

Commissioners Meeting

October 5, 2015, 8:00 am

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** told Commissioners he is meeting next week with **Enterprise** and he requested 'authority' to negotiate a monetary settlement for repairs to roads damaged by equipment installing the gas pipeline in the southern part of the county. Mr Mohr will contact **County Attorney Drew Young** if an agreement isn't reached as **Enterprise's** bond expires the first of November. Mr Mohr would like to wait until after his meeting with **Enterprise** before 'signing off' on negotiations with **Precision** for 'road cut' repairs. The Commissioners are fine with Mr Mohr's request. Mr Mohr asked Commissioners if they had made a decision about any future requests to close an alley in any of the platted towns. Mr Nobbe would like to maintain the opportunity/option to close an alley and believes the **Area Plan Director** needs to be involved before this issue is decided. Mr Buening suggested putting a moratorium on closing alleys to see if any problems arise. Increasing costs for road maintenance, repairs and equipment have many Highway Superintendents looking for additional funding options/sources. Mr Mohr is planning to attend a 'webinar' at the Jennings County Extension Office in hopes of finding new funding options. Three departments are looking for additional 'storage' areas and possibly sharing one new, big building. The **Highway Department, Emergency Management** and the **Parks and Rec Department** have had some suggestions/plans for a common building. The **Highway Department** only needs a 'gravel floor' type storage building area while the **Emergency Management** is wanting an area which includes heat, water and restrooms; so it may be better for them to add onto their existing building at the **Sheriff's Department**.

Steve AmRhein, on behalf of his father Robert AmRhein, presented a map of the southeast corner of the Town of Letts to discuss closing an alley and drainage issues. They plan to put in new fence and would like to close the alley behind the lots off of County Road 710 South. According to Mr AmRhein years ago the County Commissioners closed an alley expeditiously and would like to have that done again. He also asked Commissioners to fix the drainage issue/problem since they are the **Drainage Board** and the water is coming from the town of Letts; he also stated there are drains on either side of the abandoned railroad bed adding to the problem. Mr AmRhein's father had 'put in an overflow' years ago but there is still a lot of erosion taking place. The Commissioners told Mr AmRhein they will get back to him after they have looked at the area he is asking about.

Wendy Blake, **Main Street Greensburg Executive Director**, presented an activity report for January through September, 2015. She explained the functions/responsibilities of the **Design Committee, the Organization Committee and the Promotion Committee**. Ms Blake asked the Commissioners to sign a letter of support which she will include with a grant application to obtain monies to use for the **2016 Tenderloin Throwdown**. Mr Nobbe moved to sign the 'letter of support', Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred. Ms Blake asked the Commissioners how often they would want the activity reports- Mr Richards thought a couple times a year would be fine.

Mr Young stated he had received information from Barbara Gallegos of **Assured Neace Lukens** who had forwarded information from their insurance underwriter- **Bliss McKnight** will not insure the dam located at the **Decatur County City Park**. The emailed also requires the dam be closed to anyone walking on the

Mr Nobbe moved to approve a **Request for Use of Facilities** submitted by Angela Coffee and Ryan Gault to hold their wedding in the gazebo on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Commissioners decided to wait until the **Area Plan Board** hires/recommends a person to be the next **Area Plan Director**; then they will schedule interviews for the position of **Building Commissioner**.

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 October 19, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

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John Richards, President

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