

Decatur County Council
August 21st, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Ernie Gauck, Rheadawn Metz, Larry Meyer, Geneva Hunt, Kenny Owens, Danny Peters, Kenny Hooten

The July 17th meeting minutes were approved as presented with Kenny Owens moving to accept and Rheadawn Metz seconding the motion.

Decatur County Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr came before the board and requested an additional of \$300,000 to be put into Cumulative Bridge fund to replace funds paid out on Federal Aid Projects. He explained that on Federal Aid projects, the project costs are paid out of his cum bridge fund and then the reimbursement request is made to the government. The reimbursement is not put back into cum bridge when it is receipted in. Councilman Kenny Owens moved that \$300,000 be reassigned back into the operating appropriation for cumulative bridge. Councilman Danny Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Council President Ernie Gauck signed the County Tax Rate Form that the auditor has to send to the state.

An announcement of the \$10,000 donation by Hitachi to the County Parks Department prompted discussion of what the park intends to use the money for. The council may speak with Parks Superintendent Bob Barker to see what his plans are.

Hugh Miller, present to support Susan Craig, SIRPC, did a brief presentation on the projects update that Ms. Craig was on the agenda to discuss. Ms. Craig was not present at the meeting.

With no further business, Mr. Danny Peters moved to adjourn. Mr. Kenny Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes of 2012 Budget Presentation and Review
August 21st, 2012 – 9:15 a.m. Room 130

Council agreed that the first order of business upon official acceptance of the budget preparations from the Auditor's office would be discussion of proposed salary increases. After a short discussion, Councilman Larry Meyer moved to give elected officials an \$800 raise and other full-time employees a \$700 raise with part-time receiving a \$.30/hour increase. Councilwoman Geneva Hunt seconded the motion, which carried.

After some discussion, Councilman Larry Meyer moved that the Commissioners be granted a \$1000 raise and the Council be given a \$500 raise. Councilman Kenny Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was assumed that the estimated assessed value of the county is approximately the same or slightly higher than last year. Those figures were not available due to the pending ratio study submission to the state by the Assessor's office.

Councilors asked whether the Sheriff operates under a contract or not. Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley stated she thinks the salary is based on a percentage of the judicial salary. There was also some question as to what the city pays dispatchers because the council feels that the county should be comparable.

There were some questions on the Deputy Prosecutor, Office Administrator, ISETS Manager and Deputy Administrator funding in the Prosecutor's IV-D budget. Tami Wenning went and got Shelley Knoll and Jim Rosenberry to answer questions for the council.

Minutes of Public Hearing 2012
August 27th, 2012

A Public Hearing was held at 9:00 a.m. on August 27th in room 106 at the courthouse for the purpose of allowing public comment on budgets presented by Superintendent Tom Hunter for the Greensburg Community School Corporation and Ms. Norma Bainbridge of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District. Present were Council members Rheadawn Metz, Kenny Owens, Danny Peters and Geneva Hunt. Ms. Bainbridge appeared before the council to answer any questions the council or the public may have. County Clerk Janet Chadwell was present. County Auditor Tami Wenning was present as the secretary to the Council. There were no questions and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with Danny Peters moving to adjourn and Kenny Owens seconding the motion. The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting will be September 18th, 9:00 a.m. to review binding and non-binding budgets and hear public comment.

Ernie Gauck, President

Attest: _____
Date: _____