

## **Decatur County Council Meeting**

Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Room 106

**Present:** Danny Peters, Larry Meyer, Judge John Westhafer and Kenny Hooten.

**Vice President Danny Peters** called the meeting to order. Mark Mohr led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Council members reviewed the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr Hooten moved to approve the minutes and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

**Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr** told Council members he had gotten the Commissioners' approval to purchase two new dump trucks. He asked Council for a 'gentlemen's agreement' to allow him to transfer monies within the highway budget and for additional monies not obligated yet this year to purchase two dump trucks for an approximate cost of \$400,000.00. Mr Mohr opted to receive bids through **National Joint Power Alliance** for a **Kenworth, Mac and International cab and chassis**. The Commissioners accepted the bid for the **International** dump truck. Mr Westhafer move to approve Mr Mohr's request on funds to purchase the two **International** dump trucks. Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

**Board of Health Office Manager Carol Beck** presented information on the **2018 Local Health Maintenance Fund and Indiana Local Health Department Trust** grants- State has approved both for our local **Board of Health**. The **Board of Health** is looking to use some these grant monies to hire a "public health assistant" to work about twenty hours per week. The wages plus the FICA will be paid with grant monies- no monies from the **Health Department's** regular budget will be used for this assistant. Mr Peters asked Ms Beck to keep the Council members updated when fees are increased or other changes are made.

Mr Hooten made a motion to approve the various departments' requests to transfer monies within their budgets. Mr Westhafer seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

**Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger** presented the **Prosecutor's Amended 144** requesting \$40,000 in supplemental salary for **Deputy Prosecutor Wendy Whitehead** to be paid from the **Prosecutor Incentive Fund**. Ms Whitehead currently receives \$23,160 from the **County Child Support Budget**; \$16,840 from **Prosecutor Incentive**; \$8,000 from **Marijuana Eradication Program** and \$8,500 from the **County Prosecutor's Budget** which gives her a salary of \$56,500. Mr Meyer moved to approve the **Amended 144** for Ms Whitehead. Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

**County Treasurer Brenda Dwenger** told Council members her office is now accepting tax payments via credit and debit cards. Convenience fees are 2.5% of amount charge on a credit card and a flat fee of \$3.95 for "Visa debit cards". Over \$46,000 has been collected due to "courtesy letters" being mailed to delinquent tax payers. Any taxpayer requesting a "payment plan" for their property taxes will be required to enter into a legal agreement which will be recorded as a legal document: should that taxpayer fail to comply with the payment agreement, they will immediately be placed on the County's Annual Tax Sale. She has chosen a financial advisor from **First Financial Bank** to help her with investments of County funds. Ms Dwenger hopes to mail the 2017 pay 2018 tax statements out on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Council's next meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 9:00 am.

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

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