

**Commissioners Meeting
October 18, 2021 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors welcomed everyone to the October 18th Commissioners meeting; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Pastor Chris Steven led all in a prayer.

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

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the October 4th meeting minutes, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the minutes for the October 12th Executive Session, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

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

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr, reported **Globe Asphalt** has completed the paving on County Road 880 East and he's received multiple compliments on job. All of the information detailing projects completed under the **Community Crossings Grants** has been submitted to **INDOT**; Mr Mohr is waiting on the close out letter from **INDOT**. Highway crews will continue to do 'edge work' and some paving in the coming Fall months as well as patch, berm and mow. A culvert replacement on County Road 650 South has been completed; another culvert replacement will close down East Base Road between County Roads 550 East and 600 East. Mr Mohr asked Commissioners to consider creating a 4-way stop intersection at County Road 600 East and County Road 1000 South where 1000 South turns into Millhousen Road, 60 East which creates an intersection with traffic who are not required to stop. Mr Buening moved to approve Mr Mohr consulting with **County Attorney Chad Smith** to write an ordinance to make that 'intersection' a 4-way stop. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. The concrete approach to Bridge 239 project, Washington Street bridge in Greensburg, is scheduled to be poured today and requires a cure time of 21 days. The bridge will open once it passes the final bridge inspection and the railings are in place.

County Sheriff Dave Durant told Mr Mohr multiple stop signs are being stolen out in the County. The '30 mile per hour' speed limit sign on County Road 1000 South and 850 south in front of the Waynesburg Christian Church is missing.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to report on. Mr Buening would like to see the Drainage Board meet on a regular basis, or at least quarterly. By State Statute the **County Surveyor** is the Chairperson of the Drainage Board.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening's report for the past 2 weeks: 50 building inspections were completed, he issued 8 new building permits including the plan reviews and received a complaint about a property owner screening in a porch and building an addition onto a dwelling. He issued a red tag on a final inspection due to a GFI needing installed.

Communications Director Erika Free met with **Motorola** to look at 3 different radios/contract. The Commissioners and Council have appropriated \$200,000 of **American Recovery Plan funds** for 911 radios. The quote is under the approved \$200,000 which will pay for a 2-year warranty. The quote includes the 'pick up and go bag'. She only printed the signature page for the Commissioners as the entire contract is 90 pages. The maintenance includes updating the system every 2 years and she doesn't anticipate these radios will be outdated any time soon. These radios also have the same capabilities just like sitting at the console. Mr Emsweller moved to sign the contract, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Steve Freeman asked Commissioners to put purple lights in the tower clock in support of the **World Polio Day** on October 24th. Mr Emsweller moved to approve this request, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Mr Emsweller reported he is still waiting for the motor for the Courthouse tower clocks.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the October 15th payroll, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Smith emailed the Commissioners updates to the current **EDIT Capital Plan** for 2021. Mr Emsweller moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Commissioners will sign the updated Plan at their next meeting.

Greensburg Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Director Dawn Lowe asked the Commissioners if they would support our local Chamber with a proclamation that **October 20th, 2021 is Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day**. Mr Buening moved to adopt the proclamation, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Chris Grabosky and Jeff Lyness of Maxwell Construction told Commissioners there isn't any agreement or contract to sign for the new Highway facility project until the design is further along when Maxwell can give a guaranteed maximum price. The County and Maxwell have a "no cost handshake agreement" until then. Mr Grabosky met with **Duke Energy and Centerpointe (Vectren)** about disconnecting the utilities at the old jail. The contract with **Wolf and Sons Contracting** will be signed at the next Commissioners meeting.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins received confirmation the State has received the **I-74 Corridor Group's READI Grant** application. There were 17 **READI Grant** applications submitted to the State. Mr Robbins told Commissioners the **EDC** is supporting the "Greensburg Relocation" ads in hoping to put "Greensburg on the map" by giving entrepreneurs incentives to move to Greensburg to live.

Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert asked if the Commissioners would open the Courthouse for public restrooms for visitors coming via train from Cincinnati, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, on October 30th. **Main Street Greensburg** plans to have a **Farmer's Market** downtown and are working with the **Power of the Past** to use their trams to transport folks to various locations in Greensburg. Plans are to close Broadway, Washington and Franklin Streets for this event.

Sheriff Durant told Commissioners he would like to explore options to using "**Fuel Man Gas Cards**" since their **Premier Ag** gas cards can only be used in Decatur County. The Fuel Man cards are accepted at **Pavy's, Gas and Go in St Paul and Hartsville**. Fuel Man cards offer a 5-cent discount plus a bulk rate giving more savings. His department uses 3,000- 4,000 gallons a month.

Assured Partners Kevin Krekeler reminded Commissioners anyone storing RV's and boats at the County Fairgrounds need to show proof of insurance and sign rental agreements. Anyone wishing to store RV's or boats should contact the Extension Office.

The Commissioners next meeting will be November 1st, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____