

Decatur County Council

June 19th, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

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

The May meeting minutes were approved with the correction of Danny Peters' name. Mr. Kenny Hooten moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mrs. Geneva Hunt seconded the motion, which carried.

After some discussion, Mrs. Geneva Hunt moved to accept a proposal from Mr. Frank Cummings to contract with his company for financial services. Mr. Kenny Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried and Council members signed the contract. Ms. Wenning will forward the signed document to Mr. Cummings.

Ms. Wenning shared a conversation she had with Mr. Cummings concerning complications that can arise from changing an elected official's salary after the salary ordinance has been adopted. Basically, the Council cannot add to the Surveyor salary during this calendar year but can consider doing a raise along with a list of additional responsibilities for the upcoming budget cycle. There was some discussion of hiring an outside vendor to perform the services.

There was some discussion of the proposed Anti-nepotism ordinance that was presented to the Council for their review and approval. After much discussion, it was agreed that current legislation makes it imperative that the document be signed and incorporated into the County Personnel Policy. Councilman Larry Meyer moved to accept the proposed ordinance (2012-01). Councilman Danny Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried and those councilors present signed the ordinance.

There was discussion of what changes may or may not have been made to the Personnel Policy that the council is being asked to review. Councilor Larry Meyer commented that he had worked on the project last year with Attorney Kent Irwin and that Mr. Irwin is well-qualified to do the job having done it for several other counties. Council President Ernie Gauck questioned the comp time issue in the personnel policy. Ms. Wenning indicated that she was not present during the sessions last year concerning changes to the Personnel Policy. The Council was urged to review it for themselves. Ms. Hunt commented on Salary Administration provisions and whether lunch hours had been considered unpaid in the past. Council members expressed an interest in having more time to review the policy before taking action.

After some discussion, Councilman Larry Meyer moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 2012-02 incorporating E-Verify into the County Personnel Policy. Mr. Kenny Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Ordinance was signed by those present.

Ms. Wenning reported that the DLGF Field Representative requested that the Council consider changing their final budget hearing date to October to make sure that all of the deadlines were given the appropriate timeframe. The date for Budget Adoption was moved to October 16th.

There being no further discussion, Councilor Danny Peters moved to adjourn. Councilman Kenny Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Ernie Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____