

Commissioners Meeting

September 18, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening and Mark Koors

President Nobbe called the September 18th, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting in session. He announced **Title VI voluntary survey forms** are available on the table by the door for whoever would like to complete one to turn in to the Auditor's office.

The September 5th minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. The minutes for the September 11th Special Commissioner Meeting held to look at quotes for construction managers were approved as amended. Mr Buening moved to approve the accounts payable claims and payroll claims, Mr Koors seconded and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Ortman reported on various road projects have been completed or are near completion. Mr Ortman stated they are still waiting for notification from the **Community Crossings Grant Program** if and when those awards will be announced.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall didn't have anything to report.

Area Plan Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported he completed 22 building inspections in the last two weeks and issued 7 new building permits. He has received a letter from a neighbor concerning the Wall property on West State Road 46, stating the property is still in violation of county Ordinance 2004-5. Mr Buening presented photos of three properties in Forrest Hill showing those have been 'cleaned up'. He has not checked back with Randy Herbert regarding two properties behind **Stier Heating and Cooling**.

Mr Nobbe stated current ordinances are being reviewed to make updates as needed for compliance with the county's new **Comprehensive Plan**. Ms Duvall is working with **Greensburg's Planning Commission** on updates in ordinances in order "to be in agreement" due to 'common city and county limits'.

Patty Jackson of Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission opened the public hearing as required upon completion of the 'owner occupied rehab program'. This program began in 2015, ended on August 3rd, 2017, and a total of fourteen residences were improved for the homeowners: six in the City of Greensburg, five out in the County and three in the Town of Westport. Ms Jackson reported this program was very successful. She thanked the Commissioners, Mayor Dan Manus, Home Inspector Ron Weston and the Auditor's office in making this a successful program for the community. The State should be announcing their next grant cycle in the summer of 2018. Ms Jackson closed the public hearing. She did share a list of traffic count roads and railroad counts **SIRPC** will be conducting in Decatur County for **INDOT**.

Health Department Office Manager Carol Beck reported their department is surviving the 2017 budget cuts and they're seeing an increase in their monthly collections. Due to their small staff, Ms Beck told Commissioners they may close one hour for lunch each day. The **Local Health Department Trust** grant proposal will be submitted to the State before this October in which a part time position may be requested. Ms Beck assured the Commissioners this would not affect purchasing vaccines for the various clinics they offer. This grant is for \$18,257 and the **Local Health Maintenance Fund** awards a \$33,139 grant to our Health Department. Mr Nobbe asked Ms Beck and the **Board of Health** to explore how to deliver services in different ways or shape, reorganize so as not to duplicate services offered by **DCMH**- look to other ways to provide services.

Commissioners decided to postpone reviewing some departments' requests for credit cards until all of the departments who interested in applying have.

Interim 911 Central Dispatch Director Erika Free answered questions about her email to the Commissioners requesting funding to purchase office chairs for her department. Due to lack of funds in her budgets' capital outlays appropriations, Ms Free asked the Commissioners to purchase the chairs out of the **Cumulative Capital Development Fund**. The email included vendor and warranty information

as well as the price of \$7,860 for four chairs. Mr Buening moved to approve to proceed with the purchase of four chairs for Central Dispatch. Mr Koors seconded the motion and Mr Nobbe concurred.

Auditor Chadwell asked Commissioners to change their policy on paying employees' monthly membership fees at the **YMCA**. Currently those invoices are for forty-one employees and the monthly usage reports show only twenty-five to twenty-six employees using the **Y**. Employees who choose to 'use **Anytime Fitness**' pay their monthly fees and then if they use **Anytime** twelve times every three months, the County reimburses them those three-months' fees. Commissioners agreed reimbursing employees who use either the **Y** or **Anytime Fitness** is better than the County paying for some who aren't meeting the required visits. The Auditor's office will send a letter to employees informing them of the changes effective January 1, 2018.

In trying to address the 'construction dust issues', Mr Nobbe spoke with the Construction Manager Tom Koehler on several occasions and then he contacted Bill Meer of **Bruns and Gutzwiller** who suggested placing two "air scrubber" fans with hepa filters on the second floor.

County Attorney Ken Bass reported he is working on a few miscellaneous issues for the County. He did speak with **former County Attorney Drew Young** who is proceeding on the lawsuit he filed against **Sagamore Health Network** and that case has been venued to **Shelby Circuit Court**. Mr Young is preparing to take six to eight depositions this week.

Mr Nobbe shared information on the auction of property owned by **Tena, Inc.** Several parcels were purchased by an individual out of Bartholomew County who plans to 'clean up' Lake McCoy; so maybe the Commissioners can work together with this person and get that area cleaned up.

Sara Galbraith thanked the Commissioners for their assistance in initiating the clean-up of her neighbor's property at 10459 West State Road 46, Greensburg, IN. There have been improvements, but the property owners are not fully compliant with **County Ordinance 2004-5**; also, trash is going from the neighbor's property to her property. Mrs Galbraith did contact **Glenda Seal of INDOT** who referred her back to the County Commissioners as Ms Seal stated items in the area are not in **INDOT's** right-of-way. Mrs Galbraith is at a loss of what to do. She also would like some relief in having to go around obstacles in the road leading to her property. Building Commissioner Buening will send another letter to Robert and Nena Walls informing them of being in violation of **Ordinance 2004-5** and a time frame they have to correct the situation. The Commissioners are following steps so if cleanup has to be done by the County; those costs may be added as a lien to the property taxes. The Commissioners will follow up on this in the next month or so.

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

The next Commissioners meeting will be October 2nd, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Richard J Nobbe, President

Attest _____

Date: _____

