

July 23, 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 Stan McEvoy and Karen Larson. Also present was County Clerk Nora Urban, County Attorney Steve Hirsch and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson.

9:00 Ernie Sheets, Road & Bridge came to meet with the commissioners and started out by saying they have the trac loader back in the shop as it has now spun a bearing; they will have it back up and running soon.

Roosevelt Township elevation project is now complete they are hauling gravel there now. He said they did have to haul water out as well. Next, they will do a ½ mile project in Olive Township then a project on Rock Hill Road.

Harvest is pretty well over he said so mowers are moving.

The new guy is working out pretty well, however it will be next spring to get him into the landfill class.

Ernie said he had another applicant pick up an application but no word back yet.

Commissioner Brad Marcuson asked about the hazardous waste, Ernie said we are ok.

Last, County Clerk Nora Urban said she had a department head ask about what to do with stuff for county auction. Commissioners agreed to continue to take it to the old county shop for now.

Nora continued that she is still trying to get ahold of Plumb Simple regarding a bid/plan update on the Good Sam as well she is waiting on a bid for the elevator room on a mini split.

She then requested a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

9:15 Commissioner Karen Larson moved to allow the session. Commissioner Stan McEvoy gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the three commissioners, Attorney Steve Hirsch and Nora.

9:25 No action was taken.

David Wachendorfer, Sheriff came to see the commissioners with annual maintenance invoices from Huber and Associates for the new equipment. Dispatch portion was \$2400.03. Stan moved to approve the invoice. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

He then had the remaining invoices: Sheriff's license & operating at \$1920, live scan for finger printing at \$785, Tier II at \$750, Crown sterling for jail at \$785 and Klear for state reporting at \$785. Brad moved to approve the invoices. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

He then said the jail plumbing which had been on the back burner he is now going to have Glassman's come out to look at the project and they will be here on August 7th.

The camera project is moving forward without doing the one in the courtroom and they will be here tomorrow to do a walk through.

He then said that they had someone picked up in Texas and is waiting for extradition.

Commissioners then asked about the bids on the ACs from Glassman that were received. He said he will get R&M to also bid and there was one that he was not sure what it was for so Nora will get ahold of Glassman to find out.

Last, he requested a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

9:36 Karen moved to allow the session. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the three commissioners, Steve, Nora and David.

9:41 No action was taken.

Jeff Burmaster, EM came in and said he needed a signature allowing him to submit the County EOP to the state for review. Brad signed the authorization.

Commissioners reviewed correspondence and signed prepaids.

Nora had a list of those that submitted an intent to exceed the RNR; Decatur County, Beaver Twp, Garfield Twp, City of Oberlin, USD 294 and Twin Creeks Extension.

Karen moved to approve the 7/16/24 minutes with no corrections or additions. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Commissioners then reviewed the EMS policy again with the pay scale as submitted by Megan Huntley. Commissioners agreed to the scale, amendment was noted.

David dropped back in and said that they had an elderly inmate that they would have to send elsewhere as they are not equipped to care for him. He will have to serve a mandatory 90 days, and this will run about \$75/day.

10:10 Bill Cathcart, RFD could not be present so left some information for the commissioners to review and then he called in to discuss it further. He first asked for approval to switch all the trucks to camlock fittings. The total cost will be \$3205.62. Karen moved to allow the upgrade. Stan gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

He then said he needed to make repairs to truck #15. He had bids from Weis and Watts. Karen moved to approve the low bid from Watts at \$836.45. Stan gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

Last, he said that Good Sam asked him to haul off some stuff for them to the landfill, he thought it would be a trailer load, however he asked about the landfill charges. Commissioners agreed these could be waived.

Nora then asked the commissioners about the sick bank policy previously amended. Stan pointed out one additional change; Nora will let Steve know.

10:30 Megan Huntley, EMS came to see the commissioner's requesting approval on a maintenance plan for the Zoll blood pressure and pulse ox machines. This is a one-year maintenance plan at \$3519. Karen moved to allow the purchase. Stan gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

She then said she hired Jennifer D'Amico back as part time help, she said Ashley Ploussard is still waiting on her license, then Gracie Temmel will take her test at the end of the month however she is expecting so she may help out some but will be limited.

Rhian Herl will be flying out in August to drive the new ambulance back.
Katina Knowles will be back to work in November.

Last, Nora asked if she had a job description. She said KPERS requires one for a form she is completing for them.

Stan moved to accept the revised EMS plan with the pay scale. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. He then said he will be going to Topeka this week for a KWORCC meeting.

10:40 Brad adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: am, ky, Sam

ATTEST: Nora Verbeek, County Clerk DATE: 7/30/24