

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, Room 106

Present: Ernie Gauck, Bill Metz, Kenny Owens, Danny Peters and Kenny Hooten

President Gauck called the meeting to order

Mr Gauck, in Geneva’s absence, led the pledge of allegiance.

After Council members reviewed the October 18th meeting minutes, Mr Metz moved to approve the minutes and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carries, 5 – 0.

Deputy Auditor Teresa Reiger explained the Coroner’s ‘request for transfer of monies’ within his budget as the appropriation for paying a pathologist isn’t sufficient for the remainder of 2016. The second transfer request is to move monies from **Family Court Counselor** back to the **Riverboat Gaming County Share** fund since Deb Crusier retired in April of this year. Those monies should be returned to their ‘origin fund’ since they were not used for purposes intended. Mr Owens moved to approve the two transfer requests and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carries, 5 – 0. Ms Reiger explained there will be ‘requests for transfer of monies’ at the next Council meeting since several departments will not have sufficient funds for the ‘27th pay’ in 2016; also the **Health Department** will need to pay out the PTO and comp time for one employee whose position, due to budget constraints, will be eliminated in 2017.

Updates were given on the appointments to the **Area Plan Commission** as part of making that board compliant with State Statute. The **County Commissioners** are considering adopting an ordinance which allows options on requirements on making appointments to the **APC**.

Mr Gauck asked **EMA Director Rob Duckworth** how the ‘tower lease analysis’ is going. Mr Duckworth explained the ‘twenty year lease to lock in the 1% increase over the life of the lease’ would prevent the normal 1% year increase. Mr Duckworth said that saves the county a lot of money and most companies will rarely put that in a contract.

Council members discussed what they would like to do to honor retiring Council woman, Geneva Hunt.

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

The next County Council meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 20th, 2016.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____