

**Commissioners Meeting
October 1, 2018 8:00 a m**

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the October 1st Board of Commissioners meeting in session. After seeing there weren't any **Title VI voluntary survey forms** on the table in the corner, he stated those forms are available in the Auditor's office.

Mr Koors moved to approve the September 17th meeting minutes, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable claims and payroll claims, Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, gave updates on two Federal aid bridges: all of the decking has been removed on Bridge 168, phase 2 has begun and this project is on schedule to be completed by the end of October and he is still waiting on INDOT to approve the contract on Bridget 236. Mr Mohr reported the applications, \$1,333,000.33, for the Community Crossings Grants were uploaded and accepted by INDOT on September 25, 2018; now to wait to see which applications and how much money INDOT will award. **County Attorney Ken Bass** will confirm whether the Commissioners should advertise for bids to replace the hail-damaged roofs at the Highway Department since the insurance estimate was over \$100,000.

St Paul resident Jennifer Colson shared her concerns about a property adjacent to hers that did not sell on the County's September 27th Tax Sale. The minimum bid for the **Technology Today, Inc** property was \$16,518.76. Ms Colson told Commissioners that property has a modular/double wide dwelling which is in disrepair-unsafe and some young people had entered the dwelling. Mr Nobbe explained the necessary steps they would need to follow in order to offer that property and others which also didn't sell on the Tax Sale. The Commissioners and Mr Bass will begin the process to offer the unsold tax sale properties to the adjacent property owners and/or the public with hopes of having a public auction in the first few months of 2019.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to report. Mr Nobbe has asked Ms Duvall if she would put together a survey form, asking prospective builders/contractors to comment on the County's process to see what their thoughts/feelings are about our required steps for building permits inspections, etc, hoping to make it better.

Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported he completed 41 building inspections and has issued 12 new building permits and plan reviews since September 17th. He has received email from **County Sanitarian Alan Crosby** on approvals for 7 septic systems; which greatly helps on when to issue 'certificate of occupancy'. He had noticed a tandem axle trailer behind a business in Westport so he contacted Fire Marshall with Homeland Security with questions on what constitutes a portable stage. Mr Nobbe asked Kenny to keep his ADA Compliance Book updated as various grant applications include whether Decatur County is current on that.

Mary McCarty, Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, asked the Commissioners if they would agree to reapply in the next **ORCA** grant cycle for monies to acquire property to open a Children's Advocacy Center in Greensburg. The Commissioners signed a letter allowing a public hearing, in this meeting, on applying to **ORCA** for \$501,809 with local matches of \$20,000 from the **Decatur County Community Foundation** and \$35,199 from the **Children's Advocacy Center** themselves. Final grant applications are due by November 30th and grants are due to be awarded sometime in January, 2019.

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed changes to the County's Personnel Policy as recommended by the GIS/IT/Personnel Committee: in order to manage minimal staffing at the Jail, those full-time employees working a Holiday may receive paid compensation at a rate of one and a half times the regular hourly rate and this would be at the discretion of the elected official/department head; increasing bereavement leave for full-time employees from 3 to 5 days for immediate family (list will be updated to include 'step' family, pg 47) and from 1 to 2 days for in-laws, grandparents, etc plus adding 'step' family, pg 47; mileage claims must be submitted to the Auditor's office not later than 30 days after the training/conference and mileage is not reimbursable for travel of an employee's regular duties and valet parking is accepted as a necessity due to safety concerns while attending all meetings. Mr

Bass will review written changes for the Commissioners to approve at their October 15th meeting.

Mr Nobbe reported the **Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Board** is financially supporting high-speed internet at the County Fairgrounds. He will submit updated information as requested by **Midwestern Engineers**.

Jail Commander Tony Blodgett told the Commissioners he was really impressed with the construction of the pods when he toured the **Eagle Industries** 'factory' on September 28th.

Chris Grabosky of Maxwell Construction reported three of the modular pods are done and welded; each one weighs between thirty and thirty-five tons. On the construction of the new jail, work is continuing on the foundations and section C is completed, but rain has caused several 'lost days'. This project is currently on schedule and on budget.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Koors moved to recess, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

The next Commissioners meeting will be October 15, 2018 at 8:00 am.

Richard J Nobbe

Attest: _____

Date: _____