

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Room 106

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

President Peters opened the Decatur County Council's November 15th meeting; he asked EDC Director Bryan Robbins to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(Meeting minutes and agendas are emailed to Council members the Friday before their Tuesday meeting)

Mr Metz made the motion and Mrs Hungate seconded to approve the October 18th meeting minutes. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins told Council members there needs to be a progression of the **READI (Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative)** into a separate body dedicated to focus on projects in the region- growth. The **READI** group is not a formal organization to administer funds. Decatur, Rush and Shelby Counties, along with the Cities of Greensburg, Rushville, Shelbyville and Batesville, formed the **Accelerate Rural Indiana READI region** and completed the regional plan which was awarded \$20 million of **READI** funds. He proposes forming a **Regional Development Authority and a Board of Directors** as authorized by Indiana Code 36-7.6. County Commissioners and Mayors would make appointments to the Board of Directors to staggered-4-year terms and elected officials may not serve on a RDA Board. The RDA is handled much like a TIF District and may qualify for Federal grants/funding.

Delta Faucet Plant Manager Scott Wessler answered questions the Council had concerning the **State of Benefits-1** requesting a personal property abatement for new equipment to produce tub and shower wall sets, powder coating line, PVD chamber to special finish faucet parts, buffing robots to prepare parts for finishing; manufacturing network to sync resource planning system with production network; R & D line to develop new finishes and container unloading to receive ocean containers of product. Delta will be investing \$17.7 million on the equipment and will be hiring up to 38 more employees over the next year. Mr Hooten moved to approve a **5-year abatement for Delta Faucet's SB-1** and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Gauck moved to approve 6 departments' requests to transfer monies and Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the request for \$30,000 in additional monies in the Special Purpose Jail Budget for the inmate medical and dental. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mrs Nobbe moved to approve the APR Addendum #11 for \$75,000 in additional monies for the development of a county website . Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve \$2000 in additional monies for a salary in the Community Action Coalition. Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the \$122,450 in additional monies for the **Fairgrounds 2022 Budget**. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. That budget wasn't adopted when Council adopted the other 2022 Budgets.

Mr Gauck moved to appoint Mrs Burkart to serve on the **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission** in 2023. Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Council will make appointments/reappointments for the various Boards at their December meeting, after checking with them to see if they would be willing to serve.

The Christmas Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on December 13th in the Courthouse.

The next Council meeting is December 20th, at 9:00 am.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Hooten to adjourn and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Council's regular meeting is adjourned.

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____