

## Decatur County Council Meeting

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022, Room 106**

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

President Peters called the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Decatur County Council to order and IT Network Engineer Josh Tressler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mr Hooten made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 15<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

**Health Department Director Sean Durbin and Health Office Manager Amanda Bates** requested to add Leslie Straight as a full-time employee, retroactive to August 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms Straight will be paid out of a 2-year grant which includes benefits; as long as the grant is there, she will hold that position. Mr Metz moved to approve the request and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

**Purdue Extension Educator Christopher Fogle** introduced **Nora Bruns** who began her duties as the new **4-H Educator** on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms Bruns told Council she has a science background and hopes to partner with schools supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs.

Mr Metz moved to approve the requests to transfer funds as presented and Mrs Hungate seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mrs Hungate moved to approve the request for \$250,000 in additional monies in the ARPA Fund (8950) for the **Westport Area Business Association** and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. These monies will be used for blight removal.

Mrs Hungate moved to approve the request for \$100,000 in additional monies in the ARPA Fund for the **Greensburg/Decatur County Inclusion Park** and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0. Mrs Burkart told Council the State is using 'us' as a model for an inclusion park.

Mrs Burkart made a motion to set the mileage allowance rate at \$.55 per mile, effective January 1, 2023. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion passes, 6 – 0.

Mr Peters opened the floor for the **Public Hearing for the proposed 2023 Budgets**. There were no public comments. Mr Peters closed the Public Hearing.

The next Council meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am and will include the adoption of the 2023 Budgets.

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

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Danny Peters, President

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