

June 11, 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 members Karen Larson and Stan McEvoy. Also present was County Clerk Nora Urban, Attorney Steve Hirsch, and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson.

9:00 Ernie Sheets, Road & Bridge came to update with the commissioners.

Commissioner Karen Larson started by asking about the roads, reporting she is getting several complaint calls. Ernie said they are working as much as they can, and they worked Saturday.

He reported that he hired a part time person yesterday.

Karen also said the work on her road was appreciated.

Last, he asked about concerns he had regarding Finley Twp going in with Beaver Twp to purchase equipment as they are one of the townships they do roads for. Attorney Steve Hirsch is looking into this.

9:30 Megan Huntley, EMS said she needs a new stair chair for unit #3. She had a price at \$989.95.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy moved to allow the purchase. Karen gave the second. Commissioner Brad Marcuson called for the vote and the motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed correspondence and signed prepaids.

They then discussed possible changes to the sick bank policy as previously discussed.

Jay Tate, Judge dropped in to just say hello.

9:50 Marla Stroup, Daycare came in to give an update on the daycare. She said they currently have 3 infants, 4 toddlers and 4 school age kids, this makes them full for now. They do have a waiting list and the city/school daycare will be opening July 1st.

All is good with the staff the part-timer is working out well and she has 2 part-time for now with a 3rd coming.

Marla said she still has some grant dollars to use that she will be getting some additional outdoor equipment.

Stan asked about her budget, she said she thought she was good. Nora Urban, County Clerk ran a report, and things are in line.

Last, she said she is needing help with some dirt work in the back yard. Nora will talk to Kelly about this.

Karen moved to approve the 6/4/24 minutes with no corrections or additions. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Nora requested approval for a set of toner for her printer at \$ 550.17. Karen moved to approve the purchase. Stan gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

Next she had a response from KCAMP regarding what happens in the event of a disaster for the MOU's and the one previously discussed with Tripple Creek Riders. Stan moved to approve signing the MOU.

Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

Nora then had the 2024 plan for Corporate Plan Management that for some reason had not been signed.

Karen moved to approve this. Stan gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

She then said that the Norton County Commissioners had approved the appointment of Ed Temmel and Julie Siefers as special deputy coroner. Karen moved to approve the appointment. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Nora said she was still waiting on the city MOU.

She was also still waiting to hear back regarding the lease and contract with the fair board and amusement authority.

Stan reported on the EDC meeting which he attended. He said that Derek Chambers requested \$10,000 for the Gateway group. Also discussed were summer rec funds, central kitchen, director handbook, and Sharee Dempewolf reported on some meetings she had attended. Stan said they also gave an update on the HAT program.

Destry Jackson from the Oberlin Herald reported on the school board meeting.

Nora continued by saying that she had been notified she was out of compliance with her bus program due to the back up bus not meeting miles required. She explained that she had a plan to meet this requirement and the commissioners supported this.

She then said she is working on the tax abstract and will be then starting on the budgets however still waiting on numbers from the auditor.

10:48 Stan moved for a 20-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the three commissioners and Nora.

11:08 No action was taken.

11:20 Alan Hale, Appraiser came in to let the commissioners know how things were going. He said Nancy Robinson is filling in and he has had a couple of applications and did an interview today. Pay was discussed.

He then said his term is up in 2025 and therefore he is thinking of retiring in January. This was discussed further with no action.

Commissioners made adjustments to the EMS policy.

11:50 Brad adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: JK, M, Stam

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