

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 18th, 2023, Room 106

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

The July 18th Council meeting was opened by President Peters who welcomed everyone and asked Russell Wilson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mr Hooten moved to approve the June 20th meeting minutes and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Catch-A-Ride Director Michelle Guidance presented her funding request of \$10,000 in 2024 to help meet their 100% match.

Greensburg Adult Center Director Monty Shields requested \$8,250 in funding in 2024.

Tim Hausman requested \$7,500 for 2024 funding for the **Youth to Yellowstone program**. Two groups of 8 local students along with 5 adults traveled to Yellowstone this summer. This program focuses on travel-challenged youth which costs \$1,800 - \$3,000 per student.

County Extension Director/Educator Chris Fogle and Educator Nora Bruns presented their request for 4-H Council Funding of \$15,000 to help with costs for livestock judging and trips to camp.

Council will look at these requests during their 2024 budget workshop on August 15th. Council uses the County's share of the Riverboat Gaming monies from the State to support not-for-profit funding requests.

Chief Adult Probation Officer Matt Hoeing, speaking on behalf of Judge Day, told Council a Juvenile Probation Officer has resigned, the job was posted and due to the low salary of \$51,000 there hasn't been any applicants. Mr Hoeing requested a salary increase of \$11,000 for a new hire- Juvenile Probation Officer- setting the salary at \$62,000. The 2023 budget included salaries for 2 juvenile probation officers which the second one has not been hired. Probation salaries are supported by fees collected by the Probation Department, so this is sustainable. Council gave their ok.

County Sheriff Bill Meyerrose presented Council members with his semi-annual Commissary Report.

Mr Metz made a motion to approve three departments' requests to transfer monies and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Hooten made a motion to approve the **Sheriff's** request for additional monies of **\$5,000** in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. The \$5,000 is from the sale of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe which the Sheriff plans to use for the next vehicle purchase.

Mrs Hungate moved to approve the additional monies of \$9,484.53 to the County General Fund and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. The Commissary Fund is reimbursing County General for part-time salaries of \$8,647.75 and \$836.78 in FICA.

Mr Metz made a motion to approve the additional monies of \$7,000 in the County General Fund for the Auditor's office. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. The \$7,000 will be divided between the part time help and the overtime appropriations.

EDC Director Bryan Robbins reported the steering committee will be meeting to review former projects and look for new projects for the READI 2.0 Funds. He asked for the Council's input/preferences for a project list.

The next Council meeting is August 15th, at 9:00 am, in Room 106, in the Courthouse.

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

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____