

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, Room 106

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

President Peters called the October 20th, 2020 meeting of the Decatur County Council to order. Public Safety IT Director Josh Tressler lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Having reviewed the September 15th meeting minutes, Mr Meyer moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Mr Metz moved to adopt the **2021 County Budget** as presented and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0, Budget has been adopted. Council signed the budget resolution form.

Mr Hooten moved to adopt the **2021 Decatur County Solid Waste Management Budget** and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0, Solid Waste Budget has been adopted. Council signed the budget resolution form.

Visitors, Recreation and Tourism Director Philip Deiwert is requesting to transfer some monies within his budget (janitorial services and supplies) due to COVID. The **Tourism Board** was notified they will receive \$26,033 grant monies from the **Indiana Arts Council's CARES Act**. Mrs Burkart moved to approve the Tourism Board's receiving grant monies from the IAC. Mr Westhafer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Mr Tressler told Council members he would like to start a laptop replacement program; replacing 7 -8 laptops each year in a 3 – 5-year rotation. He is asking on behalf of the Sheriff for the Road Patrol Deputies and to use \$10,756.83 of **Public Safety** monies to purchase the semi-rugged laptops. Mr Hooten moved to approve the request and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0. Mr Tressler is working to consolidate the internet between the County and the City for redundancy.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve the Sheriff's request for additional monies to put back in his appropriations and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Metz moved to approve the requests to transfer monies (within departments' budgets) and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Meyer moved to approve the **Amended 2020 Salary Ordinance** and Mr Westhafer seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Metz moved to approve the grant, up to \$3,900 is reimbursable, for the **Sheriff's COVID PPE**. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Mr Gauck moved to approve the reimbursable grant, up to \$11,790, for the **Clerk's PPE for the 2020 Elections**. Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

Mr Hooten moved to approve the reimbursable **2021 CHIRP Grant**, \$39,000 for 4 events, from the **Indiana Criminal Justice Institute**. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 6 – 0.

County Commissioner Rick Nobbe would like to start a discussion, in the near future, creating a 'maintenance position'. The County is at a point where outsourcing the HVAC maintenance, mowing and IT support, outside of Public Safety, is probably costing more than adding maintenance position.

County Prosecutor Nate Harter told Council members he and Judges Baily and Day did testify before the **Legislative Judicial Study Committee** on the need for a **Magistrate Court** in Decatur County. The position will be recommended to the **General Assembly** next year.

Linda Westrup, representing the **Community Healthcare Clinic**, told Council she is happy and grateful for the financial support the Council approved for 2021.

Mr Nobbe updated Council members on moving the **Health Department Office** to the **Court Services Building**. The Health Board is working on long-range plans which will take some time, so may move sometime in 2021.

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

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____