

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 17th, 2021, Room 106

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

President Peters called the August 17th meeting of the Decatur County Council to order. **Reuben Cummings, Government Financial Consultant**, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(Meeting minutes and agendas are emailed to Council members the Friday before their Tuesday meeting)

Corrections were made on the July 20th meeting minutes- Mr Peters does not 'concur' on any motions. Mr Metz moved to approve the corrected July 20th meeting minutes and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Minutes are approved.

Extension 4-H Educator Sara Dunlap, representing the **4-H Council**, told Council the 4-H Council, not the Fair Board, bought the ribbons awarded/given at the 4-H Fair and paying the Judges. Ms Dunlap said the 4-H Council's budget may be impacted in light of possible changes to the Fair Board. The 4-H Council is requesting \$20,110 for 2022, which is double this year's budgeted amount.

Mr Metz moved to approve the Amended 144 for Animal Control's Kennel Tech, \$13.25 an hour, for 2022. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve a request for the \$808,000 additional to appropriate funds in the Community Crossings Grant fund 9210. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve County Treasurer Diane Wenning's request to transfer \$728.75 to pay part-time help. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. The part-time help will be needed to keep the office open when Treasurer personnel are attending conferences.

Mr Gauck moved to appoint Matt Miller to replace/complete Jim Saler's term on the County's Redevelopment Commission Board. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Mr Saler's term expires December 31, 2021.

The American Recovery Plan Committee asked Council to approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the **Decatur County Community Foundation** to assist with advertising, receiving, reviewing applications for grants offered to non-profits, small businesses and the Volunteer Fire Departments of Decatur County. The MOU agrees to pay the Community Foundation \$16,500 for their services. Mr Metz moved to sign the MOU and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Council members agreed for the ARP Committee to screen the grant applications and bring their recommendations to the Council to vote on.

Mr Metz moved to approve Addendum 1 to the American Recovery Fund 8950. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Addendum 1 adds/appropriates \$16,500 to pay the Community Foundation per the above-mentioned MOU.

Mr Hooten move to give the ARP Committee authority to approve the grant applications for ARPA monies and present that information to the County Commissioners. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Hooten made a motion to email the Council's recommendations to each Decatur County Taxing Unit, recommending each unit review the DLGF's 2022 estimated maximum levy and estimated property tax cap losses. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Taxing units failing to use this information may see a short fall in tax revenues in 2022. Decatur County taxing units include: **Decatur County, Adams Township Trustee; Clay Township Trustee; Clinton Township Trustee; Fugit Township Trustee; Jackson Township Trustee; Marion Township Trustee; Saltcreek Township Trustee; Sandcreek**

Township Trustee; Washington Township Trustee; Greensburg Civil City; Millhousen Civil City; New Point Civil Town; St Paul Civil Town; Westport Civil Town; Decatur County Community School Corp; Decatur County Contractual Library and Decatur County Solid Waste Management.

Mr Hooten moved to pass **Resolution 2021-13** and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Resolution 2021-13 sets out the County’s initial recovery plan for use of the **ARPA** local funds. County Commissioners adopted this same resolution at their August 16th meeting.

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 Metz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____