

May 21, 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, Attorney Steve Hirsch, and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson.

9:00 Joni Diederich, Road & Bridge said they are still waiting for a bid from Murphy as they won't bid it as they know they will be beaten by CAT.

David Wachendorfer, Sheriff came in to give the commissioners an update regarding the lightning hit to the courthouse. He said that everything was checked out and a pole hit the roof which was what was causing the burning. Dispatch, radios, and his computer all took the hit. Fax lines and phones lines were temporarily down, however most of that has since been restored. Flanigan was out and the radio repair is likely going to be \$25,000 to \$30,000. Nora Urban, County Clerk said she is compiling invoices for the claim. David said the radios could take a while.

Sharee Dempewolf, EDC came to the commissioners with the new bylaws for the commissioners; she said the only change was to the terms.

Natasha Carman, Sunflower Rec also came to the meeting to discuss the condo association. She said in looking into setting up their own EIN for this she said they would then have to file a tax return, and this will cause them to incur additional expenses. Commissioners and Attorney Steve Hirsch agreed this is not what we want to do and that this should be set up under the county EIN. They agreed it would be a separate account however under the County EIN, DBA 220 N Penn/Condo Association with the signers being Commissioner chair Brad Marcuson, EDC chair Mark Dickman and Rec Director Natasha Carman. They asked Nora to take care of setting this up.

They also discussed the rain gutters. Natasha said she went up and looked at them and felt they were too small and possibly plugged, which could be causing the leaking as well. She will contact Aquashield regarding this.

Commissioners reviewed correspondence and signed prepaids.

Commissioner Karen Larson said she attended the hospital board meeting. The hospital has been fielding calls as the clinic has been having phone issues and therefore has a temporary number for now. She then reported they have 87 days of cash on hand, however part of that is still insurance money. In looking into the roof, they are not happy with the previous work done and are contacting a company out of Kearney. Two scholarships were given, they have a new lab tech, and school sports physicals will be coming up. They are seeing 58% same day appointments, have seen 384 outpatients, 84 seen at the specialty clinic, 4 EKG's, 3 transfers and 4 swing bed patients. Last she said they reviewed the community survey.

David returned saying the mini split on the 4th floor was also burned up. He had a quote for one from R&M at \$15,500. Stragey is fixing the hole in the wall and the plumbing is still on hold as Glassman would like to have an engineer look at it. He said it is draining however they have rusty showers. Last, he asked about Ed Temmel as coroner. Nora said she did receive a notice and talked to Ed as well, they will have to follow the same process as before.

10:00 Megan Huntley, EMS along with Anita Weber and Chris Koerperich came to see the commissioners. Megan started by saying the new vehicle arrived Saturday and all is set up well. She then had a statement she read regarding the proposed policy change for EMS and her concerns. This was further discussed with the commissioners. Commissioner Stan McEvoy said that they would do some more discussing amongst themselves and would get back to them.

Karen moved to approve the 5/14/24 minutes with no corrections or additions. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Brad then said Gaylen had asked him about the water heater needing swapped out and wondered about trading with the lion's club as theirs went out. He said EMS would give the lions club their smaller water heater in exchange for some plywood they have.

Commissioners further discussed the issue with EMS. Karen said that they have not had any reports on runs and such for a while. This is tabled for now.

Nora explained the status on the courthouse roof, that this is pending Stanfield company coming out to survey the roof at the request of KCAMP and that MVP said they would not be able to bid the roof.

Next, she said that the EM contract was signed by Norton County and commissioners agreed to have the effective date May 1st for Jeff Burmaster.

She then said the memorandum of understanding is still pending with the city.

Last, election filings were discussed. Nora advised who has filed thus far and said the filing deadline is June 3rd at noon.

11:20 Brad adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: Am, KY, Stan

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