

Commissioners Meeting

September 8, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Jerome Buening and Rick Nobbe

President John Richards called the meeting to order.

The August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The claims were reviewed and approved to be paid.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** asked for the Commissioners' permission to put an employee on FMLA, extended medical leave. The Commissioners gave their approval. Mr Mohr told Commissioners the Vandalia Road is now open and he has 'checked out' Bridge #188 to insure it meets the County Highway's standards. **United Consulting** invoiced the **Highway Department** \$500 for a bridge inspection on the **Parks and Recreation's** wooden bridge at the park across from the **Fair Grounds**. Mr Mohr explained Ron May of **Aecon** had inspected that bridge several years ago and recommended closing it. Someone from the **Parks Department** put a new deck on the bridge and reopened it without any certified inspection being done. Mr Mohr told the Commissioners the deck wasn't the problem, it's the substructure and piers. This bridge is not on the **County Highway's Bridge Inventory**, so it isn't eligible for **Federal funding**. Mr Nobbe advised the **County and City** is currently in talks with **Assured Neace Lukens** on the "city park", so he doesn't see a need to spend \$500. Mr Mohr reported Ron May has completed the **ADA Title 5 Survey** to keep the **Highway Department** compliant for future **Federal monies**. Mr Mohr asked the Commissioners to not accept any petitions to close any alleys in the county since those alleys are handy for future growth- utilities, access, etc. The County has 'retained easements' when alleys were approved for closure, so why close them? **County Attorney Drew Young** stated a list of procedures is needed to follow if the Commissioners want to continue to approve petitions to close alleys. Mr Young has sent two letters to property owners concerning trees and vegetation/weeds blocking road signage. Mr Mohr stated his department can do some 'pruning', but would like to keep his workers doing road work.

Nina Feldman answered the Commissioners' questions regarding the **Request for Use of Facilities** for the **Tree City Fall Festival** scheduled for September 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. The required 'proof of liability insurance' form was attached with the request form. Ms Feldman presented a map of booth assignments where vendors will set up. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the request, Mr Buening seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

Barbara Wolford answered questions on the **Request for Use of Facilities** for October 31<sup>st</sup> for **Trunk or Treat** program sponsored by **The First Christian Church**. Mr Nobbe moved to approve the request, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Richards concurred.

After reviewing two funds' transfer requests, Mr Buening moved to approve, Mr Nobbe seconded and Mr Richards concurred. The transfers are necessary to get a few budget appropriations "out of the red".

After reviewing many claims submitted by county employees for partial reimbursements for personal cell phones used for County business, **Auditor Chadwell** asked for a written cell phone reimbursement policy specifying the dollar amount of reimbursement. Several employees are reimbursed for the phone as well as for a data plan. Mr Buening stated the cell phone is like the mileage reimbursement. The Commissioners referred Ms Chadwell to the **Personnel Policy Committee** since they believe reimbursing employees falls under a "boss/department head".

Mr Young asked permission from the Commissioners to file a lawsuit against **SIHO, Sagamore and**

**Business Appreciation Day to be held on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** to show support for **Economic Development Corporation Greensburg-Decatur County, Decatur County Visitors and Recreation Commission and Greensburg Main Street** in assisting the community's existing businesses. Mr Nobbe seconded the motion and Mr Richards concurred.

**Mike Wells of the State Fire Marshall's office** informed the Commissioners they should have notified the **State Office of Indiana Code Administration** the position of **Area Plan Director** is vacant and also the State should be notified when that position is filled. **Mr Dean Illingsworth, Indiana Code Compliance Officer**, is who the notification should be addressed to.

The Commissioners signed a **"letter of support" for Decatur County Solid Waste Management** to be sent to Brittany Saunders, Director, and she will forward that letter to the **State**. Commissioners agree Ms Saunders does a lot of good for **Decatur County Solid Waste**.

Commissioners approved two rezoning petitions from the **APC: 2014-16 BHCO, LLC rezoning 2.99 acres from A-1 to A-2; 2015-2 RJR Farms, rezoning .23 acres from A-1 to A-2.**

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 September 21st, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

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John Richards, President

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