

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, Room 106

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

President Peters called the July 26th Decatur County Council meeting to order. Commissioner Mark Koors led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The June 28th meeting minutes were corrected to include Danny Peters for touring the **Delta plant** for compliance with the Resolution 2018-14. Mrs Burkart moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Greensburg-Decatur County Adult Center Director Monty Shields presented his written request for \$11,000 from the Council for 2023. The current \$11,000 expenses are his full pay as the **City of Greensburg** takes care of the major costs for the Adult Center. Council will consider Mr Shields' request during their August 16th budget session.

County Extension Director Christopher Fogle, speaking on behalf of the **County Extension Board and the 4-H Council**, he presented his written request \$15,000 for their 2023 budget. Mr Fogle wasn't sure if miscommunication or what happened in 2021 for 2022 as the 4-H Council shared their proposed 2022 Budget, but the Auditor's office did not receive any written request. This request will be reviewed during the Council's 2023 budget workshop.

New Directions Executive Director Kelly Wampler is also requesting monies- \$10,000- for her 2023 budget. New Directions' client numbers are up as are costs for housing and utilities. Ms Wampler did email this request to the Auditor's office to include in the Council's budget books.

Tim Hausman and Russell Wilson, representing Youth to Yellowstone, are also requesting monies- \$7,500- for their 2023 budget, hoping to increase their scholarships to 16. Mr Hausman shared brochures detailing the unique experiences these scholarships offer to students and the impact these trips have had on our youth. The request letter also thanked the Council for their support in this program.

Rob Bachmeyer, CEO of Centerstone of Indiana and Tammy Scott, Director of Centerstone's Adult Services discussed why county funds are required to pay the local match for Medicaid and charity care. Mr Bachmeyer said according to Indiana Code the **Department of Local Government Finance** establishes the growth quotient/rate using a new equation that is very lengthy, but takes the Mental Health Centers out of the equation of setting their own rates. Commissioner Mark Koors asked if Centerstone is the only mental health center in Decatur County. Mr Bachmeyer said each county is assigned an entity/provider and the **Department of Mental Health** is also involved. Council is asking for transparency- reports detailing how and where our tax dollars are being spent. Ms Scott said Centerstone works a lot with the **Department of Child Services** and they try to only provide services to Decatur County residents.

Animal Control Director Minde Myers explained the Amended 144- Statement of Salaries- as she is requesting to increase the pay to bring her part-time Kennel Tech to a full-time position at \$16.00 an hour. Mr Metz moved to approve the Kennel Techs pay at \$16.00 an hour and allow the part-time tech to be full-time. Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Sue Lamborn, Outreach and Public Relations Manager for Thrive Alliance, asked Council to continue their financial support in 2023. The written request for \$15,000 detailed what the State won't pay for such as Music to Memory Services, pets for dementia patients and hot meals for some. Council will include this request at their August 16th budget workshop.

Mrs Nobbe moved to approve the health insurance transfers and transfers requested by the Health Department. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mrs Hungate moved to recommend to the Decatur County Taxing Units they review and use the DLGF's estimated property tax cap losses and maximum levies in preparing their 2023 budgets. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Peters recognized Commissioner Mark Koors for doing 'one heck of a job' putting the Fair on. He organized a Fair Committee and deserves a huge thank you! Mr Peters announced he's asking for volunteers to help man the Headquarters Building for the 2023 Fair and looks to Council members to volunteer.

The next regular Council meetings are August 16th at 9:00 am.

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

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____