

## Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022, Room 106

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

President Peters called the June 28<sup>th</sup> Decatur County Council meeting to order. Board of Health President James Howell led 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 May 17<sup>th</sup> minutes and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

**Health Department Director Sean Durbin and Dr Howell** requested changes in pay as position responsibilities have changed: Environmental Health Specialist I- Angie Raisch part time- working part-time replacing Sanitarian Alan Crosby, \$26,000; Environmental Health Specialist II is full-time doing food inspections, \$32,500, she was being paid from a grant and will be transitioned to the Health Fund. The pay for the Public Health Nurse will see the biggest change, going from \$43,370 to \$60,000. Mrs Nobbe said that is the low end for a nurse's salary. Mr Durbin is hoping to hire a nurse by August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. These changes are for the remainder of 2022 and their budget can support the requests. Mr Metz moved to allow these changes and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

**Amanda Lear, Child Team with Centerstone of Indiana**, shared reports for the last 4 years on services provided to the schools, Department of Child Services, kids and families, therapy crisis services to hospitals, life skills, case management and tele-a- health. Mr Peters said he has been on the Council for 12 years and has never seen a report and he would like to know what the \$113,377.50 charged by Centerstone to the County for the first 6 months of 2022 is being used for. **Adult Manage Courtney Von Bissel**, has just started in Greensburg after serving 11 years at Richmond, said 980 adult residents of Decatur County were served in 2021 for addictions and/or mental health. Centerstone is a community-based services, serving a lot of under-insured people in our area. Currently there is a staff shortage at the Greensburg office. Mrs Burkart asked if Decatur County is being credited for the lack of staff and Ms Von Bissel said Decatur County is being charged on a per client basis; she would like to see more out-reach to folks as a result of the COVID pandemic.

**Erin Thomas and Michelle Guidace of Catch-A-Ride** told Council members they haven't seen their rider numbers recover from 2020 COVID. They are working to convince folks to get back out for social interaction. Drivers are needed and they would appreciate any referrals. They are requesting \$10,000 from the Council for 2023.

**Animal Control Director Minde Myers** told Council her budget for utilities and adoption charges are already depleted, so she is requesting \$6,700 for utilities and \$15,000 for adoption charges. Mr Hooten moved to approve the \$21,700 additional monies for the Animal Control. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

**Sheriff Dave Durant** is requesting to transfer \$19,800 from the Longevity budget line to create an Overtime budget line in the County General Jail budget. Mrs Burkart moved to approve an additional of \$19,100 to use toward the purchase of a transport van using the \$19,100 receipted into Cumulative Capital Development Fund from the sale of a vehicle. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Sheriff Durant has requested \$150,000, in Public Safety, for fuel as gas prices have increased since the 2022 budgets were adopted. He asked if it would be ok to submit fuel invoices to the Commissioners to pay instead of approving the big amount. Mr Peters suggested using \$60,000 of the Supplemental LIT Public Safety for f monies received in May and see what fuel prices do. Sheriff Durant said he could use

excess Commissary Funds for the end of the year. Mr Hooten questioned items charged to the gas and oil account; the \$60,000 is to only be used for gas and oil. Sheriff Durant agreed not to 'move the \$60,000 to other appropriations. Mrs Hungate moved to approve the supplemental \$60,000 in LIT Public Safety for fuel for the Sheriff's Department. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

The Highway Department is requesting a \$600,000 of Highway Funds to purchase needed equipment and \$200,000 in Cumulative Bridge Fund for discounted pipe for culvert and railroad repair and replacement. Both funds have available cash. Mr Metz moved to approve both the \$600,000 and \$200,000 requests and Mrs Hungate seconded both amounts requested. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the salary increase for Drug Free Director Jamie Bridges for 2022 and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mrs Hungate moved to approve the \$25,000 in additional monies in the American Recovery Plan Act for the contract with Baker and Tilly Municipal Advisors. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve the additional of \$1,054.69 requested by the Treasurer for the COVID stipend paid in 2022. Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Metz moved to approve the Health Department's Amended 144 for the \$17.86 salary change. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the transfers as presented and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Transfer requests included 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Health insurances, IT, 911 and Area Plan's part-time help.

Mr Metz moved to approve **Delta's CF-1** abatement for personal property and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Mr Metz and Mr Gauck toured Delta to inspect the equipment listed on the abatement report.

Mrs Burkart gave the **Payroll/Salary Committee's Presentation**: the committee selected 17 other comparable counties in population and parcel count; used data from Gateway- 2021 is the current data ; met with elected officials and employees; visited offices in other counties. The Committee agreed to use the average of all counties and the median for the number of employees and pay in offices/departments. Mrs Hungate stated Indiana Code 36-4-7-2 protects elected officials as their pay cannot 'go backwards' year to year. The Committee met with the Assessor, Clerk of the Courts and Auditor to discuss leveling out expenses. The Committee began in February and required more time than estimated, so the Committee will continue for a couple more years. They plan to look at employees' salaries and benefits next year.

Prosecutor's Child Support Administrator Shelley Warfield thanked the Auditor's office for all they do to help everyone- each office with budgets, payroll, health insurance, benefits and more.

**The next regular Council meetings are July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.**

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

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Danny Peters, President

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