The Decatur County Council opened their first meeting of 2007 with the following council members present: Ernest Gauck, Rheadawn Metz, Rose Hellmich, Kenny Owens, Larry Meyer, Geneva Hunt, and Kenneth Hooten. The meeting opened with elections of officers. Mrs. Metz moved to appoint Ernest Gauck as president, Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Hellmich appointed Rheadawn Metz as Vice-President, Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gauck welcomed the new council members, Larry Meyer and Kenneth Hooten.

Mrs. Metz moved to approve the December minutes after removing a sentence pertaining to FAA's selection for the Airport, Mr. Owens seconded motion. Motion carried.

Vicky Kellerman- Economic Development Corporation Director, came before the council to give a report for the last month.

Catch-a-ride representative, David Wolfslag, came before the council requesting $8,000.00 from the County for 2007 to supplement the program. The money has been approved and a claim has been filed.

Bill Meyerrose-911 came before the council asking for 800 mega hertz radios so that everyone can communicate with each other. Mr. Meyerrose requested an additional appropriation of $40,000.00 from 911. Mr. Hooten moved to approve the additional, Mrs. Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Doug Banks-Decatur County Coroner came to the council to talk about the Coroner’s Office. Mr. Banks would like to purchase a new transport vehicle for his office. Council members agreed to table the request at this time.

Hugh Miller-Southeastern Regional Planning Commission gave an update to the council.

Bryan Robbins and Greg Rust from HOTT City came to the council to ask for $20,000.00 for 2007. A report of activities for the year 2006 was provided. Mrs. Metz told them they needed make their request in August at budget time.

Tim Ortman updated the council on the GIS system. February 6, 2007 the system is going public. There is to be an Open House at the Courthouse for the employees from 1:00-3:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm for the public.

Ersel Rogers-Decatur County Rural Water came to update the Council on the problem with the City and Rural Water. They are looking at several options between the City and Rural Water.

Rick Hall-Baker & Daniels brought to the Council a resolution and an ordinance for the council to sign. The ordinance authorizes the Decatur County Council to establish a department of Economic Development to be controlled by an economic development commission consisting of 3 members selected by County Council, Commissioners and the Common Council of the City of Greensburg. The resolution is set up to issue bonds for the financing of economic development facilities and/or pollution control facilities, financing to be used for the acquisition, construction of equipping of said facilities.

Mr. Gauck asked how often the EDC met. The EDC has a meeting as needed and comes back to the Council for final approval.

Mrs. Hellmich moved to adopt the resolution to go along with the petition of intent, Mr. Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The County Council asked Jim Tomson to be the person selected from the Council and Mr. Tomson accepted. Mrs. Hellmich moved to appoint Jim Tomson to the EDC, Mrs. Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Metz moved to accept the additional appropriations and amended 144’s presented, Mrs. Hellmich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hooten stated that he would like to move the Council meeting to the evening starting at 7:00 PM on February 20th 2007. Mrs. Hellmich made a motion to move the February meeting to 7:00pm, Mr. Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hooten was appointed to be on the Steering Committee (Courthouse Security).
Larry Meyer was appointed to be on the Fair Board.

With no further business to come before the Council, Mrs. Hellmich moved to adjourn, Mr. Hooten seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.
Ernest Gauck, President

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