

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday February 18th, 2025

Present: Danny Peters, Bill Metz, Rick Nobbe, Ashley Hungate, Deanna Burkart, Ernie Gauck and Kenny Hooten

President Peters opened the Council's February 18th, 2025 meeting; he then asked Auditor Christy Smiley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Bill Metz made a motion to approve the minutes Deanna Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6-0.

Additional: The grant for the Animal Shelter "Best Friends" for appropriation. Rick Nobbe made a motion to approve, Deanna Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6-0.

Transfer: 4-D out of series transfer. Kenny Hooten made a motion to approve, Ernie Gauck seconded the motion. Motion Passes, 6-0.

Encumbrances: Christy Smiley explained what the encumbrance was. Grand total is \$858,219.27. Rick Nobe made a motion to approve, Ashley Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6-0.

Payroll Encumbrances: Bill Metz questioned why we had payroll encumbrances. Christy Smiley explained that the last two weeks in December of 2024 did not get paid until January of 2025, it was for the work done in December, the total for that is \$155,061.38. Kenny Hooten makes a motion to approve, Bill Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6-0.

Centerstone: The funds sit in the commissioner's budget. Currently, out of compliance, it will not be paid until the issue is resolved. The total is \$754,000.00 this balance is over the span of 3 years. Rick Nobbe wants to make sure council and commissioners work together, and both agree when to pay.

Sheriff Meyerrose spoke about the annual jail inspection which was done on January 9th. Inspection was passed with flying colors, no issue with the inspection.

Superintendent of the Highway Department Todd Houk received a call from Selking on a single axel truck that Shelby County had ordered for the city they did not need it, they reached out to the county they also did not need so they reached out to our Highway Department to see if we needed it. commissioners did approve the purchase of the truck. Not asking for any additional from council. Plan on turning this truck into a dura patch truck. The highway department has a 1997 truck that they plan to sell at an auction once the new truck is here. The new truck will be painted to match the fleet and fitted with snow equipment.

Bryan Robbins with EDC was in to talk share about the Opportunity Expo that is on February 26th, has between 50-60 different organizations set up to talk to the juniors and seniors. Read 2.0 has a meeting scheduled at the fairgrounds to get a scope of that project. Looking for the board's approval in a partnership for housing study to look at a county wide housing plan.

Commissioner Gabe Nobbe spoke about lawn care needs and whether certain departments should handle their own. There is a budget of \$14,000.00 for lawn care. Gabe Nobbe feels that the budget will cover all lawn care needs.

The next Council meeting will be March 18th at 9:00 am at the Courthouse, Room 106.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Kenny Hooten made a motion to adjourn, and Ernie Gauck seconded the motion. Council's regular meeting is adjourned.

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____