

Decatur County Council
September 17th, 2013 9:00 a.m.

Present: Ernie Gauck, Geneva Hunt, Larry Meyer, Kenny Owens, Bill Metz , Danny Peters
Absent: Kenny Hooten

Meeting minutes were approved for the September 10th Council Business Meeting. Minutes from the budget session will be available in October. Larry Meyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Geneva Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Greg Allen and Decatur County School Superintendent Johnny Budd were on hand to request consideration from the council regarding the partial funding for a County School officer position. A state grant is available for 2 years. They were requesting the council consider funding \$10,000 of the officer's salary. The state will match \$40,000 for an officer if they are employed by the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Allen stressed the importance of an officer working directly with children and teens and developing a relationship with them when they are still in school. Spt. Budd and Sheriff Allen both stressed that the officer will be out in the county when school is not in session and will be an asset to the entire county. After some discussion and a few questions, Mr. Kenny Owens moved to put \$10,000 into a line item in the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Larry Meyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Circuit Court Clerk Janet Chadwell came before the council to discuss issues pertaining to a payroll discrepancy that she heard about through the local radio station. She advised the council that she had utilized Clerk's Perpetuation money to supplement part-time employees that did more detail oriented work with scanning confidential records and other tasks. She asked the council for direction on how to amend the part time rate to continue paying those rates. Chairman Ernie Gauck stated that the State Board of Accounts said it has to follow a proper order. Clerk Chadwell supplied an amended 144 for 2014 and asked for approval. Chairman Gauck said he would have to look at all of the 144's before approval is granted. All form 144's are to be turned in and approved by the Council.

Representatives from Pictometry were on hand to demonstrate their imagery software. They gave a slideshow presentation and a short discussion of how the data is now stored in the "cloud" network and is even more accessible than before by government entities. Police can even pull imagery in their cars. The proposed cost is 1 flight for 3 years or two flights over 6 years for \$87,236.50. The cost for this in 2009 was \$109,000. The cost can be spread out over 3 years to pay. Mr. Gauck suggested getting bids from other companies. Mr. Gauck thanked the Pictometry team for their information.

Carol Beck from the Board of Health was not present to discuss her agenda item.

Representing the Animal Shelter, Laura Johnston and board member Michelle Anderson were on hand to discuss the local shelter. They recently advertised on WTRE that they were in need of a dryer and an anonymous envelope with \$800 was donated to purchase the dryer. They reported that they had 34 dogs come in one month and that they have more food donated than they can use so they donate to the needy for their pets and for rescued pets. They need money for wages for a 2nd trained Animal Control Officer and asked for a minimum of \$2,600. Mr. Gauck stated it was not requested in the budget. Ms. Johnston said it was just added as an increase to the Assistant Warden. Mr. Peters moved to take \$2600 out of the assistant warden line item and to create a new line item for a part time officer. Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joel Denninger, Lake McCoy was in to discuss a discrepancy with funds and the fact that the current officers for the Conservancy Board have never been sworn in. Mr. Gauck suggested that someone find out who has control and go from there. Mr. Denninger will visit with County Attorney Peg Polanski to investigate further.

The Public Hearing for the 2014 budget proposal was advertised and announced. No one was present. The council was informed they needed to cut an additional \$32,000 from the budget. \$2500 from 4-H Council, \$10,000 from Juvenile Holding, and \$30,000 from Plans and Implementations. It was clarified that the Cagit rate stayed the same at .0033 and that the Cedit rate is still .0025.

Mr. Owens moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Metz seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is October 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Ernie Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____