

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday March 24, 2015 Room 106

Present: Ernie Gauck, Geneva Hunt, Larry Meyers, Bill Metz, Kenny Owens and Danny Peters.

President Gauck called the meeting to order.

Kenny Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The February 17th meeting minutes were reviewed- Mr Owens moved to approve the minutes and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Hermesch, **County Extension Agent**, introduced Sara Martin -the newest Educator to Council members. He presented a \$7,008.24 check to Decatur County for salary savings since the Extension Office did not have three full-time educators. **Purdue** has reimbursed the County a total of \$31,473.74. Mr Hermesch stated he was asked to come back to the Council with his request of correcting a clerical error in his 2015 budget- specifically the equipment appropriation request of \$4,000 was typed in as \$400. the budget he received last October had an error in the 'office equipment' appropriation. He had submitted a request of \$4,000 which was entered into the budget reports as \$400. Mr Hermesch asked Council members for \$3,600 to pay for leases through **Purdue's Business Office**. He has contacted **Purdue** to explain the situation and they are willing to work with him. Mr Gauck stated **Council General** is currently not able to approve a request for 'additional' monies until after the Spring taxes are collected and distributed to the taxing units. Mr Gauck asked Mr Hermesch to submit his request for additional monies to the Auditor's office in May for the Council's June meeting.

County Assessor Dorene Greiwe gave an update on the **Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)**. The **Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF)** has decreed the **PTABOA Boards** shall consist of either a three member or five member board. Mrs Greiwe believes a three member board will work well for Decatur County. She has spoken to **PTABOA Board** member Ryan Kennelly who is willing to step down and be an alternate should the need arise. Council members were 'good with that decision'.

Several requests for transfers were reviewed and discussed- **Community Corrections and Family Court Counselor**. **Community Corrections** is still learning how to budget grant monies. **Family Court Counselor fund 9105** has been "in the red" since 2012, so the transferring monies to this fund should keep it "in the black" through December 2015. Mr Meyer moved to approve the transfer requests and Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr Owens asked about monies for **E911 Central Dispatch** including construction for the 'dispatch office' and the number of personnel. Mr Gauck stated the **County Council** has to approve all **E911** expenditures as well as the budget. There are ongoing discussions concerning pay and longevity pay when the County and City dispatchers are combined. All dispatchers will be employees of Decatur County and our personnel policy specifically states only "road deputies" receive longevity pay. Mr Meyer agreed to attend the **E911** meetings with Council member Bill Metz.

The next Council meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2015.

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

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____