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Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2019, Room 106

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

After President Gauck called the meeting to order, he asked Auditor Chadwell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the July 16th meeting minutes and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0, minutes are approved.

Youth to Yellowstone spokesperson Russell Wilson requested the Council's financial support of \$7,000 in 2020 to help with costs of taking two groups of teenagers on a 12-day trip, 8 of which are spent in **Yellowstone National Park**. Council will review requests from non-profits groups in their budget meeting later today.

Rosie Stier, representing **Community Healthcare Clinic**, had spoken to Council members at their May meeting; now she is requesting \$10,100 for operating costs and \$5,100 toward rent to the **Decatur County Memorial Hospital**. The **Clinic** does receive funding from local churches and the **United Fund**. Council will also review this request at their budget meeting later today.

Communications Director Erika Free told Council members her department applied for a **Federal PSAP (Public Safety Answering Points) Grant** to replace all 7 radio consolets since that equipment was moved from the Sheriff's and Greensburg Police dispatch centers when the **Communications Center** was built. The grant is for \$53,000 and is a 60/40 match; \$32,000 from the Feds and \$21,000 from the County's Statewide 911 Fund. The consolets have been ordered and will be supported by **Motorola**.

Government Finance Consultant Reuben Cummings reminded Council members they must review the Estimated Maximum Levies and Estimated Tax Cap Loss for each taxing unit in the County: **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**. Council may prepare a written recommendation to each taxing unit or they may opt to send each unit a copy of today's meeting minutes recommending each taxing unit to be aware of their 2020 Estimated Max Levies and Property Tax Caps and not to exceed their maximum levy which may create a loss in revenue. Mr Peters moved to send a copy of today's meeting minutes to taxing units asking them to use the numbers as recommended by the DLGF before approving their 2020 budgets. Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Various departments' requests to transfer monies within their budgets were reviewed; Mr Metz moved to approve those requests and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Mr Meyer moved to approve the requests for additional monies in Cum Bridge, County General and Elected Officials Training. Mr Westhafer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Peters moved to adjourn and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. Council 2020 Budget meeting will begin immediately following this meeting.

The Council's next meeting is September 17th, 2019 at 9:00 am; which will also be the Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 Budgets.