

## Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, Room 106

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

President Peters called the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of the Decatur County Council to order. County Extension Director Jeff Hermes 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 February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

**Beth AmRhein, acting President of the Decatur County 4-H Council** told Council members the 4-H Council is assuming more responsibilities and costs associated with the County Fair. The 4-H Council may be requesting additional monies for the 2021 Fair. County Council budgets \$10,000 for the 4-H Council to put toward purchasing awards/ribbons for the 4-H'ers projects during the Fair. Mr Peters and Mr Metz met with 4-H Council members last year and requested a Treasurer's report before County Council adopted the 2021 Budgets; they never received that report. Mrs AmRhein asked if the 4-H Council should look in to applying for grants and Council said it would be the responsible thing to do. Mrs AmRhein did say the 4-H Council does have monies carried over into 2021 from grants from Tourism and the Foundation, but there were several kids who didn't attend trips because of the COVID restrictions, so that money was carried over. Council will try to help as much as possible.

Four departments requested additional monies: **EMA** is requesting \$4,839 to pay for storage of PPE; they were originally requesting \$14,839, but the Health Department can fund \$10,000 so a balance \$4,839 is needed. After some discussion, Mr Hooten move to table the request for the \$4,839 and ask EMA Director Brad Speer to the next Council meeting. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

**County Sheriff Dave Durant** is asking for the \$69.40 refund for office supplies be 'put back in' the supply appropriation. Mr Metz moved to grant the request and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Sheriff Durant told Council his new maintenance person, Greg Lentz, is a much-needed blessing. Mr Lentz does daily walk throughs the Detention Center as well as preventative maintenance. The daily average jail population is running around 120-130 which Sheriff Durant said maybe due to the new bond matrix. He is looking at housing Federal prisoners if that average stays consistent, which would bring another source of revenue.

The third additional is in **Cumulative Bridge** for \$1,624.04 which an 80% match received from **INDOT**. Mr Meyer moved to approve and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

The fourth additional request is by the Health Department and includes 2 amounts: \$54,839.20 for a second nurse and \$25,000 to pay comp time due to the pandemic. Mr Gauck moved to approve both amounts and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve a transfer \$26,077.13 from the Public Health Preparation fund to the Health fund. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Some claims were paid out of the Health fund and should have been paid out of the Public Health Prep fund.

Sheriff Durant told Council, in August to give in December, he plans to ask for a 1-time \$500 hazard pay stipend for his employees. He would like to pay the \$25,000 - \$26,000 out of his Commissary fund if he has adequate funds. He also plans to purchase 4 – 5 vehicles out of Commissary in 2021.

**The Council's next meeting will be at 9:00 am on April 20th, in Room 106.**

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

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Danny Peters, President

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