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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Rita Hilty offered the invocation.

Guests included Jan Heinrich (Jim H.), Chelsea Luebrecht (Evening Leader), Pat McGowan & Greg Foxhoven (Mike Burkholder), and Doug Spencer (speaker).

Kevin Lawler led the singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Happy Birthday" to Wes Prostman.

Happy Dollars

President Jeff was happy and proud to be a rotarian after all of the successful Rotary events/celebrations from last week, Ellen Hunter was happy Trish's eye was better after gunshot wound, Kraig Noble was happy about the

successful CIC meeting, Wes Protsman was happy about all the birthday wishes, Brian Botti was unhappy about the recent negativity and inaccurate articles for boy scouts but was happy to answer any questions we might have, Abby Balster was happy about the annual banquet, Trisha Barnes was happy to explain the (nerf) gunshot wound to eye and that it was getting better, Rita Hilty was happy to invite people to the Hard Hat Tour from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday at Otterbein, Kevin Lawler had a public service announcement for phones in school.

Fines

Finemaster Phil Schumann delivered fines to all that didn't drink green beer, Ellen Hunter was fined as Emily's sponsor, Mike Makely was fined for incorrect trivia about Rotarian magazine, and then Phil fined the group for several reasons and most Rotarians maxed out with \$2 fine.

Announcements

- President Jeff read thank you cards from Aug. County Council on Aging for lunch, Dick Hudson for the celebration last week and DG Deb Chaney.
- President Jeff reminded everyone of Annual Banquet on Thursday, June 28th
- Gears & Cheers March 22nd with Interact member Leah Strand as speaker.

Program

Zach Ferrall introduced our speaker today and welcomed Doug Spencer, Auglaize County Commissioner, to speak about the

State of the County. Mr. Spencer is a 1989 MHS graduate and received his BS in Education from BGSU and his masters from WSU. He worked for the city of St. Marys from 1993-1995 and then served as a teacher until he was appointed as the County Commissioner in 2007 and is now serving his 3rd term.

Mr. Spencer started his State of the County presentation by informing us that Auglaize County is doing "VERY GOOD". Auglaize County has a great past but a greater future and Mr. Spencer reminded us that that still holds true today. Mr. Spencer explained the responsibilities of the county commissioners which includes deed holders for Aug. County



property, they do the taxing, control purchases, workers comp, etc. The county government has 14 elected officials but is also comprised of many independent contractors. Mr. Spencer also spoke about the revenue for the county where 54% of it is from Sales Tax and property tax comes in 2nd as well as many other items (farm rent, court fees, etc.)

Mr. Spencer spoke about the county's accomplishments which included adding 2 dispatchers at 9-1-1 call center for all shifts, the "next gen" 9-1-1 system that will be implemented (\$133,500), replacing

the tower lights near the law enforcement center in Wapakoneta (\$35,000), purchasing 3.730 acres at the airport for expansion (\$52,289), replacing the courthouse clock (\$33,922) and establishing county building department for non-residential improvement.

He then explained the goals for this year which include a new bailer for recycling, water sewage lines at the Neal Armstrong airport, new terminal project at the airport, finalize the privatization of Auglaize Acres (hoping it'll be complete by June 2018) and looking forward to the 50th celebration of Apollo 11 and 125th anniversary of the county courthouse.

Queen of Hearts

Jake Sutton drew for the Queen but found the joker and shared with Mike Burkholder.

Upcoming Programs

- 3/28 Craig Riedel, Ohio House of Representatives, District 82
- 4/4 Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest
- 4/11 County Commissioner Candidate Debate

Upcoming Greeters

- 3/28 Mike Lee
- 4/4 Scott Nuttle
- 4/11 Joe Burke
- 4/18 Bob Leugers

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

