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Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, Room 106

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

The Decatur County Council meeting for June 15, 2021 was called to order by President Peters. **County 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)

Mr Gauck moved to approve the May 18th meeting minutes and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Minutes are approved.

Kelly Bridges from the Children’s Advocacy Center told Council members their new Greensburg office opened last October. In 2020 CAC served 38 children and 40 have been served so far in 2021; so local is good. The CAC has added a ‘virtual medical’ program with **Cincinnati Children’s Hospital** for families to ask/obtain information to help decide what next steps may be needed. The CAC is hoping to add mental health component called *The Bridge* offered by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, which 6 virtual visits would be available to families/children. Sheriff Dave Durant said the work the CAC is doing is very important to his Deputies who are called out on cases involving a child/children. Ms Bridges is requesting \$10,000 from the Council for 2022; this is the same amount awarded by the Council for 2021. Council will include this request in their 2022 budget workshop in August.

County Sheriff Dave Durant presented his **2021 Bi-Annual Commissary Fund Report** to Council, as required by State Statute. Sheriff Durant has increased the revenues/income 5-fold which provides savings for the County General Fund- taxpayer dollars. There is currently \$122,000 in the Commissary Fund. A few items purchased with Commissary funds: salary for new maintenance position, mowers, 2 vehicles, money counter for cash bond payments, \$5,000 for vehicle equipment, \$18,000 for **Spillman** software, \$15,000 for **Guardian RFID scanner** for wristbands for dispensing medicines, \$3,000 for maintenance for body scanner and stipends for COVID.

Erin Thomas, Executive Director of Lifetime Resources (Catch A Ride) requested \$10,000 in funding from the Council for 2022. 2020 was a really tough year as COVID restricted trips, the number of riders due to social distancing and the costs of PPE. Lifetime Resources did receive some **CARES Act** funding with no required matching funds. Reservations could be made 1 week in advance instead of the 30-day reservations due to driver availability. They are now part of the **Access to Care** as part of **Medicare/Medicaid**; also, are receiving **Title 3B funding** through **Thrive Alliance (Agency on Aging)**. Ms Thomas is hoping to keep fares low, but may have to consider an increase due to lack of funding. Council will include this request at their August budget workshop.

Council members discussed the sight/condition of the Fairgrounds- an embarrassing sight. Mr Metz said in the past the Fair Board would have workdays to clean up the area. Mr Peters will make some phone calls to find out why it’s in such poor condition.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve the request for the \$97 and \$68 additional in the Check Enforcement Fund. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Metz moved to approve the \$2,759.62 additional from Fund 4007 Unrestricted Animal Shelter Donations to the County General Animal Control department. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion carries, 5 – 0.

Mr Peters told Council a letter from **Redevelopment Commission President Don Schilling** stating the **RDC** does not have any excess assessed value for 2021 pay 2022 taxes.

Mr Peters read the list of additional requests for funds from the CARES Act reimbursements: North Decatur Athletic Department- \$10,000; South Decatur Athletic Department- \$10,000; Greensburg Community Schools- \$20,000; Greensburg Community Schools Athletic Department- \$5,000; Decatur County Schools- \$50,000 and Letts Community Fire and Ambulance- \$9,900. Mr Metz moved to approve these requests excluding the Letts Community Fire and Ambulance request for \$9,900. Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve the \$5,127.83 request as an additional to reimburse an appropriation in the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes- 5 – 0.

Mr Gauck moved to approve the \$54,543.52 request an additional to appropriate monies for a new immunization grant fund 8007 for the Board of Health. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion carries, 5 – 0.

Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger shared information from Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr who will be requesting an additional \$80,000 in Cum Bridge due to the bids coming in higher than the estimated costs for Bridge 239- Washington Street and Lincoln Street in Greensburg. This additional will need to be legally advertised before the Council's next meeting.

Mr Gauck moved to approve the Treasurer's and EMA's request to transfer monies within their budgets: Treasurer- transfer \$1,000 from Postage to Office Supplies and \$500 from Postage to Lease of Equipment; EMA- transfer \$200 from Office Supplies to Equipment. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 5 – 0.

Council set their 2022 Budget Schedule: August 16th, 3 pm to 6 pm Departments may sign up to come before the Council to present their 2022 Budget requests; August 17th- 2022 Budget Workshop immediately after Council's regular meeting; September 21st- Public Hearing for 2022 Proposed Budgets, during regular Council meeting and October 19th – official adoption of the 2022 Budgets, during regular Council meeting.

Mrs Burkart, Mr Gauck and Mr Hooten will attend the State called conference for County Councils on June 26th.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins told Council members June 15th is the deadline for small businesses to apply for the **OCRA Grant**. He is working with the I-74 Corridor group to apply for the **READY Grant Project** offered by the State.

The Council's next meeting will be at 9:00 am on July 20th, 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: _____