

## Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, Room 106

**Present:** Danny Peters, Bill Metz, Larry Meyer and Deanna Burkart

The February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting of the Decatur County Council was called to order by President Peters. County Treasurer Diane Wenning led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mr Metz moved to approve the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passes, 4 – 0.

**Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert** asked Council members to approve his request, from last month's meeting, to increase the hourly rate for part-time **Marketing Director Erika Gunn**. **Tourism** is the only entity recruiting to Decatur County according to Mr Deiwert. Currently the part-time hourly rate is \$13.25; the **Tourism Board** approved asking Council to pay Ms Gunn \$20 per hour. Mrs Burkart suggested maybe 'stair stepping' the rate by beginning with \$18 an hour this year and \$20 an hour in 2022. Mr Deiwert said that would be fair as Ms Gunn averages about 19 hours a week. After some discussion, Mrs Burkart moved to approve the rate of \$17 an hour, retroactive to January 1, 2021. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 4 – 0. An intern from **IUPUI** is working to assess how much the position of an activities director is worth; what responsibilities they would be given.

**Mark Koors, President of the Board of Commissioners**, told Council members they should reach a deal soon with a property owner to purchase 43 acres next to the Airport, to relocate the **County Highway Department**. The **Power of the Past** would like to buy whatever part of that 43 acres the Highway Department doesn't need.

**County Recorder Dottie Robbins** asked Council if the part-time hourly increase is only for the **Tourism** and doesn't include the rest of the County's part-time employees. Mr Peters confirmed the increase is only for **Tourism's** marketing director.

**Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** outlined how **Schneider's GeoPermit** system would improve the work flow in her office. Applications would be submitted online as well as uploading plans and project documents; ability to view the status of inspections, plan reviews; request onsite inspections; this system allows her to track the process and it gives other offices, such as the Assessor's office, the access to see the status in real time. The County Commissioners have approved the 3-year contract for \$37,000; now Ms Duvall is asking for the \$37,000 in additional funding. Mr Metz moved to approve the \$37,000 additional and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 4 – 0.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> the Sheriff's Office gave a check for \$24,000, out of their **Commissary Fund** to the Auditor's office, for the first of two payments for the new maintenance position for the **Detention Center**, per an agreement with Council members at their December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. **Ashley Wilson, Administrative Assistant** to the Sheriff, told Council the second payment to County General will be made in June. Mrs Burkart moved to approve the \$24,000 additional to the maintenance person line item. Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passes, 4 – 0.

The **4-H Council- \$1,187.50**, the **Decatur County Soccer Club- \$443.18** and the **Greensburg High School- \$555.81**, each have submitted requests for financial assistance/reimbursements from the funds the County received as repayments through the **CARES Act**. Mr Meyer moved to accept the total requested- \$2,186.49 – and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 4 – 0.

Mr Peters signed the grant for the **Stop Arm Violation Enforcement**; Commissioners already had approved/signed it.

Transfers included monies going into the **Non-Reverting Health Insurance Funds** and **2 Community Crossings Grant** closings moving unspent monies back to the **Local Roads and Street** fund. M Meyer moved to approve the transfers and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 4 – 0.

The last 2 additional are in **Cumulative Bridge** for the Bridge 236 project; Mr Metz moved to approve and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 4 – 0.

The Council's next meeting will be at 9:00 am on March 16<sup>th</sup>, in Room 106.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Metz moved to adjourn and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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Danny Peters, President

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