

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, Room 106

Present: Danny Peters, Larry Meyer, Melanie Nobbe, Deanna Burkart, Ernie Gauck and Kenny Hooten

The September 28th meeting of the Decatur County Council was called to order by President Peters. Melanie Nobbe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

A correction was made- Mrs to Mr Hooten. Mr Peters does not 'concur' on any motions. Mr Gauck moved to approve the corrected August 17th meeting minutes and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Minutes are approved.

Decatur County Park Board President Sue Fortman and Board Member Bryan Robbins told Council the proposed \$40,000 salary for a new Parks Director is too low. Teresa Kovacich is currently serving as the Interim Parks Director. They also asked why the motor vehicles/transportation budget was reduced to \$100. Mr Peters explained Council decided to use Cumulative Capital Development funds for purchasing a vehicle for the Parks Department. Mr Hooten moved to set a salary range of \$45,000 to \$47,000 for a new Parks Director's salary. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes 5 – 0.

County Sheriff Dave Durant, Administrative Supervisor Ashley Wilson and Administrative Officer Teresa Reiger believed their requested 2022 raises should not be reduced to the \$700 raise other County Employees will receive. They also asked Council to leave their request for longevity pay for the Jailers, included Mrs Wilson and Mrs Reiger, be left in the 2022 budget. Mrs Burkart did meet with the Sheriff and Mrs Wilson before the August 16th budget session. Mr Hooten moved to exempt the county employees' salaries presented in the Sheriff, Jail, Public Safety and Special Purpose Jail budgets from the across-the-board raise given to the other County Employees and return it to the amounts requested. Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mr Peters open the **Public Hearing** for the proposed 2022 Budgets. **Tourism Director Philip Deiwert** told Council he anticipates revenues to increase in 2022 and feels his proposed \$349,325 budget will be fully funded plus more. His Board has agreed to not approve grants for "one day events", hoping to spend more towards promoting the community. County Recorder Dottie Robbins told Council she will pay for the chairs she requested out of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, which has over \$392,000. Mrs Robbins asked Council to increase the salaries for her office closer to the highest paid positions since they are one of the lowest paid offices in the Courthouse. Mr Peters told her the County has to operate within our means. County Treasurer Diane Wenning agrees with Mrs Robbins about the salaries. Council still needs to cut \$410,000 from the proposed 2022 budgets before October 19th when the 2022 Budgets will be adopted.

Two departments have requested additional funds: Adult Probation is requesting an additional \$8,000 to pay for new radios for field reps when they do 'home visits. Four radios cost \$1,900 each. Mr Gauck moved to approve the \$8,000 additional and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. Circuit Court Judge Tim Day has requested \$13,519.49 in additional monies to hire an Assistant Court Reporter for his Court and the Magistrate Court and she will begin October 1st, 2021. Mr Hooten moved to approve the additional of \$13,519.49 and Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Mrs Burkart moved to approve the transfer of \$184,500 from Commissioners' Budget and \$68,000 from Public Safety Budget to the Countywide Communications Budget. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

County Commissioner Mark Koors told Council the Commissioners are considering hiring an Administrative Assistant to help with the Fairgrounds. They don't have an outline of responsibilities/duties yet, but will come to the Council once those are set.

Mrs Burkart, on behalf of the American Recovery Plan Committee, presented the Committee's recommendations for awarding ARPA funds to non-profit groups, Volunteer Fire Departments and small businesses. Tami Wenning and Alex Sefton with the Decatur County Community Foundation assisted the Committee. Mr Gauck thanked the Committee; he then made a motion to approve the Committee's recommendations. Mrs Nobbe seconded the motion. Motion passes, 5 – 0. (see below)

Mr Meyer moved to approve the July 25, 2021 Revised Salary Ordinance and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Tourism's part-time hourly rate is \$17.00, not \$13.25. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Council asked Mrs Fortman of the Parks Board to submit an Amended 144 for the salary for an Interim Parks Director and to what date it should be made retroactive.

The Council's next meeting will be at 9:00 am on October 19th, in Room 106.

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

 Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____
 Date: _____

Organization	Amount Awarded
Advocates for Children	\$ 15,672.00
Champions of Youth	\$ 29,225.00
Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana	\$ 8,500.00
Community Healthcare Clinic of Decatur County	\$ 16,000.00
Crackaway Daze 2 Festival , inc.	\$ -
Decatur County Arts Connection	\$ 14,730.00
Decatur County Council on Aging and Aged, Inc. d/b/a/ Greensburg Adult Center	\$ -
Decatur County United Fund	\$ -
First Baptist Church	\$ -
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana	\$ -
Girls Inc. of Shelbyville/Shelby County	\$ -
Greensburg Community Bread of Life, Inc.	\$ 36,870.61

Greensburg Meals on Wheels	\$ 5,000.00
Greensburg/Decatur County Chamber of Commerce	\$ 17,000.00
Hospital Foundation of Decatur County	\$ -
Kiwanis Club Of Westport	\$ 7,627.97
LifeTime Resources	\$ 11,200.00
Main Street Greensburg	\$ -
New Directions	\$ 20,000.00
New Point Kiwanis Club, Inc.	\$ 4,245.47
Springhill Presbyterian Church	\$ 6,974.00
The Ark Of Decatur County Inc	\$ 8,000.00
Youth to Yellowstone	\$ 8,200.00

Organization	Amount Awarded
Adams Township Volunteer Fire Department	\$ -
Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 42,817.97
Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc	\$ 82,900.00
Marion Township Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 31,618.35
New Point Community Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 12,715.76
Westport Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	\$ 30,000.00

Organization	Amount Awarded
Bigger Than Texas Salon and Boutique	\$ -
Circle Printing LLC	\$ 14,419.00
Denim and Honey	\$ 21,653.06
GREENSBURG TOOL & SUPPLY	\$ 25,000.00
Guns & Tackle Inc.	\$ 15,000.00
Hooten Renovation, LLC	\$ 6,000.00
Kochs Carry-Out and Catering	\$ 20,000.00
Maddux Moving, Storage & Auction	\$ 9,000.00
Painting The Town	\$ -
The Beach Tiki Bar & Grill	\$ 10,000.00