

**Decatur
County Council
December 18th, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.**

Present:

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

The

meeting opened with President Ernie Gauck stating that he felt it would be appropriate to begin meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. His son Joe led those present in saying the pledge.

Chairman

Gauck started the meeting by stating that since it was the last scheduled meeting for Rheadawn Metz before her retirement from the Council, he wanted to tell everyone just what a pleasure it has been to work with her and how much he appreciates all she has done. Mr. Larry Meyer seconded those comments. Mrs. Metz commented on the length of time she had worked with different council members through the last twenty years. Mr. Gauck reminded everyone there is an open invitation to attend a dinner in Mrs. Metz' honor at the Greensburg Country Club at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19th.

After

a brief review of prior meeting minutes, Mr. Owens moved to approve the minutes as read and Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Auditor

Tami Wenning presented a request for additional funding for the Coroner's budget and explained that it isn't possible for the Coroner to accurately budget for the number of autopsies required in a calendar year. It is also required by state statute that counties pay for autopsies and the Coroner's budget is currently in the red. An additional \$24,000 is being requested to cover anticipated as well as already billed costs for performing these services. Mr. Larry Meyer moved to approve the request. Mrs. Metz seconded the motion. The motion carried and passed unanimously.

Board

appointments were discussed for the following boards:

Alcoholic

Beverage – retain Mr. Paul Ernstes

County

Council Attorney – retain Ms. Lora Reed Williams

Innkeepers

Board (DCVR) – retain Ms. Stephanie Moore and Ms. Joann Burkhart

PTABOA

– retain Mr. Ed Gindling and Mr. Ryan Kennelly

SIRPC

– retain Mr. Hugh Miller

Redevelopment

Board – retain Mr. Kenny Owens and Mr. Dan Wilson

Economic

Development – retain Mr. James Tomson

Vernon

Fork Water District – retain Mr. Larry Meyer

Mrs.

Metz moved to accept the retention of all of the board appointments.

Mrs. Geneva Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr.

Larry Meyer invited everyone to attend the swearing in ceremony scheduled for December 31st

at 11:00 a.m. in the Superior Courtroom.

Mayor

Gary Herbert commented that he is currently working on getting board appointments in place. He also discussed having to plant 100 trees in place of 20 that had to be removed. The “Gas Creek” project is finished and so is the “S” curve behind the A&W. He anticipates the Vandalia Road Project will be completed in 2013.

Auditor

Tami Wenning asked for the Council to choose who will lead the Council as Chairman for the next two years. Mrs. Hunt moved to retain Ernie Gauck as the Council President and Larry Meyer as the Vice-Chair. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There

was some more reminiscing and appreciation expressed for Mrs. Metz’ service to the community.

As

her last official act as a Council member, Mrs. Rheadawn Metz moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danny Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried.