

May 28, 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 Stan McEvoy. Also present was County Clerk Nora Urban, Attorney Steve Hirsch, and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson. Karen Larson had another appointment today.

9:00 Ernie Sheets, Road & Bridge said they are dodging rain right now, hauling some gravel and trying to mow if possible. He then said that regarding equipment upgrades they may do two now instead of 3, as CAT is offering a fair price on trade. He said the others will be paid off this year and so they would have no payment due as the first year the trade in is considered the payment. He added they would keep the one that was rebuilt in order to get their money out of it.

Ernie said all else is good, they are staying busy.

Commissioner Brad Marcuson thanked him for the use of the shop for doing Memorial Day flags assembly and dismantling. He then asked if there was enough room to store them. Ernie said there is enough room, however he would rather not store them; he would rather they find somewhere else to keep them as he does not want to be responsible for them.

9:10 David Wachendorfer, Sheriff came in to ask about getting approval for replacing the mini split on 4th floor that was damaged from the lighting. County Clerk Nora Urban said the claim has been filed and she is just gathering estimates, invoices and pictures to submit for insurance. She will call to see about approval on the mini split.

He then said he talked to the fire marshal regarding the plumbing and was told as long as whatever is fixed or done is put back the way it was there would be no issue. He will let Glassman's know this and see if they cannot move forward with an estimate on work.

9:15 Marilyn Mack, Dispatch said that she has hired Tyler Rassmussen who will be starting full time in dispatch and his last day with the police dept will be the 29th. She also said she had another application however they did not meet the qualifications.

She then asked about the AC on the 4th floor; she was told Nora is looking into this.

Then she said the 911 phones were down on Sunday, but AT&T did get them back up and going.

Last, she said she will be gone on June 5-12 and 16-22 however Jessica Andrews has agreed to stay on as part time to cover for her vacation.

Commissioners reviewed correspondence and signed prepaids and payroll.

Nora had NRP's for approval that Treasurer Jean Ann Hale had left, however there were two pending. She said one was paid late and the other was only partially paid. Attorney Steve Hirsch reviewed the NRP policy, and it states any late payments of any taxes or partial/unpaid taxes would mean expulsion from the NRP program. These two will not be approved.

She then asked about updating her printing policy regarding election and voter lists. She said currently they are doing a penny a name however with things moving forward to digital form she would like to update that more in line with other counties. Steve requested an executive session for attorney/client privilege for 7 minutes.

9:43 Stan moved for the session. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Those present were the two commissioners, Nora and Steve.

9:50 No action was taken.

Brooke Graham, Courts came down and asked about getting approval for replacing the judge's laptop they use for zoom meetings during court, this was also damaged from the lighting. Nora said the claim has been filed and she is just gathering estimates, invoices and pictures to submit for insurance. She will call to see about approval on the laptop as well.

Nora then said the memorandum of understanding is still pending with the city, no word yet. She then had an agreement from 1975 between the county/fair board/amusement authority, which they were looking for in order to apply for a grant. She asked if a new one needs to be signed; commissioners said probably so since most of the people listed are no longer around. They said to have Steve review and update this.

Next, she requested a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

10:01 Brad moved for the session. Stan gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the two commissioners and Nora.

10:06 Brad moved to extend the session 8 minutes. Stan gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. The same people were present.

10:14 No action was taken.

Brad said he received a message regarding a wind farm however has not yet talked to anyone. He also said he attended the meeting at the sr center, no action.

Nora continued saying the roof info from Stanfield was in and she had not yet heard anything from KCAMP. She would follow up to see if the survey from Stanfield would change anything. Commissioners reviewed the bid from Aquashield and Weathercraft again along with the info from Stanfield. They tabled this for now to see what KCAMP says.

She then said that she is still working on getting the account set up for the 220 N Penn/Condo Assn and that she also received the funds from the bowling alley and movie theatre and would do a prepaid for the county 1/3 of the deposit as previously discussed.

Brad said that the toilets at the ball field had been replaced and asked if the city sent a check for help towards that. Nora said yes, they sent a check for \$500 which was deposited into summer rec and so Brad said he would get the invoice.

Commissioners continued with discussion regarding the EMS work policy; no decisions were made.

10:45 Brad adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: Am, KL, Sam

ATTEST: Nora Wilson, County Clerk DATE: 6/5/24