

Commissioner Meeting
November 17, 2014 8:00 a.m.

Present: Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were reviewed and approved.

Mark Mohr, **Highway Superintendent**, reported he has been negotiating a settlement with **Precision Pipeline** for an estimated \$730,000 of damage to county roads when the pipeline was 'laid'. **Precision's** bond is due November 29th. If they do not renew their bond, Peg Polanski will need to file claim against that company. Since most of the road damage is in District 3, Mr Nobbe moved to appoint John Richards as the Commissioners' rep to work with Mr Mohr and **Precision** on an agreement/settlement.

Rob Duckworth made a request, on behalf of the **Sheriff's Department**, to purchase two vehicles to replace a **2009 Dodge Charger** and a **2007 Red Explorer**. **Community Corrections** would like to purchase the Explorer for \$6,000. The two new vehicles are a **2014 gold all-wheel drive Charger** at a cost of \$25,256 and a **2014 all-wheel drive Explorer** at a cost of \$25,916. Currently the **Sheriff's Department** has a fleet of sixteen vehicles and a few of those will need replaced next year. Mr Nobbe moved to allow the **Sheriff's Department** to purchase the two mentioned vehicles- which gives the department an additional vehicle- and then **Community Corrections** would purchase the **2007 Explorer**. Mr Buening seconded. Mr Duckworth is looking at maybe March or April for having the cargo trailer situation taken care of.

Jeff Hermesch, **County Extension Director**, introduced Teri Hornberger who recently filled the role of **Extension Educator in Health and Human Services**. Mr Hermesch presented an amended 2014 contract for additional monies of \$5,455.25 which Decatur County pays Purdue for three educators. Mr Hermesch had delivered two 'refund' checks (\$14,749.46 in September and \$9,716.04 in November) to the Auditor's office for only two and two and a half educator positions being filled in 2014. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the amended **Extension Office** contract and Mr Buening concurred.

Mr Nobbe moved to approve **Peine's** recommendation to move the damper on boiler two to reduce gas fumes by changing the 'elbow piping' and Mr Buening concurred.

Auditor Chadwell had emailed Ms Polanski asking if there is a cell phone reimbursement policy. Ms Polanski cited the personnel policy refers to County issued cell phones. Claims for reimbursement need to include copies of the entire phone bill, not just a copy of the front page. Mr Buening did contact Tim Ortman as he believes there is a policy 'somewhere'. Also, texts and emails on phones which the County pays part of the bill 'come under' the retention schedules per Luke Britt of the **Public Access Counselor Office**.

A public hearing was held on the proposed transfer of property to the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County. The property, tax parcel #16-11-02-230-007.020-016, has been listed on several tax sales in the past few years; it hasn't sold as it lies next to the DCMH's parking area located at 955 North Michigan Avenue. Law states the parcel must be offered to the City of Greensburg and Mayor Gary Herbert has submitted a letter stating the City of Greensburg declines the opportunity to negotiate for said parcel. Mr Nobbe moved to execute a resolution to transfer this parcel to the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County- non- profit entity and Mr Buening seconded. The resolution as well as Mayor Herbert's letter will be recorded in the County Recorder's office, and then it will be on file in the Auditor's office.

Mr Nobbe moved to adopt **Ordinance 2014-19** as an amendment to the County Personnel Policy setting out specifically only 'Merit Deputies' or road deputies in the Sheriff's Department are eligible to receive longevity pay based on the number of service years. Mr Buening seconded the motion. Ms Chadwell will present the Ordinance 2014-19 to the County Council on November 18th so they may also adopt it since the Council also adopted the recent County Personnel Policy.

Matt Morrow of the **EMS** discussed various features/options on new chassis with remounted ambulance boxes in hopes of the Commissioners purchasing /ordering one yet this year. The Commissioners decided not to open the 'ambulance quotes' from two vendors as they would like to have a third bidder;

also lease options have not been presented as requested. Mr Morrow also suggested a meeting between the EMS and the Commissioners to discuss plans for ambulance rotations/ purchases.

Mr Nobbe reported Ernie Gauck, County Council President, had asked him to contact the nine township trustees to see if they have any non-committed funds which could be used for financial support for the newly formed group- **The Greensburg Transitional Living Center**. The **TLC** group is asking for \$40,000 from the City of Greensburg and \$40,000 from Decatur County. An informational meeting is scheduled on November 20th at 7 p.m. at the old St Mary's building which the **TLC** hopes to purchase.

Ms Chadwell presented three claims for payroll as bank accounts were closed, but the Auditor's office was not notified by the employees. The Auditor's office issued three physical checks per the claim forms. Mr Nobbe and Mr Buening approved and signed the three claim forms.

Mr Nobbe moved to accept the 2015 Holiday Schedule as presented (State's Holiday Schedule) and Mr Buening seconded the motion.

Mr Nobbe moved to recess and Mr Buening concurred. Meeting recessed. The next Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2014.

Jerome Buening, President

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Date _____