

July 2, 2024: Chairman Brad Marcuson opened the regular meeting of the Decatur County Commission at 9:00 am with the flag salute on the second floor of the Courthouse with member Karen Larson. Also present was County Clerk Nora Urban, County Attorney Steve Hirsch and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson. Commissioner Stan McEvoy was out today.

9:00 Ernie Sheets, Road & Bridge came to update with the commissioners and first asked the commissioners if the youth group that was previously here doing clean up was dumping for free. Commissioner Karen Larson said yes it was to be allowed for free. He then said that he received a letter from KDHE regarding the testing by Milco for the landfill wells. Our plan was approved however he did not have a price yet. Next, he said that he had gotten prior approval from Commissioner Brad Marcuson for repairs to a trac loader that lost a bearing and did a lot of damage. The repairs will be approximately \$15,000; however, road and bridge will be doing the labor. The new help is working out well. They are staying busy mowing when and where they can. Harlan Township called asking about them doing their roads however he said they could not as they are shorthanded. Their next project is by Simpsons however they are waiting on harvest and have a few guys taking vacation right now. Karen moved to ratify the trac loader repairs. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Karen moved to approve the 6/25/24 minutes with no corrections or additions. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed correspondence and signed prepaids.

Nora had paperwork for the health dept to work with college. Attorney Steve Hirsch reviewed it. Brad moved to allow signing of the contract. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

Next, she had the tax filing form 720 as prepared by CPM. Steve reviewed this also. Brad moved to allow Nora to submit the filing. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. She then said that Bankers Security has bought out Filesafe who does our panic buttons. The new contract is for the same price of \$1670 for the next year. Steve reviewed the contract. Karen moved to approve the contract. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Nora then said that there was a change to KPERS for the working after retirement changing the limit from \$25,000 to \$40,000 before the employer 30% kicks in. Last, she asked the commissioners about the changes to the sick bank policy as previously discussed so Steve could make the changes they wanted.

9:35 Alan Hale, Appraiser dropped in to visit the commissioners, no action.

Nora then asked the commissioners about the requirements for the state and locally for septic systems explaining she received a call from the state stating the county does have a sanitary code in place that was signed in 1993. She said he told her that even though we were no longer with LEPC we had to

enforce the local code and state requirements locally. Steve said he was looking into this, and that there was no law requiring this.

Karen said that Randall Hrabe at NWKS Planning & Development is going to be retiring soon and they are looking for someone to take his position.

10:25 Brad adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: km, HY, Sam

ATTEST: Debra Wilson, County Clerk DATE: 7/9/24