

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Room 106

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

President Gauck called the meeting to order.

Sheriff Greg Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The April 21st meeting minutes were reviewed- Mr Metz moved to approve the minutes and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Hermesch, **County Extension Agent**, had previously explained the budget situation regarding an appropriation error for a lease on an office printer. He submitted the required paper work to request an 'additional appropriation' to cover the shortfall. Mr Peters moved to approve the request for \$3,600 additional and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr also had submitted his request for additional appropriations for three separate budgets. The 2015 budgets were reduced due to a procedural error in the 2015 Budget Process. He has contacted the **Department of Local Government Finance** who advised him the "monies are there", the additional just needs to be approved the **Council**. Mr Owens moved to approve the request and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rob Duckworth, **EMA Director**, presented Council members with a job description for the newly created position of **E 911 Director** due to the merging of 911 Dispatch. Mr Duckworth thanked Mr Metz and Mr Peters for their work in moving to "Central Dispatch" for Decatur County. Upon combining the City and County's fourteen full-time positions the part-time positions will be eliminated, saving about \$60,000. The goal is to have the Central Dispatch Center up and running by February 16th, 2016, which will require several 'steps' to achieve. The **TIF Board** is funding this project which is saving major tax dollars. Mr Meyer moved to accept this proposal to combine the two 911dispatch entities/locations providing salaries/budgets permit. A proposed pay/wage scale was reviewed by Council members who believe a two-year salary 'lock' would help with the budget process. Mr Gauck stated that can't be done right now, but may be done during the upcoming 2016 budget process. Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr Peters moved to approve the "transfer requests" for monies from **the Highway Dept, Health Dept, Parks Dept and CAGIT** to the **Non-Reverting Health Fund**. Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2015.

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

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____