

Decatur County Council

2022 Budget Workshop

Tuesday, August 17th, 2021, Room 106

Present: Danny Peters, Bill Metz, Melanie Nobbe, Deanna Burkart, Ernie Gauck, Kenny Hooten and Financial Consultant Reuben Cummings

President Peters called the 2022 Budget Workshop to order. He stated Council needs to cut \$819,235 out of the proposed County General Budget. Council discussed dollar amounts for raises for full-time employees and part-time workers. They agreed to \$700 raise for full-time employees and \$13.50 for part-time workers. Council also directed the Auditor to reduce all departments' request for furniture and equipment/office equipment to \$100 per appropriation and move the remainder to the Cumulative Capital Development furniture/equipment appropriation.

The Prosecutor's request for a part-time investigator was zeroed out in County General and will come out of the **American Recovery Plan** funds.

Election laws have changed, now requiring a "box" be added to the voting machines that 'prints a receipt' showing the voter how their vote is recorded. The Clerk has 5 years to add these boxes to the voting machines; fewer machines may be needed if the County decides to switch to Vote Centers.

Council reviewed the requested budgets submitted by departments within the County General Fund, LIT EDIT Fund, Public Safety Fund, Special Purpose Jail Fund, Health Department Fund and the Parks-Recreation Fund. Council agreed the salary for the new Parks-Rec Superintendent- with no experience – should start at \$40,000 as Bob Barker's salary was \$47,000 with 48 years of service/experience.

The Auditor's received notification the **2021 Riverboat Sharing** was less due to the Casino's being closed in 2020 due to COVID. After some discussion Council members agreed funding to the non-profits should be reduced by 35%. Those non-profit entities will be notified of the reductions so they may apply for the County's American Recovery Plan

IT Network Engineer Josh Tressler told Council Greensburg Mayor Josh Marsh wanted to review the City's IT contracts before agreeing to support/share an IT Department with the County. Mr Tressler created a 2022 proposed budget for the City and County to support

The Council's next meeting will be at 9:00 am on September 28th, in Room 106.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Hooten moved to adjourn and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____