

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016, Room 106

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

President Gauck called the meeting to order.

Extension Office Educator Jeff Hermes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After reviewing the January 19th meeting minutes- Mr Metz moved to approve the minutes and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

After reviewing the list of ‘transfer requests’, Mr Peters moved to approve the eight transfers and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr Gauck stated the additional funds requested by the **Extension Office and E911** were duly advertised in the local newspaper as statute require. Mr Metz moved to approve **Jeff Hermes- Extension Office Educator’s** request of \$10,495 in additional funds to purchase a new printer/copier. Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr Owens moved to approve **E911’s** additional request for \$160,000 for contractual services and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council members were told the new **Central Dispatch Center** ‘opened for business’ last week on February 10th. **Area Plan’s** request for additional monies for purchasing a computer were discussed as well as monies for hiring **Burke Engineering** to verify **REX Pipelines** had complied with the County’s water retention guidelines. Mr Meyer moved to approve the additional monies for the computer and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr Gauck asked **Area Plan Director Krista Duvall** to ask **REX** to pay for ‘the proof’ they had met the water retention guidelines.

Decatur County Ordinance 2016-1, establishing a local service fee for personal property assessment under \$20,000 and also, filing an exemption for Heritage Barns was reviewed by Council members. Mr Peters moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-1 and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Mr Gauck updated Council members on the three options for the **Parks and Rec City Park Dam** as outlined in a letter from **Burke Engineering**: remove the existing dam and leave as a stream; rehab the existing dam or build a new spillway and dam. Currently the County’s insurance carrier will not insure the dam. Mr Gauck did not have additional info on **Tourism**.

The next Council meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on March 8th, 2016.

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

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____