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DECATUR COUNTY COUNCIL

**December 16 , 2008**

The Decatur County Council opened their December 16th, 2008 meeting with the following present; Ernest Gauck, President, Rheadawn Metz, Geneva Hunt, Larry Meyer, Ken Owens, Rose Hellmich and Kenny Hooten.

Rheadawn Metz moved to approve the November minutes as read, Geneva Hunt seconded, motion carried.

Tim Ortman – Decatur County Highway and Tami Wenning – Decatur County Assessor came before the Council to discuss the Pictometry issue. They stated that it would take \$87,000.00 total to get up to date on the computer. The Re-assessment fund would cover this expense. Mr. Ortman and Ms. Wenning asked the Council for approval to go ahead with the project as it would help several areas of the County and City with this program. Mr. Ortman and Ms. Wenning have asked for money from the City. At this time, no money has been committed. As the changes are made in the City and County, it shows up on the program and no one is required to go visit the site. The Decatur County Assessors office will be trained on this program. Ernest Gauck stated he would like to see what the City is going to commit. No decision was made, as the Council tabled this request.

Tracy Eggleston – Child Welfare Advocate – came before the Council to ask that money they will need to pay for bills in 2008 be encumbered into 2009 so that they will have money to pay for any outstanding bills. Any money left in the Child Welfare Fund will go into an Excess Levy Fund.

Pepper Cooper – Maverick Insurance came to the Council meeting to update the Council on the progress of the Over 65 Insurance with the county. Pepper stated anyone over 65 has to be put on this insurance, there is no exceptions. Kenny Hooten made a motion to approve the insurance. Kenny Owens seconded. All approved.

William Smith – Decatur County Prosecutor came before the Council to ask that a new fund be set up. A deferral fund for traffic ticket (low level speeding). R. Metz asked what part of the fine will go into this fund. W. Smith said at this time he wasn't sure. Approximately 40.00 a ticket. A discussion was held with questions asked - Ms Metz wanted to know where this money went before? Mr. Smith stated he wasn't sure. He stated it went into Court Costs.

Larry Meyer made a motion to accept this new fund. Rheadawn Metz seconded. The new fund will be set up by the raising of hands. 7 – 0.

The Billman abatement was turned in for signatures. Kenny Owens made a motion to agree to the 10 year abatement. Geneva Hunt seconded. A vote was taken. All ayes. No Nays.

The Decatur County Council wanted to challenge each dept to lower their budget 5% for 2009.

With no further business to come before the Council, Rose Hellmich made a motion to adjourn, Kenny Hooten seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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Ernest Gauck, President

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