

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Room 106

Present: Ernie Gauck, Danny Peters, John Westhafer, Larry Meyer, Bill Metz, Deanna Burkart and Kenny Hooten

President Gauck called the April 16th meeting to order and Mr Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

After reviewing the March 19^h meeting minutes, Mr Metz moved to approve the minutes, Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger spoke on behalf of **Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** asking Council to create one appropriation for bridges and another appropriation for culverts within the **Cumulative Bridge Fund**. The monies appropriated/budgeted for bridges would be transferred to the new bridge appropriation and likewise for the culverts. The Federal grants' projects would be in a separate appropriation. Mr Meyer moved to approve Mr Mohr's request and Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Barker presented some updates on partnering with **Tourism on two Stellar Projects** at the **Rebekah Park Development**: splash pad vendor **My Splash Pad** is out of Ohio and this project is being funded through private donations including the **Arts and Culture Council and Delta Faucet**. Mr Barker said the maintenance isn't like a pool; it's a fresh water setup on a timer with the water going into the storm sewer. There will be a five foot fence used to create an entrance to **Rebekah Park**, which the **City of Greensburg** is willing to help pay for. **Philip Deiwert, Director of Visitors Recreation and Tourism** had requested \$100,000 in additional monies to help fund the splash pad and the second Stellar Project- the amphitheater. David Fry is currently taking bids from three contractors for the amphitheater. Mr Hooten emphasized to Mr Barker and Mr Deiwert to make sure we can sustain maintenance for these projects as well as the new park north of the current Sheriff's Department. Decatur County needs 'quality of life attractions' according to Mr Deiwert. Mr Westhafer moved to approve the request for \$100,000 in additional funding for the splash pad and amphitheater. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0. **Greensburg Mayor Dan Manus** will support the Parks' splash pad project since it is a Stellar Project as is the Franklin Street project.

County Sheriff Dave Durant gave a brief update on the new jail project: it is on tract; he will meet with the architect on Sections F and E; adding a body scanner would be very expensive but is definitely needed. The Merit Board has hired three new deputies, so manpower is good. At the current jail, the control center has been moved into the POD and is working well.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the requests to transfer **Director Bryan Robbins** gave an overview of the 2019 First Quarter Report: **ETC and Comcast** are helping to fund the expansion of broadband; he continues to work with the Lowe family on keeping the railroad tracks near their business; on behalf of Rush, Shelby and Decatur Counties he met with the State at an agriculture roundtable. Mr Robbins told Council members the State is encouraging counties and towns to form 'regions' for attracting businesses and commerce.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Peters moved to adjourn and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

The Council's next meeting is May 21st, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____