Meeting of the DeKalb County Commission Commissioner's Room 9:00 A.M.

Present was Presiding Commissioner, Harold Allison, East District Commissioner Garry McFee, West District Commissioner, Kyle White and County Clerk, Melissa Meek.

Also attending the Commission meeting was Bob Richardson, Sherman Township, patrons Bonnie Hinderks, Nancy Walley, Judy Black, Joan DeHart and Heather Whiteman.

Presiding Commissioner, Harold Allison and those in attendance said a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

East District Commissioner, Garry McFee made the motion to approve the agenda for April 10, 2017.

West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to approve the minutes with East District Commissioner, Garry McFee making the second. Motion carried.

Bob Richardson, Sherman Township President discussed with the Commission cost sharing of rock on Fairmount Rd. and how that procedure works. The Commission advised that the road would need 500 ton to the mile and that the township pays 200 ton with the County paying for 300 ton. The rock needs to be paid for in advance before it is hauled. Discussion was had about the haul roads being turned back over to the townships from NextEra. As of this date the roads have not been turned back over as they are still being worked on from the wind project. The Commission will advise all townships involved when that work is complete. Bob was questioning this discussion as a township trying to plan for the future and the need for a township facility.

The Commission thanked Bob for coming in and told him to return anytime or call with any questions the township might have.

The Commission and Clerk thanked the patrons for coming in the support they give the County.

At 10 a.m. bids for the County Depository were opened. West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to accept the bid from Independent Farmers Bank with East District Commissioner, Garry McFee making the second. Allison, aye, McFee, aye and White, aye. Motion carried. Bid letters were mailed to all banks in the County with only 2 responding with one of those declining to bid but thanking the Commission for the opportunity.

Bill Saunders, Colfax Township discussed with the Commission a culvert on Ridgeline Road where water is backing up onto a property. The Commission will meet with landowner and NextEra this afternoon to see what needs to be done to fix the problem.

Accounts payable and payroll was discussed and approved.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek presented the Sales & Use Tax reports to the Commission. A reminder that a portion of the sales tax generated is for Sales Tax Rock that is distributed on the County Roads. This year the Commission has approved 100 ton to the mile on county roads. Sales Tax Rock should not be confused with CART funds. CART funds go into Road & Bridge for repairs to township roads, bridges and tubes. All counties do not have Sales Tax Rock like DeKalb County does.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek presented the Sales and Use Tax revenues for the Commission to review.

John Murphy stopped to thank the Commission and Clerk for their hard work and dedication to the County.

A patron from Sherman Township called to discuss brush.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek presented the Decommissioning Study from Burns and McDonnell. NextEra will issue a new guaranty for the amount needed to decommission. The amount needed is \$9,903,000.00 plus the salvage. This will be reviewed every 5 years per the contract. The Commission wants to thank Gary Anderson with Gilmore & Bell for their help with the work needed to protect the County. Gilmore & Bell was not associated with NextEra but was working for the County concerning Case New Holland when asked to draft the Road Use Agreement. The County thought it important to get an outside interest involved with this project.

Bayfield Road was discussed and work needing done.

Sheriff Andy Clark met with the Commission to give an update on the security within the Courthouse and happenings in his office.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek discussed with the Commission the need to hold an informational meeting with the Township Boards only to help them with rules, regulations, upcoming procedures with their tax levies and sunshine laws. Melissa feels the need is great to help all have a better understanding of what their duties are especially with new members being in place. The Commission agreed and will have Melissa check with the Attorney General's office to see if someone is available to come speak to the group. If there is no one available then she will contact Attorney Ivan Schraeder and see when he would be available to come speak to the group. Melissa explained that the levy procedure for all entities is coming up and that the new members will need help to ensure that all of their levies are in place.

East District Commissioner, Garry McFee made the motion to adjourn with West District Commissioner, Kyle White making the second. Motion carried. 3-0

Meeting adjourned until April 17, 2017.