

**Commissioners Meeting
October 3, 2022 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors and Jerome Buening; Chuck Emsweller via zoom

The October 3rd Decatur County Commissioners meeting was opened by President Koors who welcomed everyone; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Jail Commander Dana Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Steve Frensemeier then offered a prayer.

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

Mr Emsweller moved to accept the September 19th meeting minutes, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the September 26th Executive Session minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable claims, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the September 30th payroll, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Highway (Interim) Superintendent Todd Houk reported the paving part of the **Community Crossings Grants 2021-1** is finished. The **Bridget 73** project on County Road 150 North is done, still some work to do on the road alignment. Highway crews are grading stone roads, doing some patching and mowing.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reminded the Commissioners of the Area Plan Commission meets on Wednesday, October 5th, at 7:00 pm.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening has completed 46 building inspections, issued 19 new building permits and plan reviews, 1 permit renewal and issued 2 red tags on final inspections in the past two weeks. There wasn't a GFI receptacle on a kitchen island; a GFI receptacle is needed in a laundry room since it was 6 feet from a laundry tub and a smoke detector is needed in a basement. All red tags were corrected and the certificates of occupancy were issued.

Brian Walterman told the Commissioners he will submit the required certificate for liability insurance once he has a specific date- December 10th or 17th- since he usually purchases the insurance in the same month as the **Jaylen Strong Dinner**. Mr Walterman had submitted a **Request for Use of Facilities** for the southeast side of the Courthouse- he would like to use the entire south side but a local business prefers part of the south side is open for their customers. The Commissioners will not approve this request until the certificate of insurance liability is submitted to the Auditor's Office.

Mr Walterman told Commissioners there's a lot of interest from independent racers for Friday night races since North Vernon closed their track. He has over 60 cars willing to come to this area and he would get a purse set up for the first couple of races. There are lights on the track; would need some additional transponders. Mr Walterman asked what does he need to do to use the **Fairgrounds'** race track for these races. Mr Koors said the **Fair Committee** hasn't been approached with any request for this event, renting the track. A lot more details are needed plus a discussion on liability insurance. Commissioners asked Mr Walterman to put the facts and schedule together then meet with them. The 'noise level' will affect neighboring housing additions. Mr Walterman stated some of the monies raised through these races are donated to local entities.

Rick Anderson of Veregy asked the Commissioners if they had any questions since receiving the follow-up items/information. The total cost of the energy-savings-project for the Court Services Buildings will be \$2,707,656; the cost for solar is at \$224,761; the lighting cost is \$49,908; the HVAC cost of \$471,163 and the window costs is at \$1,961,824. There is an option to phase in these breakouts.

Potentially there would be no out of pocket costs if Commissioners opt to finance the \$2,707,656 over a 20-year period. The decreased energy usage, the sustainable energy produced, the reduced utility costs should provide substantial benefits. There will be an energy savings audit to determine that **Veregy** is keeping their pledge of 'no out of pocket costs'. According to the contract **Veregy** will have to pay Decatur County should the project costs exceed the energy savings over the 20-year period. Mr Anderson will attend another Commissioner meeting with all 3 Commissioners to further discuss getting the 'biggest bang for the County's money'.

Mr Buening moved to approve **Main Street Greensburg's Request for Use of Facilities** for the southeast corner of the Courthouse Lawn and the County Parking Lot for the **Christmas Walk** to be held on December 3rd, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. Director Rose Cronley has submitted the certificate of liability insurance.

Mr Buening moved to approve **New Directions** request to use the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn to erect a banner regarding domestic violence and leave it up for the month of October. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. The Commissioners plan to review their written policies regarding the length of time displays are left up.

Mr Koors signed the addendum from **CEO Rex McKinney, Decatur County Memorial Hospital**, after negotiating a reduced monthly charge for access to the **Wellness Clinic and healthy programs** for county employees and their families. The current charge is \$20 per insured person per month; beginning January 1, 2023 the monthly charge per insured person will be \$17.50.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins plans to take to 2 **Statement of Benefits (SB-1)** for abating personal property to the County Council this month. He told Commissioners there's a lot of interest in our area.

County Treasurer Diane Wenning announced the **2022 Tax Sale** is scheduled for 10:30 today and there are only 8 parcel/properties to sell.

The Commissioners next meeting will be October 17th, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____