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## **Decatur County Council Meeting**

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, Room 106

**Present:** Ernie Gauck, Danny Peters, Larry Meyer, Judge John Westhafer, Bill Metz and Kenny Owens

The August 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting was called to order by President Gauck. Bill Metz led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

**Superior Court Judge Matt Bailey** was present to answer any of the Council's questions on his request for additional monies of \$15,666.67 to pay for adding two more contractual public defenders due to the increase of the number of cases filed. Judge Bailey had emailed his request for additional monies to the Auditor who didn't have the legal ad placed timely for this Council meeting. The Auditor will have the legal ad ran this week so Council may officially act on the request for the \$15,666.67 at their September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Judge Bailey told the Council some monies in the **Supplemental Defenders Fund** are being used to pay public defenders' monthly contracts.

Having reviewed the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr moved to approve the minutes and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

**Lifetime Resources (Catch-A-ride) Erin Thomas** came before Council members to request \$8,000 in funding for 2019. She explained 'match monies' are needed to qualify for public transportation programs. This catch-a-ride program was changed on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, reducing the amount charged to the Medicaid program; thus users' costs were increased and to request a ride one has to contact a 'broker' who schedules trips- which isn't going well. Ms Thomas is working with **Thrive Alliance** hoping to secure additional funding.

**County Commissioner Rick Nobbe** gave a brief update on the options Commissioners are looking at to help ease the overcrowding at the current jail. Work on the new jail is on schedule. He also asked Council members, in their 2019 budgets, adequately fund our health insurance and please add another position with the **Parks Department** to work with the **Fair Board** and the **Tourism Board**.

**County Treasurer Brenda Dwenger** told Council members the bank loan for the Courthouse Rehab Project has been paid in full. She reported the interest rates the County is currently earning. Mr Gauck asked for a monthly report on funds and interest earned on those funds.

**County Prosecutor Nate Harter** introduced the newest attorney on his staff- Emily Fehr who started working on August 6<sup>th</sup> in his office. She is handling the misdemeanor cases of which there has been 682 filed so far this year.

Mr Peters moved to approve the request by Community Corrections for \$200 in additional monies to balance the old Project Income fund. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

**Mr Owens moved to recommend to the County's taxing units: 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 to be aware of your 2019 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report as stated by the Department of Local Government Finance and not to exceed the maximum levy which may create a loss in revenue. Mr Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.** Copies of this meeting's minutes, after they are approved, will be sent to each of the above named taxing units for their records, as required by IC 6-1.1-17-3.6.

After reviewing the list of various departments' request to transfer monies within their budgets, Mr Metz moved to approve the requests. Mr Westhafer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is September 18th, 2018, at 9:00 am. The public hearing for the proposed 2019 budgets will be held during that meeting.

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