

**County Council Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2017**

Present: David Gogel, Blake Bunner, Steve Winsett, Aaron Benton, Todd Ruxer, Jack Kroeger, Matt Knepper, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by Auditor Winkler at 8:30 A.M.

President

First order of business was nominations for President. Benton made a motion to nominate Blake Bunner as President. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. The meeting was then turned over to President Bunner.

Vice-President

Gogel made a motion to nominate Aaron Benton as Vice-President. Knepper seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Council Attorney

Bunner informed the board there was a letter from Andrew Foster requesting appointment as Council Attorney. Winsett asked where Foster lives, Bunner stated he believes Foster lives in Warrick County. Foster works for Ayer, Waggoner, Hargis and has been attorney for the Town of Chrisney, Finch-Newton Water and the Town of Troy. Benton made a motion to appoint Andrew Foster as Council Attorney. Knepper seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. Winsett stated he does not like that he isn't from Spencer County, but he was the only one that applied. Kroeger asked if there was anything legal with him not living here, Auditor Winkler stated no. Bunner stated that Foster explained to him that they reside in Newburgh due to him working in Rockport and his wife working in Evansville.

EMA BOARD

Kroeger made a motion to appoint Gogel to the EMA Board. Benton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

ABC Board

Anthony Bender is the current appointee. Benton stated he has a letter from Ben Dutlinger requesting appointment to the ABC Board. Benton made a motion to appoint Ben Dutlinger to the ABC Board. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Indiana Region 15

Benton made a motion to appoint Ruxer as the Council representative for Indiana Region 15. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Insurance Committee

Kroeger made a motion to appoint Bunner to the Insurance Committee. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Tourism Commission

Bunner stated there is a letter from the Tourism Commission requesting Eric Snow and Sharon Raven be reappointed. Benton made a motion to reappoint Eric Snow and Sharon Raven to the Tourism Commission for a 2-year term. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

LEDC

Bunner stated that Bill Spaetti has been the council representative with Kroeger as the sub and Kroeger has expressed interest in becoming the LEDC representative. Benton made a motion to appoint Kroeger to the LEDC. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

LEDC Joint Appointment with Commissioners

Kroeger made a motion to reappoint Larry Harlen. Benton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

4-H Youth & Community

Benton made a motion to appoint Knepper to the 4-H Youth & Community. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Solid Waste

Gogel made a motion to reappoint Ruxer to the Solid Waste Board. Kroeger seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Advisory Plan Commission

Ruxer made a motion to appoint Benton to the Advisory Plan Commission. Kroeger seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Luce Township Regional Sewer District (LTRSD)

Bunner stated that we received a letter from Kelly Kuchenbrod requesting reappointment and a letter from Ryan McGhee requesting appointment. Eleisha Shelton, Superintendent of LTRSD was in attendance and stated that Kuchenbrod has served on the board for 4 years as Secretary and does a good job. Bunner asked if the board would like to say anything and Winsett stated he has received several phone calls on this and they aren't good. He has been told that LTRSD has a heck of a lot of debt

and lots of grinder pumps going out. Shelton stated that is incorrect, but some areas receive "dirty power" from Vectren which causes electrical problems. The district has been looking into getting different gray boxes for the areas with power surges and electrical problems, but they are more costly. Winsett stated that he understood there was \$6,000.00 paid out last month to change pumps. Shelton stated she pays the contractor \$60.00/hr and that was for pumps and repairs for 3-4 months worth of work. Winsett stated the he understood it is on tape Shelton stating that she would pull the pumps herself. Shelton stated that she has pulled many pumps herself, but there has been many things not done thru the years and Shelton is working to get these things done, plus she was the only employee for 9 months and even when someone was hired for clerical it was not full time. Shelton stated that she is busy working in the office and in the field. Benton asked Shelton if McGhee is hooked up to the sewer and Shelton stated he is a customer, but he is not hooked up to the sewer from house to grinder and he is currently late on his bill. Bunner stated that we as the county want to make sure that the money we are pledging to this or any project is being used correctly and he's confident that is where Winsett was going with this. Shelton stated that the money contributed from the county goes straight to Bank of New York to pay on the debt. Bunner stated he feels the county would like to be updated more frequently on the progress with LTRSD and Shelton stated she would be happy to do that. Winsett stated that Shelton said a few years ago she was the only employee and didn't have time to pull pumps, but now that they hired someone why is she not doing it. Shelton again explained that she is busy working on a lot things that were not completed thru the years, plus her other duties. Bunner stated that we as the council would just like more frequent updates to ensure the county money is being used for its intended use. Winsett has some legitimate questions, but they should be addressed with her board, the county does not need to be meddling in that part of business. Kroeger stated we do not know the business of the LTRSD and that he feels we should go with the recommendation of Shelton, because she would know better than us. Kroeger made a motion to retain current appointee Kelly Kuchenbrod. Knepper seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

PTABOA

Assessor McGinnis made a request to reappoint Valery Kessens to the PTBOA board. Benton made a motion to appoint Kessens. Gogel seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Redevelopment Commission

Bunner stated that Gene Steinkamp and Mike Schreiber are currently the council appointed representatives. Benton stated that he has a letter requesting appointment from Eric Vogel and Auditor Winkler stated there is a letter from Brian Greulich and Gene Steinkamp in the packet. Kroeger stated that he feels Eric Vogel would be a very good choice with the work his family has done for the community over the years they would have a good perspective of what needs to be done with the redevelopment commission. Benton stated that he feels Greulich would also be a good choice, he works at Waupaca and his wife is the Santa Claus Town Clerk. Benton made a motion to appoint Eric Vogel and Brian Greulich to the Redevelopment Commission. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Corrections

Benton made a motion to reappoint Winsett as the Council representative for Community Corrections. Kroeger seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Lincoln Heritage Public Library

Bunner read a letter from Faye Terry, Director of Lincoln Heritage Public Library requesting Joy Zook be reappointed for a 4 year term. Kroeger made a motion to reappoint Joy Zook to the Lincoln Heritage Public Library board for a 4 year term. Benton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Meeting Date and Time

Benton made a motion to continue meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

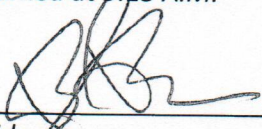
Roberts Rule of Order Modified

Knepper made a motion that we follow Roberts Rule of Order Modified. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

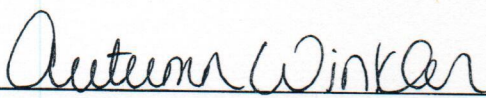
New Business

Gogel mentioned that we would soon be getting our 1782 notice and would need to make any adjustments to our rates and levies and get it submitted within 10 days. Auditor Winkler stated that we are currently under review, so we should be receiving it anytime. After discussion, it was decided that 3 members of the council would come work with Auditor Winkler on the adjustments to rates and levies, and then Winkler would contact everyone for signature. Gogel made a motion that Bunner, Kroeger, and himself be authorized to work with Auditor Winkler on the 1782 notice adjustments. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 A.M.



 President



 Attest: Auditor, Autumn Winkler



