

Decatur County Council Meeting- Special Budget Hearing

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Room 106

Present: Ernie Gauck, Bill Metz, Kenny Owens, Danny Peters and Kenny Hooten

President Gauck called the meeting to order

Mr Gauck led the pledge of allegiance.

On October 18th the County Council adopted the 2017 County General Budget at \$9,173,481 with a tax levy of \$4,300,000. **Department of Local Government Finance Field Rep Wayne Hudson** called the County Auditor’s office on November 29th to ask if the County Council intended to adopt the County General Budget at the full maximum levy- there is \$73,000 ‘still on the table’. There would be a five percent penalty if Council decides to amend County General’s 2017 Budget since they did not adopt that full maximum levy at their budget adoption meeting on October 18th meeting. The Auditor’s office contacted **Michael Duffy- General Counsel for DLGF-** to officially request the ‘budget adoption with new tax levy’. Mr Duffy posted the legal notice on **Gateway’s Correction Portal** stating the meeting date, time, place and new tax levy.

Mr Owens moved to adopt the **Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates- Budget Form 4** with the County General Budget at \$9,173,481 and the Tax Levy at \$4,662,149 setting the tax rate at 0.3237. All other County budgets, tax levies and tax rates remained the same as adopted on October 18, 2016. Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

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

The next County Council meeting will be held at 9:00 am on December 20, 2016.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____