

May 9, 2023, Chairman Stan McEvoy 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 Brad Marcuson. Also, present was County Clerk Nora Urban and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson. Steve Hirsch was not present and Karen Larson joined by phone.

9:00 Ernie Sheets, Road & Bridge said the roof work has begun at the shop however he did not know how long it would take.

Carpet work has begun in his office as well.

Ernie said that he has two machines that need to be looked at today and they are still using a loaner for now.

Free dump week went smoothly however he did not have any figures to review.

He then said he heard from Hailey Roberson with the city, and they took some tree branches to the burn pile however wanted to know about taking tree trunks to the landfill. Ernie said he told her no.

Commissioner Karen Larson said she got a phone call.

Last he said they are hauling gravel on a fairly regular basis now.

Commissioners signed vouchers and reviewed correspondence.

9:14 Karen moved for a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Brad Marcuson gave the second. Commissioner Stan McEvoy called for the vote and the motion was carried. Those present were two commissioners, County Clerk Nora Urban and Karen by phone.

9:19 No action was taken.

Bill Cathcart, RFD came in to discuss the burn ban. Commissioners agreed with the recent rain it was no longer needed. Bill said it appears all of the county received rain. Karen moved to lift the ban. Brad gave the second. Stan called for the vote and the motion carried.

9:40 Gaylen Huntley, EMS said Cherin Daniels has daycare now and will be returning to work full time.

He then said the shop is flooding into the classroom. They have fans set up, but he needs to have some dirt work done to fix the problem. He said the other leaks are also still leaking, he will take video of all damages for claim.

He now has three more interested in taking the EMT class.

Stat Billing sent a notice they will be raising their rates from \$20 to \$25.

Last, he said they will be having a tabletop exercise at the hospital today.

Nora said that she had a message from Dorothy Vacura asking for two history books for the alumni; commissioners approved this.

She then had a request for 60 days of sick bank; Karen moved to approve. Brad gave the second. Stan called for the vote and the motion carried.

Next was a bond page for Harlan Township; Brad moved to approve. Karen gave the second. Stan called for the vote and the motion carried.

Last was the annual homestead nutrition request for \$2530. Brad moved to approve. Karen gave the second. Stan called for the vote and the motion carried.

Stan attended EDC and reported that they were awarded a grow grant for a TV and security system. They also applied for funds for windows which was not approved so they will try Bargain Box.

They had a loan app for a business to expand they reviewed, however not approved until further review. One loan was sent to collections. Rawlins Dental agreement was reviewed, and an amendment made. They also reviewed the cleaning contract, approved PTO for Sharee Dempewolf, reviewed board terms, and said unemployment was approved for Shayla Williby.

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

10:07 Brad moved to approve the session. Karen gave the second. Stan called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the two commissioners, Nora and Karen by phone.

10:12 No action was taken.

Nora then reported that she had filed the cares funding report, which appears to have to be done annually.

She also said the republican committee met and submitted a recommendation to the governor for the sheriff appointment. They recommended David Wachendorfer; we are still waiting to hear from the governor.

10:30 Stan adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: Sam, [Signature], Mr

ATTEST: Nora Wilson, County Clerk DATE: 5/16/23