

July 9, 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 and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson. County Attorney Steve Hirsch was out today.

9:00 Ernie Sheets, Road & Bridge came to talk to the commissioners and started by letting them know the blade for the landfill which is already out for repairs is going to be an additional \$3500 for the spindle plate. It is currently in the shop waiting on a part.

He then said he had another complaint from someone at the post office however the postmaster drove the road and said they thought it was fine.

Seth Lohofener is out doing some work at the golf course to help them get ready for the upcoming golf tournament.

Ernie said he talked to David Sporn from the city, and they do not yet know what the treatment at the airport is going to require. He said they also talked about the county helping the city with city projects when available. However Ernie said right now, he is shorthanded and cannot do so.

He said they are waiting for the harvest to finish up then will be working on a project, elevating a couple of miles.

Last, he said that he had a couple people doing preemployment testing now.

Commissioner Karen Larson moved to approve the 6/11/24 and 7/2/24 minutes with no corrections or additions. Commissioner Brad Marcuson gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

9:25 Commissioners reviewed correspondence and signed accounts payable.

Karen moved to approve quarterly transfer orders 9-16. Commissioner Stan McEvoy gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

Nora Urban, County Clerk presented the 2025 proposed budgets for Decatur County, Decatur County Ambulance and Decatur County RFD for review.

9:55 David Wachendorfer, Sheriff came down to talk to the commissioners and said that Brady Ginther has 5 weeks left of academy and is doing great. Following that he will have 8 weeks of ride along then will be on his own.

Next, he said Tyler Rasmussen is doing great with dispatch and that he would use him part time.

He then said he needed to purchase 2 pistols, one for Tyler and one as a backup. He would like to purchase a Glock 22 and had a price of \$409 each. Karen moved to approve the purchase. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Next, he said he had a service renewal for the finger printing machine at \$2759. Stan moved to approve the renewal. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

David then said they have concerns regarding evidence collection with the cameras in the jail as they do not have sound. He would like to upgrade the 6 currently upstairs to sound and repurpose the others elsewhere. He said he thought putting one in the elevator, 1 in the courtroom and 4 at the county storage/recycling center would be a good idea. He had a quote for the upgrade: \$4768 for the new ones, \$859 reinstallation in the courtroom, approximately \$1250-\$1750 for reinstallation in the elevator and \$5554 for reinstallation at the county storage/recycling center. Stan moved to allow the upgrade. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried. David then asked who pays for this.

Commissioners agreed sheriff would pay for the 6 new ones, county general for the elevator one, courts for the courtroom one and sheriff and EM could split the cost of the ones at the county shop/recycling center.

David then requested a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

10:12 Karen moved to allow the session. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the three commissioners, Nora and David.

10:17 Karen moved to extend the session by 3 minutes. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried. The same people were present.

10:20 No action was taken.

Last, he said he talked to the guy he previously talked to about grants regarding a possible facility expansion and he is very interested however David said if it is not likely he does not want to have him spending a lot of time on this looking for grants. He continued by saying that most of the grants are going to be either 80/20 or 90/10, however he said he has no firm numbers. Discussion continued on this; no action was taken.

Commissioners further reviewed the proposed budgets; no changes were made to ambulance or RFD. Adjustments were made to the county budget and Karen moved to sign the intent to exceed setting the county budget at 81.979 mills. This may still be adjusted down further. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried. The intent to exceed was signed and submitted.

Nora last said there was a call from a concerned citizen regarding videos and pictures of kids on the county daycare site. Commissioners said would be best not to post any pics or videos; Nora will let Marla Stroup; Daycare director know this.

11:50 Brad adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: *mm* , *GL* , *Sam*

ATTEST: *Nora Urban* , County Clerk DATE: 7/23/24