The Decatur County Council opened their January 8th 2008 meeting with the following present; Ernest Gauck, President, Rheadawn Metz, Geneva Hunt, Larry Meyer, Ken Owens and Kenny Hooten.

Mr. Owens moved to approve the minutes of December 4th and Mrs. Hunt seconded and motion carries.

Matthew Bailey provided a letter explaining the county obligation to pay compensation time over 120 hours. County employees do not have a contract with the county so there is a 2 year statute of limitations for payment of overtime. Rita Burkert would like the girls to be paid a fair amount for the time they have worked. Mr. Gauck recommended going back to 2001 and paying the girls for those years. Mr. Owens moved to pay compensation time for the 2 years prior, Mrs. Hunt seconded, motion carries.

Sheriff Templeton is requesting cleaning services to be appropriated for the Sheriff’s Department. Mr. Meyer moved to approve the $6,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Metz, motion carries.

Sheriff Templeton also provided reports for 2007 operations of the Sheriff’s Department.

Sheriff Templeton has a deputy that will be leaving for Iraq and will be back in 2009 and will have to guarantee him a job when he returns. Sheriff Templeton would like approval to hire someone in his place while he is gone.

Robert Barker provided information about the Oddfellows Rebekah Park proposal. The Park has leased this property since 1981 and Oddfellows has decided to not resign a lease for 2008. Council members agreed to allow Commissioners to get appraisals and make an offer for the 20 acres.

Mr. Hooten moved to adjourn, Mrs. Metz seconded and motion carries.

Ernest J. Gauck, President