

## **Decatur County Council Meeting**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, Room 106

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

**President** Gauck called the meeting to order.

**Decatur County Coroner Doug Banks** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After reviewing meeting minutes for the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive meeting- Mr Metz moved to approve the Executive meeting minutes and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Executive meeting minutes were approved. Mr Owens moved to correct the minutes for the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr Peters then moved to approve the corrected minutes for the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr Banks presented the **2015 Coroner's Summary Report**. He and his five deputies worked thirty-four cases of which nine required autopsies. He told Council members about a major improvement made last year to his office. Autopsies can now be done 'in house' with a pathologist coming to the Coroner's office instead to transporting the deceased to Indianapolis. Surrounding county coroners have asked if Mr Banks would 'rent' his autopsy room to them for their autopsies. County Attorney Drew Young created a written rental agreement for Mr Banks to use charging other coroners \$200 for use of the autopsy room. Mr Banks is also considering 'an organ donation recovery fee'.

**Rojeanna Pank, Executive Director for New Directions**, asked Council members if the \$5,000 she requested last November is now available. This amount is in addition to the \$15,000 already in the Commissioners' 2016 Budget. **New Directions** is currently receiving two grants from the **Indiana Criminal Justice Institute** and Mrs Pank has been informed one of those grants may end soon. Mr Gauck told Mrs Pank the Council couldn't contribute any funds until July, at the earliest, as we need wait to see how monies come in for the May 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Taxes.

**Community Corrections Director Mark Cripe** presented the **2016/2017 Fiscal Budget** for his department. This budget has already been approved by the State and his Advisory Board. Mr Metz moved to approve the community Corrections 2016/2017 Fiscal Budget. Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried, the budget is approved.

**Decatur County Prosecutor Nathan Harter** discussed a couple of options to bring in revenues to help fund **New Directions**. He gave an update on the use of funds which the Council approved in the 2016 Budgets. Two summer interns will be working in his office with 'the experience' as pay.

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

Mr Gauck reported there has been some progress with the **Tourism Board** merging with the **Visit Decatur County Board**. He should have more information by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next Council meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Council would like to congratulate both of the **Greensburg and North Decatur Varsity Basketball Teams** on their recent Sectional Wins.

Mr Metz moved to approve the \$200 request for additional monies submitted by **Veterans Service Officer Mike Baumgartner** as reimbursement for the purchase of educational materials for children in the local elementary schools. Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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Ernest Gauck, President

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