

Commissioner Meeting
October 1st, 2012 - 8:00 A.M.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as presented.

Minutes from the September 17th meeting were approved as presented.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent reported that Bridge 25 has a completion date of October 7th. There was a change order and rip-rap is being replaced by sod on a portion of the project. Mr. Mohr presented an acceptance letter for Bridge 19 that, when signed, would signify agreement by all parties that the project is complete. Mr. Mohr pointed out that the contract for Butler, Fairman and Seufert was for 12 ½ % of the bridge contract but came in around \$300,000 less so there is a shortfall in funding to pay BF&S. BF&S had a supplemental agreement drawn up and Mr. Mohr presented the supplemental to the Commissioners and the County Attorney after explaining the situation to them. Upon reviewing the document, Commissioner Buening asked whether INDOT would have to approve the contract extension. Mr. Mohr replied affirmatively. Commissioner Nobbe asked if approved by INDOT would the additional money be funded by INDOT and pointed out that the county paid what the county agreed to pay in the original contract. County Attorney Peg Polanski noted that there were two minor things in the proposal. One was the comment that the contract extends well beyond the original 5 ½ months. She asked if BF&S had to observe removal of the old bridge and Mr. Mohr said yes. Commissioner Richards pointed out that the engineering firm should have known what they were getting into before getting involved and Commissioner Buening agreed. Changing topics, Mr. Mohr mentioned the road usage agreement getting modified from what was used for the Rockies pipeline and Ms. Polanski will e-mail the proposed agreement for Enterprise Gas to the commissioners. Roads are getting videotaped prior to the company beginning work in the county and afterwards to support any damage claims.

Ron May, AECON Engineering discussed the right of way certification letter for the properties needed for Bridge 18. Six of the seven properties have been acquired and the documents have been submitted to INDOT and the remaining parcel is going through the condemnation process. To expedite the process, he suggested that the Commissioners be ready to submit the letter which does say that Decatur County didn't have the property donated, there is no relocation taking place and that the project is ready for letting. He suggested the letter be reviewed and approved so that it is ready when an order from the court is received that validates the document. After brief discussion, Commissioner Buening moved that authorization be given for the letter to be signed upon receipt of the court documents. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and Chairman Rick Nobbe concurred. The letter will be kept on the County Auditor's desk until time to sign.

DCHS Mark Mohr gave County Attorney Peg Polanski a copy of a letter from the prosecutor's office detailing changes the office would like to see in the proposed stop sign ordinance. Mr. Mohr reported that roadwork on CR 850 is progressing rapidly and the adjacent landowners have been extremely helpful during the project. Paving has started and been delayed by two rainouts but with good weather in the forecast, the job should be completed soon.

There was some discussion about the **Americans with Disabilities Act** and what steps are being taken to gain compliance. Chairman Nobbe asked the Mayor what sort of steps are being taken by the city and after some discussion, requested that the City Engineer submit a proposal to the county if the Mayor was in agreement with that request. It was agreed that three proposals would be sufficient and that the project would not need to be advertised. Proposals are due in by

October 15th. Mayor Herbert offered the services of the City Engineer in helping with the set-up of the project specifications. Mr. Tom Shannon of RW Armstrong discussed the format of the project inventory of what problems exist. Ron May of AECON said his understanding is that three documents should be created as a result of the ADA Audit. The company that does the study for the county should help create a policy on ADA for the public to review, an inventory of needed changes and a 25 year plan on achieving those changes. The first step would be to create a list of county owned properties and an inventory of structures on those properties. It appears that AECON, RW Armstrong and the City Engineer will be the three companies that will submit proposals to the county.

Ed Blanton was on the agenda but did not attend the meeting.

