

Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Room 106

Present: Ernie Gauck, Danny Peters, Larry Meyer, Judge John Westhafer, Bill Metz, Kenny Owens and Kenny Hooten

County Sheriff-elect David Durant led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Mr Metz moved to approve the October 16th meeting minutes and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 - 0.

County Assessor Dorene Greiwe presented the personal property abatement forms for **NCT** which the Council had made a 'gentlemen's agreement in May of this year to approve 4 years, not 5 years, due to **NCT** not filing these forms in a timely manner. Ms Greiwe has asked **Council's attorney Lora Williams** to write a resolution for the 4 years approved by the Council for adoption at their December meeting. The abated amount will be 80% for taxes due in 2019. Mr Gauck signed the **Statement of Benefits-1**.

County Treasurer Brenda Dwenger presented the financial overview for the County in 2018. The county's main bank accounts are with **First Financial Bank**. Ms Dwenger reported the actual interest earned to date is \$72,497.57 plus another \$34,597.12 in interest was saved by paying the Courthouse Rehab loan off in August. Council members asked her to keep up the good job!

Mr Westhafer agreed to continue serving in 2019, as the Council's appointment to the **Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Board**.

Mr Metz moved to approve Visitors, Recreation and Tourism's request for \$28,000 in additional appropriation for WYFI for the Fair Grounds. Mr Peters seconded the motion. Motion passes, 7 – 0.

Mr Westhafer moved to approve the Resolution for the County Prosecuting Attorney to continue in a full time capacity for the **69th Judicial Court**. Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Mr Metz moved to the request to transfer monies submitted by several departments and Mr Owens seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Mr Peters moved to approve the 2019 meeting schedule, keeping meetings at 9:00 am, on the third Tuesday of each month. Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Third District Council-elect Deanna Burkhart introduced herself and stated she is looking forward to learning her new role as a council person.

County Sheriff-elect David Durant introduced himself and he is looking forward to working with the Council in his new role. He told Council members two deputy sheriffs may be leaving employment with the County for better-paying jobs. Council agreed salary plays a big part in keeping good employees.

Council discussed doing something in recognition of Tom Carrol's years of service on the County Council.

Council will honor Kenny Owens for his 24 years of serving as Councilman for District 3 at a luncheon at the Osgood Grub on December 18th at 11:30 am.

The Council's next meeting is December 18th, 2018 at 9:00 am.

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

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____

