DECATUR COUNTY COUNCIL

AUGUST 20, 2008

Budget Hearings

The Decatur County Council opened their August 20th, 2008 budget hearings with the following present: Ernest Gauck, President, Rheadawn Metz, Rose Hellmich, Geneva Hunt, Larry Meyer, Ken Owens and Kenneth Hooten.

Council members began discussing the cuts necessary to achieve the 6.5 Million County General budget recommended by Frank Cummings.

Salaries were discussed. Full-time employees and elected officials would receive $1000.00 raise and part-time would received $500.00. Council members clarified salaries as follows: Commissioners - $1000.00; Council - $500.00; County Attorney – 2% as requested by Commissioners; State required pay for licensed surveyor; Recorder’s Clerical - $500.00; Soil and Water employees, IDACS, 911 Coordinator, Extension Secretary, and Family Court Counselor would also received the $1000.00 raise.

Mr. Meyer moved to allow the 5 elected officials in the courthouse a $1700.00 raise and Mr. Hooten seconded, motion carried.

After a close review of requests for 2009, Council members were able to trim budget back to the recommended 6.5 Million in the general fund.

Public Hearing for 2009 Budget will be August 29, 2008 at 9:00am.