

**Commissioners Regular Meeting
September 16, 2019 8:00 a m**

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

The September 16th, 2019 Decatur County Commissioner meeting was called in session by President Nobbe and he announced the **Title VI voluntary survey forms** are on the table in the corner for anyone wishing to fill one out and turn into the Auditor's office.

Mr Buening moved to approve the September 3rd meeting minutes, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Mr Koors moved to approve the claims, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported Bridge #34, a multi-structure on County Road 650 North is nearing completion; footers have been poured on Bridge #170 on County Road 1100 South, also a multi-structure; a 3-piece section pipe for a culvert on County Road 600 East near Gunn's and Bennett's. Mr Mohr received a letter from **USI** requesting a change order for the type of guard railing to be installed for the Bridge 239 project (intersection of Washington and Lincoln Streets); which was done at the request of the City of Greensburg who prefers the pedestrian railing, not the crash-type guard rail. Mr Buening move to approve the pedestrian rail only option. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. Commissioners agreed to authorize Highway Assistant Superintendent Tim Ortman to act on behalf of the Commissioners at the September 27th mediation meeting in Indianapolis.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented **Decatur County Ordinance 2019-11**, petitioner Kevin Stier requested rezoning 2 acres from A1 to A2 to construct a single family detached dwelling. Mr Koors moved to approve, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Decatur County Ordinance 2019-13** is being resubmitted, with amendments, for the Commissioners approval. The petitioner **Adams Volunteer Fire Department** has an option to purchase 6 acres from David Scripture, for construction of a new fire station. The rezoning change is only for the footprint of the building, which is less than 1 acre. Mr Buening moved to approve changing zoning from A1 to R4 only for the footprint of the proposed building which was unanimously approved by the **APC**. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred. **Decatur County Ordinance 2019-14** is an Administrative Rezone Request due to a 'pre-use nonconforming area' – a stone quarry in an A1 zone. Ms Duvall will contact both the current owner and prospective buyer that area will be surveyed by Andy Scholle in order to have a legal description for the rezoning.

In the past two weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 46 inspections, issued 11 new building permits and issued 1 red tag on a pole barn with a lean-to- the property owner has applied for the proper building permit. He visited a property on County Road 1000 South and the home owner has started to clean up the mess. Kenny met with representatives of **Star Energy Holdings** at the **Hulsbosch** dairy barn in regards to converting manure to natural gas and fertilizer. The natural gas will not be stored at the dairy. The Commissioners will gather more information since **IDEM** will be involved and probably the **APC**.

County Attorney Ken Bass, at the request of Don Wickens, presented the petition to cancel the lease with the **Decatur County Hospital Building Association** and liquidate that **Building Association**. **Rick Hall of Barnes and Thornburg** received the release on the hospital bond from **The Bank of New York Mellon**, which was paid off earlier this year. Mr Koors moved to approve the petition to liquidate the Decatur County Hospital Building Association as related to the bond lease. Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

IOSHA is working with the County in training employees so they have a better knowledge of safety procedures. Mr Nobbe, Mr Bass, Parks Director Bob Barker and the Auditor's office shared a conference call for an Informal Hearing with **IOSHA's Julia Alexander** who agreed to zero out the penalties against Decatur County once the corrective actions are documented and sent to her.

Tourism Director Philip Deiwert told Commissioners he is waiting on **Duke Energy** about a 'charging stations' on Franklin Street on the Courthouse side taking the last 2 parking spaces and behind **Storie's Restaurant**.

Mr Nobbe noted he received notice from the **Office of Community & Rural Affairs** the release of funds of \$195,009 from the **Community Developmental Block Grant** for the **Children's Advocacy Coalition's** new location in Greensburg.

Commissioners have received the **Certificate of Liability Insurance for the Tree City Fall Festival**.

Emergency Management Director Brad Speer presented a notification letter from the **Department of Defense** for the **95th Airborne Training** in Decatur County. They offer manpower to evaluate our evacuation plans/routes, etc, for various locations such as the Courthouse, Fair Grounds. Mr Buening moved to approve signing the letter, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

County Sheriff Dave Durant announced the **REC Program(Residents Encounter Christ)** will begin held Friday evening, September 27th and all day on September 28th and 29th. He has invited all inmates and their families.

Sheriff Durant told Commissioners since he wasn't in office when the design of the new jail was chosen; he has found there aren't any places/rooms to conduct programs such as **REC**. The recreation areas are very small, pie shaped spaces. Last year medical based and faith based groups met at the Decatur County Memorial Hospital. Sheriff Durant knows of several groups/programs working in the community and they need facilities for their work. He has met with the architects about removing walls on one section of the new jail to gain space, which would reduce the total number of beds by 24; or an option he prefers is moving the PODS from the current jail to the new jail location to use for recovery programs. **Chris Grabosky, Maxwell Project Manager** has gotten 2 quotes (\$24-\$25,000 & just under \$30,000) to remove walls in 2 sections; or an estimated \$650,000 to move the modulars. Commissioners need to study and decide what to do with the PODS- resell, keep them and move to the new jail or leave and rehab old jail to conduct programs hoping to reduce recidivisms which would require additional jailers. They also want to be able to support/do what they told the public. Mr Koors moved to remove the floor to ceiling walls, in the southeast side male dorm section of the new jail, at costs of \$12-\$13,000 and may put 24 beds back in when the time comes. Mr Buening voted no second. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion carries, 2 – 1. Mr Nobbe asked Sheriff Durant to keep looking for space for programs and he asked Mr Grabosky to send out emails to whomever for discussions on the old jail, PODS and related topics. Mr Grabosky emailed the Commissioners a quote for products and plumbing to deliver special shampoos in the 'delousing showers'. Mr Koors moved to approve expending \$10,275 for 35 gallons of lice shampoo and 35 gallons of delousing shampoo, plumbing to the booking room showers and a special storage cabinet. Mr Buening seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred. (This amount of shampoo should last about 2.5 – 3 years based on a predicted 170 bookings per month) Mr Grabosky suggested a 6' wide concrete trough be added along the entire length of the detention pond to alleviate a maintenance nightmare of cattails. Commissioners will visit the site and let him know.

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

Attest: _____

Date: _____