

# Civic Board OKs budget

Decatur Civic Board members Wednesday tentatively approved a budget of almost \$5.5 million for 1979-80.

About \$4.5 million is for construction, another \$500,000 for a contingency fund and the rest for land acquisition, site development, engineering and other costs.

The \$14 million Civic Center is to be completed in fall of 1980.

The proposed budget will be on file at the Metro. Decatur Chamber of Commerce office for public examination for 30 days.

A public hearing will be held before the budget is considered for final approval. That hearing will be at 8 a.m. July 24 in the Chamber of Commerce's conference room.

Bids are to be opened today for demo-

lition of a number of buildings acquired by the board for the project, including the historic Trinity CME Church. That

demolition is to be done in July.

Six members of the church appeared at Tuesday's meeting of the Historical and Architectural Sites Commission to ask for help in saving the church.

Commission Chairman Dick Westbrook said the group has not received a report from a Chicago architect on the feasibility of moving the building. He said he is uncertain about the possibilities of saving the church because of the Civic Center Board's demolition schedule and because the board now owns the building.

The church members said they would like to move the building to land the congregation owns if it is feasible to do so and if demolition of the building can be delayed.