

# Decatur County Council

July 16, 2013 9:00 a.m.

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were reviewed and Mr. Owens moved to accept as submitted, Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Doug Banks, Emergency Management Services** requested that the council budget for new ambulances for next year and presented a detailed report giving a synopsis of existing ambulances, mileages and a one month history of runs made. He reported that he was making the request to the council at the request of the County Commissioners. Mr. Metz asked about the cost of refurbishing versus the cost of new ambulances. Refurbishing cost between 90 - \$92,000 for the 2012 Ford. A new unit would cost approximately \$170,000 and Mr. Banks is recommending that two be purchased. He indicated that the International and the 2006 Ford that were on the list he presented are the two units that need replaced. Mr. Banks believes there is a line item in the county's budget that specifically lists "replacement of ambulances".

**Mr. Duckworth, EMA** provided a document that shows that all the criteria was met by the EMA to get 50% of the salary expenditure to be reimbursed to the county. The total for 2012 is \$8600. He stated that expectations are being met for reimbursement for the 2013 salaries in 2014 as well. He shared a plan that the fair board is currently using for emergencies during the fair and everyone seems to be pleased with it.

**Sheriff Greg Allen** requested permission to spend money out of the firearms training fund to upgrade and standardize the firearms currently being used by the department. His request was for \$4,793.00. Mr. Gauck asked if the Sheriff was having any difficulty obtaining ammunition and the Sheriff said it is a slow process. After a small amount of discussion, Mr. Meyer moved to approve the Sheriff's request and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Russell Wilhoit** and **County Clerk Janet Chadwell** asked the council to consider utilizing edit money to help fund record preservation efforts for the county. Local historian Russell Wilhoit said there is one room that has close to 70 books that are pre-1880's that need to be microfilmed and/or digitized. After some discussion of the importance of the records and for the public to have access, they decided that asking for \$5000 would give them an amount to work with and they would have a better idea for what to ask for in the future. (Council members want a reminder of who is on the EDIT committee. Tami will let them know.)

**Dorene Greiwe, County Assessor** presented a quote from Pictometry and requested permission to fund the project from leftover reassessment funds. She pointed out that the information and aerial photos provided by Pictometry would also be available to local 911, Police, Fire and other emergency management agencies. Having new aerials flown would benefit with new construction visits and building removal. An added part of the project would include a "Change Finder" element that would help highlight things not previously picked up or buildings that had been taken down. The images that are captured can be manipulated online so that all sides of structures can be viewed. The images that are currently on GIS are images that Pictometry took for the county several years ago. Ms. Greiwe submitted a payment plan that could stretch the cost over 3-4 years or she could pay for it out of the reassessment budget that

went unused for 2013. After many questions and much discussion, the council asked Ms. Greiwe to have the Pictometry people arrange a 10 minute demonstration of their work at the next council meeting.

**Marc Coplon, Economic Development Director** was present to facilitate the abatement request for Delta Faucet/Masco. Mr. Coplon stated it was a great day for Greensburg and Decatur County that this company is showing such confidence in our community, our workforce and our work ethic. Scott Wesseler, Plant Manager, explained about the new manufacturing that will be taking place. The parent company is Masco and the product will be tub and shower enclosures. Facilities in two other states are shutting down and are combining to make this new facility in Greensburg. It is believed that at least 160 new jobs will be created. The products that are produced will be shipped directly to the stores that sell them.

Danny Peters moved to grant a 5 year personal property abatement to the company. Geneva Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was more discussion on the second abatement due to the nature of the request. After a lot of questions and some comment on the project, the Council decided to keep the real property abatement at a five year level. Mr. Kenny Owens moved to grant a 5 year real property abatement to Masco for the interior remodeling of the existing facility. Mr. Metz seconded the motion. Mr. Gauck asked for a show of hands signifying acceptance of the abatements. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Tami informed the Council that the Library Board has to find a replacement for a member that moved out of the district and that it is a council appointment. The council questioned whether they were the right ones to be filling the vacancy. Tami will check and report back to the council.

Mr. Danny Peters moved to adjourn. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting for the County Council will be Tuesday, August 20th at 9:00 a.m.

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Ernie Gauck, President

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