

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday December 16, 2014 Room 106

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

President Ernie Gauck called the meeting to order.

Judge Tim Day led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The November 18th meeting minutes were reviewed- Mr Owens moved to approve the minutes and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Greg Allen presented an **Amended 144** to increase the hourly wage for the **911 Dispatchers** in the Sheriff's Department. The Greensburg 911 dispatchers are paid \$14 an hour and Sheriff Allen would like to pay the County dispatchers that same amount. Since the State has training requirements to be a 911 dispatcher, Sheriff Allen believes the pay should be more than the part-time rate of \$11.00 an hour. He stated even he as Sheriff cannot 'fill in' as a 911 dispatcher because of the required medical training. Mr Metz moved to approve the Amended 144 and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Matt Bailey gave a brief update on the **Community Corrections Grant**. Currently there are about fifty-four people in the **Community Corrections program** and that number is likely to increase more than seventy participants next year. With that anticipated increase, additional personnel will be needed.

Judge Bailey would like to hire an administrative assistant- pay that salary out of the grant monies and contribute \$7,000 towards the costs of the County's health insurance out of user fees. Ms Hunt moved to approve the new hire for **Community Corrections**, Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Bailey will submit the salary form 144.

Keith Hipskind, **Transitional Living Center**, asked Council members for financing the purchase of a building for the **TLC** to operate from/in. Mr Gauck asked the group had considered leasing the building for a couple of years with the option to buy so they wouldn't have to pay the 'big bucks up front'. Mr Hipskind said that might be a possibility, but he hadn't had that discussion yet. He told Council members the **Washington Township Trustee** has given \$10,000 for this 'project'. Mr Gauck stated the County is 'strapped' right now until the 2015 budget is approved by the DLGF.

Mrs Hunt moved to approve the transfer requests and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Nobbe told Council members the Commissioners are exploring options on health insurance carriers. Jill Hensley of **Decatur County Memorial Hospital** and Susan Burkhart of **Doerflinger Insurance** are putting together a type of 'co-op' health insurance hoping to provide affordable rates while providing high-quality health care. Mr Nobbe will provide updates when available.

Mrs Hunt moved to retain Mr Gauck as Council President for the next two years and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. Then Mrs Hunt moved to elect Mr Peters as Vice-President for a two-year term and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mrs Hunt thanked Council members for the nice planter they sent while she was in **Morning Breeze**.

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

Council's next meeting will be on January 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____