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**Commissioners Meeting  
November 15, 2021 8:00 a m**

**Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller**

President Koors opened the November 15<sup>th</sup> Commissioners 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.

Mark Mohr led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Ray Sweet then led all in a prayer.

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

Mr Buening moved to approve the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

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

Mr Buening moved to approve the October 29<sup>th</sup> payroll, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

**Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent**, reported a concrete box culvert on County Road 500 East, between County Roads 150 South and 200 South will be demolished and replaced as weather permits; Bridge 239 (Washington St, Greensburg) is open to traffic, some road markings need added and the raised curb needs stained. The joint project with the **City of Greensburg** on Bridge 236 has stalled due to waiting for right-of-way acquisition through the **Federal Highway**. Mr Mohr met with the City last week as he had sent paperwork in 6 months ago and now this project may be put to a 2024 letting instead of the planned 2023. Mark Klosterkemper, Greensburg Street Commissioners told Mr Mohr he will call **Cathy Eaton-INDOT** to keep this project on track. Mr Mohr will apply for Federal Aid on Bridge 131 on County Road 200 South. **Globe** should finish paving work today and Tuesday to finish out his paving season. Mr Mohr is waiting for a vendor to receive pricing for scaffolding to repair the flood damage to the **Westport Covered Bridge**.

**Greensburg Mayor Josh Marsh** presented the **LPA 2027 Call for Projects- Financial Commitment Letter** for the **City's Park Road Reconstruction** for the Commissioners' agreement to use existing County funds from a combination of sources to provide the local match for this project. This project covers Park Road between County Road 150 West to County Road 200 West. Over the next 5 years the County's share of the costs of this project is expected to be \$1,376,781.86. **Greensburg City Engineer Ron May** drew the design in 2020, arriving at a maximum cost estimate, so Commissioners asked if there are options to change the design. Mr May expects to figure out things in the design process, to build a budget for the project 5 years from now; he will present the interlocal agreement to the Commissioners at their next meeting, but he needs the financial commitment letter signed today. The City will have the lead on the **Park Road Project**. Mr Koors asked for a timeline on the water extension for their property past the airport on County Road 200 West. Mayor Marsh said the **Greensburg Water Board** has yet to meet to discuss that; also, once **Strand and Associates** have the plans for the new construction that will have a bearing on the exact location of the waterlines. The **Greensburg Water Department** is planning a 'looped 10" waterline' at the intersection of Park Road and County Road 200 West. Mr Mohr asked Commissioners if they have a funding source for this project; Commissioners hope to use **EDIT** monies. Mr Emsweller moved to give the Financial Commitment to the City and move forward, Mr Buening voted no and Mr Koors seconded the motion. Motion carries, 2 – 1. Mayor Marsh gave an update on the **"Make My Project"** which the Commissioners are partnering with the City and **EDC** is managing the financial side of the project. There have been more than 1600 applications of which the local applicants do not qualify. He said the top 5 of the top 14 applicants have a combined annual income of \$800,000. **Tourism** also has had people drive to Greensburg to check us out.

**Area Plan Director Krista** presented **Decatur County Ordinance 2021-19**; petitioner Gary Lee is requesting to rezone 2.5 acres from A1 to A2 for the purpose of constructing a detached single-family dwelling. Mr Buening moved to approve **Ordinance 2021-19**, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors

concurrent. Ms Duvall hopes to have information on the Drainage Board from **Christopher Burke Engineering** by the end of this week.

In the past 2 weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** completed 46 building inspections, issued 9 new building permits including the plan reviews and no red tags were issued. He emailed a letter to the homeowner for their insurance company regarding an underground house that burned. The insurance company is not allowing the home's foundation to be removed, saying it was not damaged by the fire.

**County Sheriff Dave Durant** asked the Commissioners to adopt an ordinance allowing longevity for the **Detention Center Deputies, Maintenance and his Administrative Division**, at a rate of \$200 per service year, with a cap of 20 years/ \$4,000 each year. Commissioners did not receive information they had requested until 7:27 pm last night (Sunday evening) and had not had sufficient time to review it before today's meeting. Sheriff Durant said the requested information was sent earlier than last night. Mr Emsweller said he had asked for 'turnover records', which were first year and second year employees, and has yet to receive that information. **Jail Commander Dana Parker** said there are 2 scenarios- conditions at the old jail and the new jail conditions. He stated there are not enough people with training which creates a liability for his department. Sheriff Durant told Commissioners the longevity will cost an additional \$10,000 annually to the longevity appropriation (\$40,400 + \$10,000). Mr Koors asked **Administrative Supervisor Ashley Wilson** to send the Commissioners a list of only Detention personnel with the requested longevity amounts. Mr Emsweller moved to table this request and Mr Buening seconded the motion.

**County Clerk Adina Roberts** presented **Resolution 2021-19** to establish the **Vote Center Plan** creating 11 vote center locations on each election day. Mrs Roberts said the **Election Board** will review 'usage' of each location, each election cycle to determine if any should be eliminated or if all are needed to accommodate the number of voters at each location. Mr Emsweller would like to include/give the Commissioners and County Council 'a say' in any future changes. **County Attorney Chad Smith** said once the Commissioners and Council adopt the resolutions, the responsibility leaves those 2 bodies and goes to the Election Board. (Election Board consists of the Republican and Democratic Parties each appointing a person to represent them plus the County Clerk) Mr Emsweller moved to table this until next meeting and Mr Buening seconded the motion.

Commissioners signed the contract awarded to **Wolf Contracting**, to demolish the old jail approved at their October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr Emsweller moved to not change/redistrict the current 3 Commissioners' Districts nor the 4 Council Districts, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve **Amendment #7- Dunn and Associates**- which clarifies limits on visits for physical therapy, dialysis and cardiac. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the **2022 Extension Contract with Purdue University**, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

For the various Board appointments, Commissioners will contact existing Board members whose terms are set to expire at the end of 2021, to ask if they would like to be reappointed.

**Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins** will be presenting the **READI** application to the State in the next couple of weeks. He has a meeting set with a home contractor from the north side of Indianapolis; continues to move forward.

**The Commissioners next meeting will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 am.**

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

Commissioners reconvened today's meeting as they forgot to adopt the stop sign **Ordinance 2021-21**, which makes the intersection of County Road 60 East at Southbound County Road 1000 South at 60 East controlled by stop signs. Mr Emsweller moved to adopt stop sign Ordinance 2021-21, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. This ordinance has to be legally advertised 3 times, a week apart, before it is enforceable.

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