

**Commissioners Meeting
September 7, 2021 8:00 a m**

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

Everyone was welcomed by President Koors to the September 7th Commissioners meeting; 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; County Sheriff Dave Durant then offered a prayer.

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

Mr Buening moved to approve the minutes for the August 16th meeting and the minutes for the September 2nd Executive Session. Mr Koors seconded the motion. Both minutes are approved.

Mr Buening moved to approve the claims and Mr Koors seconded the motion. Claims are approved.

Mr Buening moved to approve the September 3rd payroll for county employees and Mr Koors seconded the motion

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

In the past two weeks, **Building Inspector Kenny Buening** has completed 67 building inspections, issued 19 new building permits including the plan reviews and issued 5 red-tags- 3 of which were minor code violations and 2 which he issued stop-work orders. On August 19th Kenny attended a Code Class in Fishers. Three property owners have received letters from Kenny citing them for their properties being a 'public nuisance'. One property owner did contact Kenny with a clean-up plan for his property.

Glenn Wiehe, property owner at Lake McCoy, asked Commissioners to do something about the mobile homes at **Creswood** which are ready to collapse since people are 'stripping them out'. This falls under the Building Inspector's jurisdiction. Rick Nobbe who is on a Task Force along with Mr Wiehe for Washington Township, told Commissioners letters need to be sent to the owners of those mobile homes to start the process of removing those mobile homes.

Tom Hollowman explained a traffic situation on County Road 850 West between State Road 46 and County Road 480 South involving "S Curves" near his property. There's been numerous accidents such as rollovers, crashes due to a visibility problem. **County Attorney Chad Smith** recommended researching to see where speeds can be reduced. Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr said "advisory signs/plaques" can be posted, but Commissioners will need an engineering study done before they adopt/enforce an ordinance. Mr Hollowman wants "arrow signs" showing a hard turn ahead.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr gave a few updates: the paving for the **Community Crossings Grant** has started on County Road 400 South- taking a jog out of a small section of County Road 20 West at 400 South; also, County Road 700 West between County Road 100 North to County Road 1100 South; box-beams will be put in place this week on a 14-foot-wide bridge on County Road 700 West. **Globe Asphalt** has completed a paving job on County Road 400 North between County Road 250 and 350 West. **O'Mara Contractors** have poured the deck on Bridge 239 and should complete this project by the November 1st deadline. Additional right-of-way is needed for the sidewalk part of the Bridge 236 project on East Central Avenue. Mr Mohr presented Supplemental Agreement #2 for \$1,975 to pay for additional **USI** services needed for the right-of-way. Mr Buening moved to approve Supplemental Agreement #2 and Mr Koors seconded the motion.

Mr Buening moved to adopt/approve **Ordinance 2021-14** establishing a county fund for the Fair Grounds. Mr Koors seconded the motion. Monies receipted into Fund 4910 are intended to be used for the operation and maintenance of the Fair Grounds. Expenditures are limited to the appropriation by the County Council.

Mr Buening moved to adopt/approve **Resolution 2021-15** and Mr Koors seconded the motion. This resolution begins the process for the "Request for Proposals and Qualifications" (RFPQ) for the new buildings for the Highway Department.

Steve Ruble of Strand Associates presented the proposal for engineering services for schematic designs and agreement for technical services including Task Order #1 for the schematic design. Mr Buening moved to enter into an agreement with Strand Associates for the new Highway facility and Mr Koors seconded. Mr Ruble is

return the signed agreement once Strand signs these documents. Mr Buening moved to ask the County Redevelopment Commission to expend the funds for the new Highway facility and Mr Koors seconded the motion. Mr Koors stated the 20 acres needs to be surveyed for the new facility which Mr Ruble stated a topographical survey is included in this agreement. Mr Mohr shared concerns how much acreage the required retention pond will 'eat up'.

County Assessor Dorene Greiwe shared concerns should Commissioners take the lowest **2026 Reassessment** bid: it would have a major impact on the "on time property tax billing". Two bidders, **Tyler Technologies and Lexur** violated the "bid specs- no contact from the bidders" clause as well as "certified supervisors are to be on-site a minimum of 4 days a week" plus neither included the required signed **Form 96**. **Lexur** did not include the "annual Mobile Home assessment" as stated in the bid specs. Ms Greiwe recommends accepting **Ad Valorem's** bid. Mr Koors suggested 'tabling this' until the next Commissioner meeting when Mr Emsweller is present. Mr Buening stated that **Ad Valorem** is the only company that met the bid specs.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins reported work on the **READI Grant** continues and he has been helping with the County's **American Recovery Plan**.

Visitor, Recreation and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert told the Commissioners his Board has tabled the 'job of managing the activities at the Fair Grounds until they get more information/details. Mr Deiwert would like to have a round-table discussion to find out where all the parties involved are as this is a 'work in progress'.

Melanie Nobbe will submit a Request for Use of Facilities to use the Animal Shelter for a 5K fund raiser on October 23rd; Commissioners will act on the request at their next meeting.

Nick Springmeyer requested permission for he and some friends to do water fowl hunting on the County's new property and/or on the old reservoir property. Mr Koors instructed Mr Springmeyer to stop in the Auditor's office and fill out forms granting permission to hunt on the old reservoir property and anyone else wanting to hunt on that property.

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

The next Commissioner meeting will be 8:00 am on Monday, September 20th, 2021, in Room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____