

Decatur County Council

July 17th, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. Room 106

Present: Ernie Gauck, Larry Meyer, Rheadawn Metz, Danny Peters, Kenny Owens

Councilor Larry Meyer moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Danny Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greensburg Community School Superintendent Tom Hunter came before the Council with his 2013 Budget Proposal. He submitted a proposed budget calendar with dates for his public hearing and adoption meeting. Mr. Hunter explained the budget and pointed out the summary comparison and mentioned a \$900,000 reduction from the 2012 budget. Councilor Larry Meyer asked about a capital improvement fund. There were a few more questions concerning how future allocations had to be budgeted in and about anticipated growth. After a little more discussion, Mr. Meyer complimented Mr. Hunter on the school system's efforts. Mr. Hunter was reassured that the budget process would move smoothly.

Prosecutor Jim Rosenberry approached the council with a request to utilize funds from his deferral program to employ a temporary paid intern. He reported that aspiring attorney Nathan Harter had been interning free of charge since the beginning of the calendar year and mentioned many of the projects that Mr. Harter had been involved in. Prosecutor Rosenberry mentioned his goals are to continue having Mr. Harter work on trial preparation but to also create a program for medical professionals concerning abuse of prescription drugs. He would also like Mr. Harter's assistance in evaluating the existing Indiana Criminal Code. There was some discussion of current jailhouse statistics and appreciation was expressed at Mr. Rosenberry's usage of deferral money to fund the position. Sheriff Greg Allen reported that the local jail has an official capacity of 58 but is currently housing 81 prisoners and that, although the work release center has a lot of capacity, most inmates don't have jobs to go to so it is underutilized. Council President Ernie Gauck thanked Mr. Rosenberry for coming before the board to make his request and assured him it would be approved.

Mr. Gauck mentioned a document that Commissioner Rick Nobbe had dropped off concerning the EMA Director Position. He reported that Mr. Nobbe had dropped off a resolution for the Council's consideration that recommended making the EMA Director a part time position with less than 20 hours a week during normal circumstances and creating an Assistant EMA Director position also considered part time with less than 20 hours per week during normal circumstances. A set hourly rate was not included in the proposal but would be advertised through the budget process. Director Duckworth mentioned that the state reimburses 50% of the salary expenditure on an annual basis. Mrs. Metz asked about the assistant position and it was clarified that the assistant would be under Mr. Duckworth and would be trained in the proper way to run the EMA. With that clarification, Councilor Rheadawn Metz moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Owens seconded the motion. President Gauck asked for a show of hands and the motion carried unanimously. The resolution was signed.

Rob Duckworth discussed a change in the proposed personnel handbook and clarified the reason behind the change. There were no questions.

Councilor Kenny Owens moved to adjourn. Councilor Danny Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ernie Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____