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DECATUR COUNTY COUNCIL

August 19, 2008

The Decatur County Council opened their August 19th 2008 meeting with the following present; Ernest Gauck, President, Geneva Hunt, Ken Owens, Rose Hellmich, Larry Meyer and Kenny Hooten.

Mr. Owens moved to approve July minutes and Mrs. Hellmich seconded, motion carried.

Jennifer Sturges – President of Community Foundation presented information on Hometown Competitiveness which helps rural community development. Entrepreneurship, leadership programs, youth engagement were focus items from this committee for our community. Mr. Gauck asked if there are any ways to help agriculture students come back and buy the family farm. FFA would be the agency that could be of assistance.

Vicki Kellerman - EDC discussed possible local projects. Ms. Kellerman does not feel that any of these companies will commit until they are guaranteed water and sewer. Rural Water would currently be the serving utility for these areas. Ms. Kellerman did attend the Vernon Fork Water meeting to discuss these needs. Ms. Kellerman is also working with a developer to purchase the 160 acres that EDC has option on. Ms. Kellerman is also hosting Economic Exchange Delegation, inviting all council members to attend. Ms. Kellerman provided an update of EDC and annual report.

Additional appropriations were discussed. Mrs. Hellmich moved to approve additional as presented; Cumulative Bridge \$300,000, County General \$10,000, seconded by Mrs. Hunt, motion carried.

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Mr. Meyer moved to appoint Dr. Jami Rayles to Library Board and Mr. Hooten seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Owens moved to keep local tax rates same for the next year and Mrs. Hellmich seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Hellmich moved to adjourn, Mr. Hooten seconded, motion carried.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____

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