

**Decatur County Council**  
**September 18, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Ernie Gauck, Geneva Hunt, Rheadawn Metz and Danny Peters

The August 21st minutes for the regular Council session were approved, with Mrs. Metz making the motion and Mr. Peters seconding the motion. The motion carried.

The minutes for the second August 21st meeting held especially for the Budget Presentation and Review were presented. Mr. Danny Peters moved to approve the minutes. Mrs. Geneva Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The minutes for the August 27th Public Hearing were presented. Mrs. Hunt moved to accept them as presented with Mrs. Rheadawn Metz seconding the motion. The motion carried.

Rob Duckworth, Director of Emergency Management spoke with the council to make them aware of the more than 16 courses necessary to meet the requirements for salary reimbursement. He detailed the plan in place to have new hire Peggy Brown compliant in time for the next reimbursement request. He did tell the board that the county received 50% of what it expended in 2011 because Officer Duckworth has maintained his eligibility by keeping current on his coursework. EMA has to certify to the Commissioners that these prerequisites have been met in order to be applying for and receive reimbursement. He discussed the details of the Dept. of Homeland Security's assessment of the local EMA. In order to receive reimbursement, an agency must score above 200 points and the Decatur County EMA scored over that. Because of that rating, the county EMA will receive an incentive grant of \$4000. The potential amount varies year by year based on the amount of money available for distribution and the number of entities qualifying for it. Last year's award was used to purchase 3 GPS cameras for damage assessment teams, another projector for the emergency operations center and to begin a community outreach project called CERT (Community Outreach Response Team). The idea is to have CERT backpacks with basic emergency response tools in the hands of responders throughout the county. Those responders would manage their areas to the best of their ability until more help could arrive. Officer Duckworth also reported that the reimbursements have come through and are back in the general fund for what was paid out in salaries last year. The council was appreciative of the information.

The meeting was opened up for public comment on the budgets and the council went through the budgets requiring non-binding review. At President Ernie Gauck's suggestion and after some discussion, it was agreed to increase the amount going into Plans and Implementations with the hopes that the County Commissioners would agree to utilize the extra to assist the Park's Department in getting a basketball court installed at the New Point Park. Mrs. Geneva Hunt moved to put an additional \$10,000 into Plans and Implementations for use in building a basketball court for New Point. Rheadawn Metz seconded the motion. The motion carried. President Ernie Gauck asked for a show of hands for those in favor and it was unanimously passed.

Auditor Tami Wenning thanked Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley for her invaluable help in getting the budget put together. The two explained how the new CAGIT budget was set up. There was a brief discussion concerning the early payoff of the courthouse bonds and Auditor Wenning offered to get a brief synopsis from County Attorney Peg Polanski on the process and on the future of EDIT.

There being no further business, Danny Peters moved to adjourn and Geneva Hunt seconded

the motion. The motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will include budget adoption and will be held on October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

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Ernie Gauck, President

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