

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Room 106

Present: Ernie Gauck, Larry Meyers, Geneva Hunt, Bill Metz, Kenny Owens, Danny Peters and Kenny Hooten

President Gauck called the meeting to order.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After reviewing the March 8th meeting minutes- Mr Meyer stated the monies Mike Baumgartner was requesting were for educational materials for children in local elementary schools. Mr Hooten moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The corrected minutes were approved.

Sheriff Greg Allen requested the Council's permission to spend \$6,350 of the \$29,442 in the **Police Firearms Training Fund**. \$5,200 of the \$6,350 will be for protective vests. A State Grant will reimburse one half of the expenditure- \$2,600. Also, he wants to trade sixteen of the '380' guns for the more compact nine millimeter guns which would cost \$425. The remaining \$225 would be used to purchase holsters and ammunition. Mr Metz moved to approve Sheriff Allen's request and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 – 0.

Mr Mohr told Council members two bills which came out of the 2016 legislative session, SB 67 and HB 1001, have stipulations when applying for funds made available by these two bills. He expects to receive approximately \$667,000 (75% of \$889,711) in a supplemental distribution of local income taxes due to SB 67. SB 67 directs counties to allocate seventy-five percent of the special distribution for local road construction, maintenance or repair. One requirement of HB 1001 is a county must have an 'assessment management plan for roads' plus an assessment management plan for bridges'; in addition the county's wheel tax/surtax must be at the higher rates. Mr Gauck suggested a couple council members, Mr Mohr and three from the Auditor's office meet with **Governmental Finance Consultants Kay Schwade and Reuben Cummings** to decide what dollar amount to raise the wheel tax to and present that to the Council at their May 17th meeting. Mr Metz, Mr Owens and Mr Meyer agreed to meet with Ms Schwade, Mr Cummings, Mr Mohr and the Auditor's office to discuss the wheel tax amounts. Mr Gauck asked **Greensburg Mayor Dan Manus** if the City of Greensburg has a wheel tax. He stated they do not, but the City does receive a portion of the wheel taxes collected by the local **License Branch** from the County Auditor's office.

After reviewing the requests for additional appropriations, Mrs Hunt moved to allow and Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 – 0. **EDIT** funds are needed to supplement **County General and Health Department** budgets. A certified copy of the request will be sent to the **Local Department of Government Finance** for their approval.

Mr Owens moved to approve the request for transfer of funds as presented. Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 – 0.

The next Council meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on May 17th, 2016.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Metz moved to adjourn and Mr Owens seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____