The Decatur County Council opened their November 18th, 2008 meeting with the following present: Ernest Gauck, President, Rheadawn Metz, Geneva Hunt, Larry Meyer, Ken Owens, Rose Hellmich and Kenny Hooten.

Mr. Owens moved to approve the October minutes as read, Mrs. Metz seconded, motion carried.

Marsha Miller Smith-Maverick Insurance provided information on a savings plan for the employees age 65 and over by moving them over to a Medicare supplement. Ms. Smith is hoping to implement this plan January 1, 2009. Ms. Smith explained the risk of the county is currently taking to insure employees at $60,000.00 per employee. Maverick Insurance would be bidding the coverage for the Commissioners just as they would the county plan with prescription drug coverage also.

Jerome Billman and Vicki Kellerman provided information about his business. Mr. Billman would like to receive 10 year abatement on real estate. Council members agreed to the abatement when the amended statement of benefits is received.

Additional appropriations were discussed. Doug Banks – Coroner requested $10,000.00 for pathologists. Sheriff Templeton requested $10,000.00 which was reduced $5,000.00. Mark Mohr – Highway Superintendent provided information to Council Members about bridge work that is being performed and his requests for Cum Bridge and Local Road & Street. Mrs. Metz moved to approval additional requests, Mrs. Hellmich seconded, motion carried.

Hugh Miller – EMA Director requested to pay Pam Blasdel as Co-Director the same as Mr. Miller. Mr. Meyer moved to approve salary for Ms. Blasdel to coincide, Mr. Hooten seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Meyer presented the draft of the 8% Ordinance revisions. After discussions of the Council; Mr. Owens moved to approve 2008-4, Mrs. Hellmich seconded motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Hellmich moved to adjourn, Mr. Hooten seconded, motion carried.

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Ernest Gauck, President
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