan Jewell.

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

Mr Emsweller moved to accept the April 19th meeting minutes, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Minutes are approved.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the accounts payable claims with the exception of the \$28,000 web design claim tabled from the April 19th meeting, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners questioned the comp time hours being paid out in the April 30th payroll. The Jul 20, 2020 amendments to the **County's Personnel Policy** set the maximum comp time hours to be 'carried' is 60 hours. Several departments- employees are working to pay out or use those hours in order to 'get under the 60 hours'. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the payroll claims, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr told Commissioners Bridge 239 (Washington St, Gbg) is ready for letting. The estimated cost of \$400,000 includes replacing the deck, abutments and USI performing the inspections. Commissioners signed the updated cover sheet for this project. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the Sheriff's request to totally close County Road 250 North, between West Base Road and Vandalia Road, beginning May 26 to June 2, 2021. Mr Buening seconded the motion after asking school bus drivers be notified and Mr Koors concurred. This will allow both shifts to practice their **Emergency Vehicle Training**. Highway signs will be posted as well as advanced advertising to notify the public. This closure will affect 1 dwelling. Mr Mohr stated no permits are needed for **Comcast** to bore down an alley to the Courthouse to place cable for Child Support to connect to the **State DCS**. **INDOT's Community Crossing Grants 2021-1** has awarded the **Highway Department \$999,866.58**. He will start putting the bid package together for this grant which includes all of Millhousen Road and the road behind Bill Fee's property which ties into County Road 880 East to County Road 640. Commissioners thanked Mr Mohr for the hard work put into being awarded the CCG monies because a lot of entities do not receive those grants.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to bring before the Commissioners.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening completed 37 building inspections, issued 15 new building permits plus plan reviews and 3 red tags for meter bases since the Commissioners April 19th meeting. He also has received 4 house clean-up complaints. **County Attorney Ken Bass** and Kenny were in court last week regarding the Codie Reece property at Lake McCoy for not complying with the County's nuisance ordinance. Mr Bass requested and Judge Day granted an indefinite continuance so Mr Bass may add parties to the lawsuit. Most of the property lines in the Lake McCoy subdivision are not certain.

Sean Durbin, Public Health Preparedness Director, discussed the web design claim tabled by the Commissioners. Mr Durbin explained this is **FEMA's** public safety website, used by **Decatur County EMA** with a link to the **Board of Health**. Mr Durbin's son Conlin works for the website design company which raised the question of conflict of interest. Mr Bass will review the contract and advise the Commissioners. Mr Koors reminded Mr Durbin any contract/bid over \$50,000 requires 'request for proposals' be extended to at least 3 persons known to deal in this service. Mr Durbin did get 2 bids. Commissioners have tabled the \$28,000 claim which is the first half of the contract payment.

Rick Sasser, Commander of the Indiana Sedentary D Militia in Decatur County, explained militias are formed in accordance under the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution and Indiana Code 10-16-6-2(1). The sedentary militia consists of all persons subject to bear arms under the Constitution of the State of Indiana who do not belong to the **National Guard**. The **National Guard** consists of those able-bodied citizens who may be enrolled, organized and mustered into the service of the state; the organized militia of the state shall be known as the **Indiana National Guard**. Commander Sasser said the **ISM** is a public service group who is pro-government,

believes in law and order and they have no affiliation with subversive entities; are not racists, not a para-military group nor are they are not political. The **ISM's** main function is to defend our families and local communities against forces that threaten our inalienable rights in a situation the standing army or organized militia may be unavailable, including natural disasters such as tornadoes or floods. The secondary purpose is to assist local authorities in the time of crisis or major instability such as war, chemical spills, riots, insurrection, power outages, looting, economic collapse, lawless and epidemics. Commander Sasser asked that the minutes reflect Decatur County's recognition and appreciation of the **Guardians of Liberty** for their service and dedication to the citizens of Decatur County. He plans to meet with County Sheriff Dave Durant to discuss the availability of the Guardians as a resource to the Sheriff's Department.

Roger Shindell of Carosh Compliance Solutions outlined services his company provides pertaining to the **1996 HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) and the 2009 HITECH (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act)**. HIPPA was created to protect patient health information while HITECH expanded the adoption of health information technology as well as tightening up language in HIPPA. His group also offers GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) to keep breaches from occurring and make sure Decatur County is doing everything we can to keep data secure.

Superior Court Judge Matt Bailey told Commissioners there are 4 people on the **Community Corrections Advisory Board** whose terms have expired; 3 are okay with being reappointed while 1 does not wish to be reappointed. Commissioners will review the information and decide at their next meeting who to appoint/reappoint to that Board.

Mr Koors has an estimate of \$45,920.20 from Doug Ellerman for repairing the Courthouse roof where the chillers set and around the elevator shaft Mr Buening moved to engage **Double E Roofing** for these repairs, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Koors signed a form for **Dunn and Association** clarifying the morbid obesity description.

Kevin Krekeler of Assured Partners discussed the uninsured motorists/under insured acknowledgment for the County's 2021-2022 auto policy. Mr Emsweller said he is okay with this, Mr Buening said yes and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Krekeler confirmed the County's cyber insurance policy does cover protected health information as well as electronic and paper data. Mr Koors signed the cyber liability and privacy coverage renewal applications. Mr Krekeler said the County will save about \$7,700 on insurance costs by removing the old jail out of the blanket coverage and insuring it at actual value. He still needs to talk to the **Fair Board** on building values. **County Recorder Dottie Robbins** was told that part-time workers are included in the crime policy, with **Assured Partners** which covers employee theft. Mr Krekeler stated this policy doesn't designate part-time or full-time; so Mr Bass said "we're covered".

County Treasurer Diane Wenning requested her two Deputy Treasurers be allowed to go over the 60-hour cap on comp time due to being new to the Treasurer's office as well as the busy tax season. Mrs Wenning estimates each would have 10-15 hours over the cap. She said her office is far from the way it should be as she has logged over 100 hours of overtime in trying to get it straightened up. Mr Emsweller moved to approve the additional comp time as long as it is cleared- taken by July 1st, 2021. Mr Buening moved seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley told Commissioners **Dunn and Associates** notified her of changes in **COBRA**. COBRA has to be offered free to employees due to layoffs due to COVID, with admin charges (to the County) of \$10 per employee. Mr Emsweller moved to check yes and move forward. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins is waiting for the paperwork from the State for the \$225,000 Business Grants.

County Treasurer Diane Wenning has requested a detailed payroll check register from the Auditor's office which gives each employee's bi-weekly pay. Auditor Chadwell questioned why she needed more than the fund totals. Mr Koors said he didn't see any reason she couldn't get the detailed payroll info.

Mr Koors thanked all for coming to this morning's meeting.

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

The Commissioners advertised the hold an Executive Session immediately following this morning' meeting.

The next Commissioner meeting will be 8:00 am on Monday, May 17th, 2021, in Room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____

The Commissioner's reconvened this morning's meeting following their Executive Session. Mr Buening moved to accept Mr Bass's recommendations to accept **SIHO's** offer, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

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