

Decatur County Council Meeting

2021 Budget Session

Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Room 106

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

President Peters opened the 2021 budget session. Mr Cummings had emailed his recommendations so Council were aware of how much 'cutting' they need to do.

The first topic was raises for employees and the contributions employees pay for their health insurance. Mr Meyer proposed giving employees a \$1,000 raise, exempting Council members and the County Commissioners. After some discussion, Mr Metz moved to give employees a \$500 raise, excluding Council and Commissioners and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Mrs Burkart made a motion to move the part time rate to \$13.25 and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Council members reviewed each department's 2021 budget request, cutting where they could. They did agree to include \$25,000 in Cumulative Capital Development fund for office equipment and furniture which was removed from departments' budgets in County General. Ashley Wilson, Administrative Assistant to Sheriff Durant, offered to reduce some line items in the Sheriff's and Jail's budgets and use other discretionary funds; which helped County General's end total. Council also moved some amounts/items to the Special Purpose Jail fund.

Changes made by Council will be emailed, by the Auditor's office, to all departments so they can review those and come to the September 15th meeting should they have questions/concerns.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Metz moved to adjourn and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Meeting/session adjourned.

The Council's next regular meeting is September 15, 2020 at 9:00 am. The Public Hearing for the proposed 2021 budgets will be held during that meeting.

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____