

## **Decatur County Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Room 106

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

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

**County Councilperson** Geneva Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After reviewing the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes- Mr Owens moved to approve the minutes and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried. September 15<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**Commissioners Rick Nobbe** gave an update on the County's Health Insurance costs since adding the **Stay Well Clinic** partnership with **Decatur County Memorial Hospital** at a reduced cost of \$20 (originally was \$26) per member per month has saved \$11,000. County employees have utilized approximately \$75,000 in services at the **Stay Well Clinic** while costing the County about \$38,000. In 2014, the County paid \$129.17 per employee per month for health insurance and in 2015 the average per member per month is \$88.80. Mr Nobbe asked Council members to consider putting \$500 of these savings (from insurance costs) into each of the **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)** participants' **Health Savings Account (HSA)** to encourage future **HDHP** enrollment. He wanted to put this in front of the Council for February, 2016- when open enrollment is for the County's health insurance. Mr Gauck said he thought this is a good idea to return some monies to the **HDHP** employees.

**E911 Board President Rob Duckworth** presented a "2015 Amended 144 -Statement of Salaries" for the Council's approval for the newly appointed **911 Director Tiffany Bowling**. Mr Duckworth also presented a 'request to transfer monies' within the **Statewide E911 Budget** for the Director's salary. The Director's position as well as several dispatchers' salaries will be paid from the newly created **Countywide E911 Budget** in 2016. Mr Duckworth also told the Council he would be on the November 17<sup>th</sup> agenda to request additional monies in the **Statewide E911 Budget** to help pay for the construction costs for new **Central Dispatch Center**.

Mr Gauck gave an update on the **Convention and Visitors Board (Tourism Board)**. A 'not-for-profit' board, **Visit Decatur County Inc**, was set up within the **Convention and Visitors Board** to take care of applying for grants, payroll and advertising. The **Visit Decatur County Inc's** annual contract with the **Tourism Board** is \$134,000. The **Tourism Board** is not an 'active board' due to this contract and Mr Gauck believes someone should be reporting/be responsible to the Council and Commissioners when spending an annual income of \$200,000 brought in by the **Innkeepers' Tax**.

**Greensburg Mayor Gary Herbert** read a statement regarding the recent news articles concerning the finances of the **City of Greensburg**. Mayor Herbert hired an independent firm, **Umbaugh**, to review the city's financial records, 2011 to present. They found the City departments spent less than their revenues in each year, so it's just the timing of revenues being receipted in which made some believe the City was/is 'broke'. Mayor Herbert stated the City is good financial shape.

Mr Peters moved to approve the **2016 County Budgets (County General, Cumulative Capital Development, EDIT, Health, Highway, Parks and Recreation, Reassessment, Cumulative Bridge, Local Roads and Streets, LEPC, Countywide 911, Statewide 911, Probation User Fees, Juvenile Probation**

Mr Peters moved to approve the **Decatur County Contractual Library 2016 Budget**. Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr Metz moved to approve **Solid Waste Management's 2016 Budget** and it was seconded by Mr Owens. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on November 17th, 2015.

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

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Ernest Gauck, President

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