

## Decatur County Council Meeting

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022, Room 106**

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

The October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Decatur County Council was called to order by President Peters; he asked Chief Deputy Chris Hellmich 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 a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

The State requires **County Recorder Dottie Robbins** to have an annual ordinance to use monies in the **Recorder's Perpetuation Fund- 1189**, to hire part-time help who would be working to preserve records. The part-time help paid out of Fund 1189 may not also do daily office work. Currently the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund has \$457,952.89 in it. Mr Hooten moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-9 to allow Mrs Robbins to hire part-time help to preserve the Recorder's records. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

**Animal Control Board President Sue Feaster** asked Council member for clarification why they approved changing the position of the **Animal Control Officer** from full-time to part-time. Mr Peters said the Council have talked to Shelter Manager Mindi Myers and they would like for Ms Myers to try having a part-time ACO for a year to see how it goes. Mrs Feaster asked if this part-time doesn't work, can the position be changed to full-time. Mr Hooten told her Council is always open to discussion.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the requests to transfer funds and Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve the request for \$4,788.73 in additional monies in the Public Safety Budget for the Sheriff's training on active shooter. Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve \$4,000 in additional monies for the Elected Officials Training Fund- 1217. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Metz moved to approve Addendum #9 for \$3,000 in additional monies for the pool study under the **American Recovery Plan Act**. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve Addendum #10 for \$50,000 in additional monies for a Fairgrounds Study under the ARPA. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Context Design has been hired to do this study and plans to involve the community in this study.

Mr Hooten made a motion to set the "per diem rate" for employees attending District and State-called Meetings at \$20 for half a day and \$40 for a full day, effective January 1, 2023. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Peters stated the Solid Waste Board adopted a budget of \$555,419. Mrs Hungate move to adopt Decatur County's Solid Waste Management's 2023 tax rate and budget. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Peters read the dollar amounts the Council has agreed to for the County's budgets for 2023. Mr Hooten moved to adopt the 2023 Budgets as presented and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Casino/Riverboat- \$92,400	County General- \$11,653,019
Reassessment- \$225,300	EDIT- \$831,000
Convention & Visitors- \$371,623	Highway- \$3,174,713
Local Road & Streets- \$1,525,000	Cumulative Bridge- \$1,050,000
Health- \$513,964	Statewide 911- \$422,490
Public Safety- \$759,500	Parks & Recreation- \$712,311
Cumulative Capital Development- \$438,000	

**The total for adopted supported by a tax rate is \$21,769,370**

Adult Probation- \$150,577	
Juvenile Probation- \$4,920	IT Dept- \$412,349
Emergency Planning- \$7,215	Special Purpose Jail Tax- \$3,245,430
Fairgrounds Administration- \$117,800	Clerks Record Perpetuation- \$44,650
Drug Free Community- \$62,410	County Wide 911- \$1,011,920
Vehicle Inspection- \$6,000	Sheriff Tax Warrants- \$66,720
Cops Hiring Program- \$92,550	

**The total for adopted Home Rule budgets not requiring a tax rate is \$5,232,541.**

**Emergency Management Director Brad Speer** told Council members his department has applied for 3 grants: EMP Salary reimbursement for \$30,000; EMP Competitive Grant for a portable sign and the Hazardous Materials and Equipment Planning for \$14,400.

**Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins** told Council the **READI Group** is considering establishing an **Economic Development District** and **READI 2.0** is expected to be launched in the coming year.

Council member Deanna Burkart was elected as Secretary to the Association of Indiana County Council.

Mr Metz moved to approve the proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule and Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. The Council will continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month with the meetings beginning at 9:00 am.

The next Council meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am.

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

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Danny Peters, President

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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