

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Room 106

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

The May 17th Decatur County Council meeting was called to order by President Peters. County Recorder Dottie Robbins 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 April 19th minutes and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Linda Westrup and Rosie Stier, Community Healthcare Clinic, told Council members due to the Clinic having to move last year, costs to renovate the office space next to **Rural King** and increases in utilities are reasons they are requesting \$22,500 in financial assistance for 2023. They have applied for monies from the **United Fund**. Mrs Nobbe asked if they plan to increase the fees charged by the Clinic. Mr Peters told them the Council will see what **Riverboat Gaming** monies come in from the State since Council uses those funds each year to assist non-profits.

Kelli Jette, Executive Director for the Children’s Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, is requesting \$10,000 for 2023 to use in providing services to Decatur County residents. The CAC staff works with the **Department of Children’s Services, Law Enforcement and Prosecutors** and they do not charge for their services. The CAC has served 302 Decatur County residents since October 2020 when they opened their Greensburg Office. Goals for 2022 are to provide medical, mental health services and prevention programs for grades K – 12.

Sheriff Dave Durant told Council members he had put in a request for **American Recovery Plan** monies for fuel-gas as he’s running out of budgeted monies in the Council’s Public Safety Fund. Increases in gas prices and more out-of-county transporting inmates for Court dates are ‘taking the budget down’. The Sheriff’s request for cameras in the jail cells will be resent to Council members by Administrative Supervisor Ashley Wilson.

Mr Metz moved to approve the 3 requests for transfers and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Transfers included moving remaining CARES Act monies to Cumulative Capital Development, Community Corrections Grants and IV-D Child Support.

Requests for Additional monies include: ARPA Addendum 5--\$12,000 for READI Match, \$115,000 for Fairground Study. Mr Gauck moved to approve the Addendum 5 and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Also, a \$5,764.05 additional to correct the Community Corrections’ odd and even year’s grants. Mrs Burkart made a motion to approve this additional and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to reappoint Bill Rethlake to another 4-year term on the **Greensburg Public Library Board**. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to appoint Ryan Kennelly to complete Eric Whitaker’s term on the **Area Plan Commission**. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

An **Abatement Committee** was formed to create polices for any future abatements, applications for abatements: Mr Peters, Mr Metz, Mr Hooten, Mark Koors and the Auditor’s office.

Council discussed the contract with **Purdue Extension** for 3 agents since currently there is only 1 agent serving Decatur County. **Purdue** has already stated there will be a 5% increase = \$6,000 in the contract for 2023- the County is paying \$113,000 in 2022.

Council members are receiving calls from taxpayers regarding their property taxes for 2022 and their assessments on the Form 11's for next year's taxes.

Council agreed Mr Gauck and Mr Metz should visit **Delta Faucet** before approving the **CF-1** for an abatement on Delta's personal property for their shower/bath line.

The next two regular Council meetings are June 28th at 9:00 am and July 26th at 9:00 am due to busy schedules.

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

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____