

Commissioners Meeting

November 2, 2015, 8:00 am

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

The October 19th meeting minutes and the October 26th Executive Session minutes were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr told Commissioners the attorney for **Enterprise Gas** seemed 'open-minded' to the agreement proposed by Mr Mohr and his Assistant for damages on several county roads by the gas line's equipment. **Enterprises'** bond expires November 29, 2015, so hopefully an agreement can be reached before that date. **County Attorney Drew Young** will prepare a lawsuit in the event an agreement isn't reached. **Rockies Pipeline** is planning to put a 'pressure station' in near St Paul. Mr Mohr had mailed a copy of the original contract to their attorney who has rewritten that contract reducing the bond from \$2,000,000 to \$300,000 due to the change in road mileage- originally the road mileage was 19.9 miles. The attorney also wanted an alternative discussed to prevent Decatur County from taking this to Court. The attorney had also changed the language when the bond would be released- she inserted 'completion date' and the original bond stated 'upon the completion of work/project'. Mr Mohr asked for the Commissioners' approval to involve Mr Young on the attorney's response. According to **INDOT'S Quarterly Report** Bridge #168 is on schedule for a 2017 letting. The **Highway's Construction Standards** were documented by **Barth Engineering** in 2006 or 2007. A 1996 or 1997 **Driveway Permit** document is also 'on the books'- Mr Mohr asked Commissioners if the older Driveway Permit should be revoked/ dissolved since the **Highway Construction Standards** includes site distance for driveways. Mr Nobbe asked Mr Mohr to check with the **Area Plan Director** – Mr Mohr believes it was already approved by **Area Plan**.

Todd Williams- Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. Deferred Comp outlined the differences between the County's current provider, **AUL** and **Hoosier START**. He told Commissioners the County 'went with' **AUL** in 2005 since provider **ING** wasn't doing their job. He said the State is very concerned with employee retirement readiness and the fiduciary readiness of the political subdivision- Decatur County.

Clair Fredrickson, Vice President of the **Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water District Board**, told Commissioners **Lake Santee Board** member Ed Fox has tendered his resignation as he will be going to Florida more often and didn't feel he could continue serving. The **Lake Santee Board** would like to recommend Frank Erdosy for the Commissioners' appointment to complete Mr Fox's term which ends on December 31, 2015 and to appointment Mr Erdosy to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2016. Mr Nobbe moved to approve **Resolution 11-2-15** appointing Mr Erdosy to finish Mr Fox's term and the four-year term, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

After some discussion, **County Assessor Dorene Greiwe** said it would be very beneficial to schedule a meeting with a **Public Employees Retirement Fund** representative for County employees to share information, ask and answer questions on retirement benefits. **Mayor Gary Herbert** suggested the City and County go together to schedule a **PERF** meeting for employees.

Emergency Management Director Rob Duckworth told Commissioners he received notice from the **2015 EMA Performance Program** of a \$21,000 grant awarded to Decatur County for implementing a 'repeater system' to enhance fire, EMS and police communications. The grant application process is changing- now an 'electronic approval' step is required for grant reporting. A resolution was passed at

911 Board to ten members which will give the Commissioners a position to fill/appoint. Mr Young stated he is using **Bartholomew County's Inter-local Agreement** as a template as it is 'well stated'.

Mr Young asked the Commissioners why an addendum to the County's Personnel Policy is needed for reimbursements for cell phones. County Auditor Chadwell would like a 'cap' for reimbursements for the phone and the data plan in writing. There is a wide range of dollar amounts submitted for data reimbursement on claims, while there is a cap of \$35 on cell phone reimbursements. It was stated if an employee receives a cell phone reimbursement, he or she needs to be answering those cell phone calls.

The computer servers, in the Courthouse, are still causing problems. The Commissioners thought new servers had been ordered, received and installed- which isn't the case. Several conversations between three or four parties and miscommunications have caused over a week's delay. The Commissioners agreed to ask Barry of **RBSK** to order the servers ASAP and get them installed. **Cumulative Capital Development** funds will pay for the servers with remaining monies in that fund according to Mr Nobbe.

Mr Young will check to see if appointments made by the Commissioners to various Boards each year could be moved to a December 31st date of each year to be more consistent.

Mr Nobbe moved to offer the position of **Decatur County Building Commissioner/Inspector** to Kenny Buening, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred. Mr Nobbe stated if Mr Buening accepts, his salary will be 4% less of the \$34,000 stated salary according to **Ordinance 2008-4**. Mr Buening will begin his duties on November 16th. Mr Nobbe will contact the other candidate to thank him for applying.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be November 16th, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

John Richards, President

Attest _____

Date: _____