

**Commissioners Meeting  
October 5, 2020 8:00 a m**

**Present: Rick Nobbe, Mark Koors and Jerome Buening**

The October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Decatur County Commissioners meeting was called in session by President Nobbe; he announced there are Title VI forms available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Mr Koors moved to approve the September 21<sup>st</sup> Commissioners' meeting minutes as presented, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

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

**Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent**, said beams have been set, guardrail is in place, the approach poured on the bridge on County Road Southwest 60, south of County Road 1100 South and is ready to be paved. The project south of the **Standard Fertilizer Plant** is taking a little longer than planned due to working through hard rock to place the pipe. Commissioners approved Mr Mohr's request get some prices to purchase a new pickup truck to replace one that has some issues; also, a mini or bobcat, a mowing tractor and mower.

**Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 42 inspections and issued 7 new building permits since the last Commissioners' meeting. He did 'follow up' on the property in Clarksburg; still no fence to keep people out for the demolition of a house across the road. Kenny shared pictures of 7 properties at Lake McCoy, which he will draft letters to send, regarding public nuisance ordinance 92.02 and unsafe building ordinance 150.03. These properties have not been on any Tax Sale- are still owned by private individuals. **County Attorney Ken Bass** commended Kenny's hard work on case of the Moore property on County Road 1000 South; the before and after pictures show 'the system' is working.

**Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert** told Commissioners Karen Cyman has moved out of Decatur County, so she has resigned her position on the **Innkeepers Board**. He thanked Mrs Cyman for her many years of service; she will be missed. Mr Deiwert told Commissioners Darren Covington is willing to serve and finish Mrs Cyman's term which ends December 31, 2020. Each of the seven-member board serves a two-year term. Mr Koors moved to appoint Darren Covington to finish Mrs Cyman's term, effective October 5<sup>th</sup> through December 31, 2020. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Through the Federal Cares Act, the Indiana Arts Council has made \$10 million dollars available to applicants and the Innkeepers Board has been awarded \$26,033.68 for the local arts. Mr Buening moved to approve accepting these grant funds, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. Each year Tourism budgets monies to pay for 'checking the health and trimming of the tree on the Courthouse Clocktower. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, a crane lifted an arborist and tree trimmer up to check on the tree. The tree is in pretty good health, but the draught has raised concerns on lack of water to the tree. The arborist will submit an estimate to install a drip irrigation system to help the tree survive.

**Public Safety IT Director Josh Tressler** made a request, on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, to purchase 7 'semi-rugged' laptops this year. He hopes to put a 3-year rotation plan in place for budget purposes. Each laptop costs \$1907+ for a total of \$13,307.42. Commissioners directed Mr Tressler to go to the County with his request. He meets with the City Council this evening to discuss setting up a 'redundant internet provider'. Mr Nobbe shared since Comcast is not planning to put the new line into Dispatch until November, construction may start on the parking lot expansion and Comcast will have to fix what they tear up.

Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger presented information about the Sheriff's Department being awarded the **Indiana Criminal Justice Institute's CHIRP Grant** for \$39,000 to use for their **OPO, DUI and Buckle Up Programs**. Mr Koors moved to approve the grant for the Sheriff's Department, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

County Clerk Adina Roberts applied for a grant through the **Center Technology and Civil Life** for PPE for the 2020 Elections, June 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This is a reimbursable grant for up to \$11,790. Mr Buening moved to approve using these grant monies, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Commissioners reviewed a **Request for Use of Facilities** submitted by Wendy Whitehead on behalf of the **Decatur County Bar Association**, for a memorial service to honor local attorney Jim Pruett. It will be held Saturday morning, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, on the south side of the Courthouse lawn. Mr Koors moved to approve the request, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

The Commissioners' Capital Improvement Plan, using EDIT funds, will be amended since the State Board of Accounts had issues with the 'accounting' on how EDIT repaid the Courthouse Rehab Loan. An amendment will be discussed at their next meeting.

No provider has been selected to service/repair the County's phone systems.

Mr Buening reported he's still fine-tuning details to advertise selling the PODS.

Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley shared information the Insurance Committee received from our insurance provider concerning a different prescription plan for 2021. She said employees shouldn't see any disruption in services. Mrs Smiley will send additional information to Mr Koors and Mr Buening to review, so Commissioners can decide at their next meeting whether to change prescription plans.

**Greensburg Mayor Josh Marsh** presented a lease proposal for the Commissioners approval. He said the Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce may not relocate to the Court Services Building. The lease states the City would pay \$1,500 a month, in 1 payment, for 8,000 square feet of space for one year; a clause for month to month lease is included should the project take longer the 12 months. Mr Buening moved to enter into a commercial lease with the City of Greensburg for office space at 315 South Ireland Street. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Nobbe stepped out of the meeting to take a business call.

Mr Bass expects the appraisal this week on the **Rattan Enterprises** property in Westport. The 30 days have expired for Laura Falp to respond the Mr Bass' letter regarding **Creswood Mobile Home Park**. The **Washington Township Trustee** has also sent a nuisance letter to her regarding her properties at **Lake McCoy**. Mr Bass believes it will take substantial monies to begin cleaning up these properties and the County probably wouldn't 'recoup' those monies via tax liens on the properties. Also, **IDEM** still has ongoing litigation regarding the waste treatment facility. He suggested the Commissioners wait to see what happens in IDEM's litigation before taking the next step; maybe just monitor the situation and since Washington Township Trustee has monies budgeted, start the cleanup of Ms Falp's properties.

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

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