

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, Room 106

Present: Danny Peters, Bill Metz, Larry Meyer, Melanie Nobbe, Deanna Burkart and Ernie Gauck

The Decatur County Council meeting for July 20, 2021 was called to order by President Peters. **County Employee Teresa Reiger** 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 June 15th meeting minutes and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Minutes are approved.

Susan Lamborn, Thrive Alliance requested \$15,000 in funding from the Council for 2022 budget to help with their aging and community service. They service 5 Counties and have meal sites for age 60 and over. They also provide care management, care giver services and dementia care.

Lisa Hermesch, Champions of Youth requested \$6,000 in funding for 2022 budget to help cover their rent. They serve around 2,400 kids in the community. During COVID, they were able to match 20 more families with mentors.

Monty Shiels, Adult Center requested \$5,000 or what is available. They are hoping to fund an exercise room.

IT Director Josh Tressler discussed the cyber security and email system as part of the ARP funding. This will allow cyber security training along with equipment to expand backup and storage. Mrs Burkart asked what charges would be recurring from year to year. Mr Tressler stated the email security and back up compliance software would have yearly maintenance fees. The quote for the County's portion is around \$208,000.

Kelly Wampler, New Directions Interim Director requested 10,000 for 2022 budget to cover fixed expenses and community outreach. They do receive a grant but that just covers a portion of salaries. Mr Hooten asked how do they cover expenses. Ms Wampler stated they are 100% self-funded for their fixed costs of roughly \$2,600 per month and do many fundraisers.

Melissa Foist, Bread of Life requested \$15,000 as their first time coming to the County Council. They served 26,830 hot meals in 2020 along with sending 1,829 blessing boxes home that include recipe and ingredients for meals. Ms Foist stated they are moving into a new building in the Fall that will triple their kitchen size and have a bigger seating capacity along with a community space. Their goal is to work toward teaching classes to help improve skills of those in the community. Mr Gauck would like to see delivery set up for the surrounding townships. Ms Foist said they would like to set up satellite spots in those areas to reach more of the community.

Council will take into consideration all of the requests at their budget meeting in August.

County Sheriff Dave Durant presented a request for an additional from Cumulative Capital Development Fund for a new Sheriff vehicle. Commissioners have already approved but Council needs to approve the funding. Mr Gauck moved to approved the \$30,000 out of Cum Cap for the purchase of a patrol car, Ms Nobbe seconded and Mr Peters concurred.

Mr Hooten moved to approve a request for an additional paid out of Prosecutors Diversion/Deferral Fund in order to have Zoom interviews at the Sheriff's Department. This will cut down on the cost of transporting inmates from the Detention Center to the Courthouse. The equipment will be split 50/50 by the Prosecutor and Sheriff which will pay from the Special Purpose Fund. Mr Metz seconded and Mr Peters concurred.

Transfers for this meeting include monies going into the Non-Reverting Health Insurance Fund and other movement of money between same series accounts. Mr Meyer moved to accept the transfers, Mr Metz seconded and Mr Peters concurred.

RDC appointee Jim Saler requested to be removed from the board at the end of the year or when a replacement is available. Mr Peters has contacted someone to fill his spot but has not received an answer yet.

Decatur County has received their portion of the **ARP Grant** and has allocated \$1 million at this time: 911 radio system - \$200,000; Non for Profits - \$150,000; Small Businesses \$200,000; Volunteer Fire Departments - \$200,000; Cyber Security - \$200,000 and Magistrate Judge - \$50,000. The remainder will be invested for now until other projects are agreed upon. Mrs Burkart stated the projects have to tie into COVID and thorough documentation is needed during the grant process. Mr Peters thanked the committee for putting this plan together. Mr Metz made a motion to accept the ARP Fund application, Mr Meyer seconded and Mr Peters concurred.

Mrs Burkart moved to appoint Mary Lou Gauck to the **Community Foundation Board**, Ms Nobbe seconded and Mr Peters concurred.

Ordinance 2021-12 Resolution establishing a policy that allows the County Council to participate through electronic communications. There are stipulations where a portion of the board need to be present in order to have members participate by phone, zoom, or other electronic means. Mr Hooten made the motion to approve, Mrs Burkart seconded and Mr Peters concurred.

Mr Gauck mentioned he is attending the AIC State Convention on September 20th – 23rd and asked if anyone else would be interested.

The Council's next meeting will be at 9:00 am on August 17th, in Room 106.

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

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____