

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Room 106

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

President Peters called the August 18th, 2020 meeting of the Decatur County Council to order; Mrs Burkart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr Gauck moved to approve the July 21st meeting minutes and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Council members agreed to leave the Special Purpose Jail Tax rate as it is (2.5) for 2021, partly due to the Department of Revenue reducing their 'estimated dollar amount' for 2021 (2020- \$3,986,958, 2021- \$3,588,262).

Greensburg Adult Center Director Monty Shields thanked Council members for the \$5,000 this year as it went to his salary and repairs on the building. The Adult Center has been shut down since March due to COVID-19.

Children's Advocacy Center Director Kelly Bridges told Council the new Greensburg office will be opening next week and they will be hiring 2 new people.

Mr Meyer moved to approve the 5 requests for additional appropriations. Mr Westhafer seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Gauck moved to approve the requests for transfers (within departments' budgets). Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve the \$31,895 Preparedness Grant for the Health Department and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Council members have reviewed the **Department of Local Government's report** for the County's taxing units' **2021 Estimated Property Tax Cap Loss and Estimate Maximum Levies**. Mr Hooten move to recommend the county's taxing units be aware of their 2021 Estimated Property Tax Cap Loss and not to exceed their Estimate Maximum levies which may create a loss of revenue. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Once Council approves today's minutes at their September 15th meeting, copies will be sent to: **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.**

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Barker had asked Council to allow him to divide the remaining salary of his Maintenance III position (employee retired, not replacing him) between the remaining 5 employees for the rest of 2020. Council agreed to table Bob Barker's Amended 144 until their September meeting.

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