

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Room 106

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

The November 19th, 2019 Decatur County Council meeting was called to order by President Gauck who then asked Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

After reviewing the October 22nd meeting minutes, Mr Metz moved to approve the minutes and Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0. Council members then reviewed the minutes for their special called meeting on October 31st. Mr Hooten moved to approve those minutes and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Susan Burkhart told Council members Terrah Nunley had resigned as the Director for Main Street Greensburg and she is now the Interim Director.

Mr Metz moved to approve Court Services request for \$3,488 in additional monies for the PERF appropriation due to an employee resigning and paying out the PTO. Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Mr Peters moved to approve the various departments' requests to transfer monies within their respective budgets. Mr Westhafter seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

The Greensburg Decatur County Library Board sent a letter to Council members stating Board member Brent Brown has moved out of the county and Council needs to appoint someone to fulfill Mr Brown's term which expires May 27, 2022. Upon the Library Board's recommendation, Mr Metz moved to appoint Bill Rethlake to replace Brent Brown and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Council reviewed several board appointments needed to be done for 2020. They will need to appoint a replacement on the Area Plan Commission for Ryan Kennelly as he has moved out of Decatur County; also another appointee on the APC has not regularly attended meetings. Council members agreed to ask Lora Williams to continue as the Legal Counsel in 2020; Mr Hooten agreed to continue on the Solid Waste Management Board; Mr Westhafter will stay on the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission in 2020; Mr Peters will continue on the County Redevelopment Commission in 2020 and Mrs Burkart agreed to stay on the Economic Development Commission for 2020. Council members will contact the remaining board appointees to see if they are willing to continue serving in 2020. Those appointments will be made at the Council's December 17th meeting.

County Commission President Rick Nobbe presented a request from the Health Insurance Committee in hopes of persuading the 44 remaining employees to move from the PPO to the HDHP. The Health Insurance Committee includes County Council members Deanna Burkart and Danny Peters, County Prosecutor Nate Harter, Adult Probation Director Matt Hoeing, Mr Nobbe, Deputy Auditors Christy Smiley and Teresa Reiger and Auditor Janet Chadwell. Committee members would like to offer \$500 to employees who change to the HDHP as an incentive to jumpstart their Health Savings Accounts. Mrs Burkart asked to include the new hires that had to go on the HDHP as is in our Health Insurance Summary Plan. Also, in 2021 all employees would have to go to the HDHP because the PPO would no longer be an option and there would not be any financial incentive offered. Savings of \$36,000 to \$52,000 may be recognized by eliminating the PPO plan. Mr Metz moved to approve paying the \$500 incentive to employees who change from the PPO to the HDHP as well as those new employees who had to go on the HDHP. Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Auditor Chadwell will email the final estimates for computer equipment and furniture to request additional monies in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund since Council removed appropriations

for these in the departments' 2020 budgets. Reuben Cummings agrees this is better than borrowing from a bank.

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

The Council's next regular meeting is December 17th 2019 at 9:00 am.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____