

## Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, Room 106

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

President Peters called the May 19, 2020 meeting of the Decatur County Council to order. He asked Deanna Burkart to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr Metz moved to approve the meeting minutes for the April 21<sup>st</sup> teleconference and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

**Community Healthcare Clinic Director Rosie Stier and Board Member Linda Westrup** shared information on the services available at the CHC for those without insurance. Medical and dental services are offered at a charge of \$5 for medical and \$10 for dental. One requirement is patients must fall within 150% of the poverty level and is not on Medicaid since it is considered insurance. CHC has a paid part time staff of three nurse practitioners, an RN who serves as clinic director, a secretary, a treasurer and a janitor. Volunteers include physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, nurses and members of the community. Mrs Stier asked Council for the same amount of monies for their 2021 budgets as the Council appropriated for 2020: \$10,000 for operating costs and salaries and \$5,100 toward rent of the clinic office. Mrs Stier has not approached the City Council to request monies for the CHC. Council will consider this request at their August budget meeting.

**Public Safety IT Director Josh Tressler** presented information on a proposed 'three-year plan' to migrate and upgrade the core of both the County's and City's public systems. He has asked Greensburg Police Chief Brendan Bridges, Greensburg Fire Chief Norman Stoemer, Sheriff Dave Durant, Jail Commander Dana Parker and Communications Director Erika Free to budget each year for upgrades so no additional monies will be needed. Mr Tressler proposes a three-year lease with **Dell** for a total of \$186,000; of which the County would pay fifty-percent. Mr Tressler asked Council members to leave these monies in the departments' budgets each year. The disaster recovery quote includes a third building site for data backup.

**Animal Shelter Manager Ashley Hennen** was not present to discuss her request for \$15,000 additional monies; nor was **Lisa Hermes** to discuss her request for monies for 2020.

Deputy Auditor Reiger and Auditor Chadwell explained monies being transferred from County General to five grants- which have carried a negative balance for five or more years- is part of the County's corrective action plan submitted to the State Board of Accounts for 'repeat findings' stating no funds may carry a negative balance as of December 31 of any given year. Mr Hooten moved to approve the transfers as presented and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Council members discussed dates for the 2021 Budget process. They decided to hold a meeting, beginning at 4:00 pm on August 17<sup>th</sup>, to offer 'time slots' for any office holders/department heads wishing to present their budget requests in person and answer any questions the Council might have. This will give the Council more information when they begin reviewing all of the 2021 budget requests. Council will hold their regular August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at 9:00 am and begin their budget meeting immediately following their regular meeting. The Public Hearing for the 2021 Budgets will be held during Council's regular September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting; Final 2021 Budget Adoption will be at the Council's regular October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

The Council's next regular meeting is June 16, 2020 at 9:00 am.

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Danny Peters, President

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