Dana Murphy, Natural Gas Partnership, appeared before the board of Commissioners to discuss the AIC program that allows counties the opportunity to purchase gas in bulk. The company Proliance has partnered with AIC and offers a reliable supply at a cost-savings. Ms. Murphy discussed the company history and the program details. There was a lot of discussion concerning locking in rates, usage amounts and various other questions. The minimum contract is for one year and Vectren would require a 30 day notice. Ms. Polanski asked about contract details and other questions. After more discussion, Commissioner Buening moved that the county enter into a contract starting December 1st with Proliance for the upcoming year. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Patty Jackson, SIRPC gave an update on the Decatur County owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. She announced that local home inspector Ron Weston was awarded the inspection contract. She has completed 20 of the 25 assessments on the applicants and is now advertising for contractors. The projects will be bid out in groups and will be grouped in as economically feasible groups as possible. The commissioners thanked Ms. Jackson for her work on this project. Bids will be opened at one of the November meetings.

Tom Shannon, RW Armstrong discussed RFP's. Mr. Shannon introduced **Scott Hornsby** and **Michael Feltz**. Mr. Hornsby is responsible for the replacement design for Bridge 2. Mr. Feltz heads up the bridge inspection crew and discussed his plans for the field inspection of bridges. He went into some detail on how potential exists on getting some of the critical bridges off of the list and how the overall inspection system works. Mayor Herbert spoke as a reference for RW Armstrong and vouched for the quality and efficiency of the company's work as well as the good working relationship with Mr. Shannon and other RW Armstrong representatives.

Mayor Gary Herbert introduced **Ms. Janet Dance** as the President of the Fall Festival Committee. Ms. Dance thanked the Commissioners for the use of the downtown area and reported that she'd gotten very positive comments about the event. She and the Mayor were interested in hearing any feedback from the Commissioners. Mr. Buening commented favorably as did Mr. Richards. Ms. Polanski inquired about the fireworks and it was reported that all comments were favorable. The Mayor discussed cleaning the sidewalks after the festival in future years. Lana Martin was also present and discussed the safety aspect of the festival. She noted that Officer Duckworth and Fire Chief Scott Chasteen were both very satisfied with the event and didn't have any problems to report. The committee members were thanked for their reports and the follow-up.

Dan Wilson, County Extension Agent appeared on behalf of his position on the Decatur County Solid Waste Management Board and presented a procedural reference document to look at when discussing a replacement for the position created when Mrs. Norma Bainbridge passed away unexpectedly.

Tami Wenning was asked to find out what the Commissioners plan is for office closure on New Year's Eve day. She was asked to bring an official list of 2012 Holidays to the next commissioner meeting.

Mrs. Wenning also shared a notice of bond renewal with the commissioners. She was asked to check on the significance of the document received from the insurance company and report back to the commissioners.

Mrs. Wenning reported that Veterans Service Officer Harold Sample had requested a fax line be installed. Up until the passing of Norma Bainbridge, he had shared her fax line with her. After a small amount of discussion, the commissioners instructed Mrs. Wenning to go ahead and get the line ordered and installed for Mr. Sample.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe explained that the Clerk's Office will be open from 8 – 3 on Saturday October 27th and Saturday, November 3rd for Absentee Voting. The second Saturday, poll worker training will be held and parking will be limited. Wenning volunteered to contact the Trunk or Treat people and request that their usage of the square on October 27th be directed away from the North side of the building until after 3:00 p.m.

New Directions requested usage of the courthouse lawn for an awareness event on October 28th from 3 – 5 p.m. Mr. Richards moved to allow the event, Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards and Mr. Buening have both been approached by companies or individuals wishing to submit proposals for cleaning the courthouse windows. Ms. Polanski suggested a public announcement requesting bids for window cleaning. It was suggested that the announcement be coordinated with bids for the cleaning contract. Mr. Nobbe suggested that a spec sheet be created so that potential bidders are all bidding on the same type of service to be performed. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Jerome Buening moved that the meeting be recessed. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried and Commissioner Rick Nobbe declared the meeting recessed until Monday, October 15th at 8:00 a.m.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____