

County Council Meeting
April 17, 2018

Present: Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, David Gogel, Steve Winsett, Matt Knepper, Todd Ruxer, Attorney Andrew Foster, Auditor Autumn Winkler
 Meeting was called to order by President Blake Bunner at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Kroeger made a motion to approve the minutes from March 20th and March 20th joint meeting as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General – Commissioners

Rent - \$3,925.00

Commissioner Brown explained that money is needed for rent for the Coroner's office. Boultinghouse Funeral Home will rent us the space for \$425.00/month and that includes utilities except phone service. An additional appropriation of \$3,925.00 is requested to cover 9 months of rent and an additional \$100.00 in case they need phone service. The Coroner has a county cell phone to use so phone service should not be needed. Benton made a motion to approve \$3,825.00 for the 9 months of rent. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

COIT – Sheriff's Dept.

Dispatch Equipment - \$35,000.00

Sheriff McDurmon explained that we have had issues with our recording system in dispatch and he is requesting \$35,000.00 to purchase a new system with a five year warranty. If we do not purchase a new system it will cost \$6,000.00 per year for maintenance and the system will be obsolete soon. Benton made a motion to approve the \$35,000.00 from COIT for dispatch equipment. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Animal Control

Animal Control Officer - \$21,966.00

Commissioner Brown explained that this is the funding discussed in previous meetings to hire a new employee. This employee will take the place of Joy Zook and Susan Waterman and will not work more than 29 hours per week. The money in this fund is from donations received and should be enough to fund the position for the rest of year. Benton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Animal Control. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Probation User Fee

Mentoring - \$4,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that this is money that the Judge requested last month for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He was told at the last meeting that his attendance was not required. Gogel made a motion to approve the \$4,000.00 from the Probation User Fee fund. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

LOIT

Special Distribution for roads - \$96,386.00

Superintendent Kenney explained that in 2016 we received a special distribution from the state and 75% of that distribution had to be used on roads. The \$96,386.00 is part of that 75% and Kenney is requesting an additional appropriation to use those funds this year. The plan is to use the full amount this year and zero out the fund. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$96,386.00 out of the LOIT fund as requested. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway

Sign Contract - \$173,900.00

Superintendent Kenney explained that we received a grant for a sign contract. This is a reimbursable grant and we will receive 90% back, but must pay upfront. Every sign will be replaced in the county. Winsett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Bridge

Bridge Re-inspection - \$389,789.00

Superintendent Kenney explained that this is for the Bridge Re-inspection contract which is also reimbursable. It is a 4 year contract and we get reimbursed 80% over the 4 year period. Benton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the bridge re-inspection contract. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Riverboat**Drainage Plan 2018 - \$50,000.00**

Surveyor Faulkenberg informed the council of the progress on Hoopole ditch and the lack of funding to complete Phase 3. There is an estimated deficit of \$19,704.00 to finish Phase 3. Funding is also needed for work on non-regulated drains and chemicals for spraying. Benton made a motion to approve the \$50,000.00 in Riverboat for the drainage plan. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Faulkenberg also informed the council that the Drain Construction Fund has a balance of \$131,826.20 with no activity since 2007. After checking with the Drainage Board attorney and SBOA it has been determined that those dollars can be used on regulated drains. Faulkenberg will proceed with the process to start utilizing those funds.

Appointment

Assessor Jane McGinnis is requesting the re-appointment of Valery Kessens to the PTABOA. Gogel made a motion to re-appoint Valery Kessens. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Attorney Foster checked into the requirement of the county funding the merit approved pension plan and found that if the plan is actuarially sound then the county is supposed to fund it. The merit board has autonomy to decide the plan. Kroeger explained that with defined benefit plans there is only about 20% paid in which results in a large unfunded liability and feels if the unfunded liability is too great the council should have the ability to do something about it. If new employees could go under a different retirement plan the salary could be higher and the existing deputies could stay on the current pension plan.

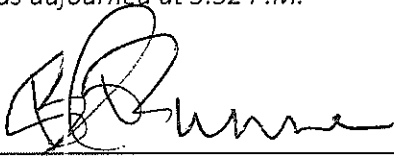
Mike Yeager

Mike Yeager came before the council to request support for an intersection change at SR 161 and Ola State Rd 45. Yeager explained that his daughter was recently killed at the intersection and there have been numerous other accidents there. Yeager has filed a petition with INDOT to change the intersection and is requesting nothing from the county except support. Benton made a motion of support for Yeager's request. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved. Attorney Jeff Lindsey will draft a resolution of support for commissioner and council signature.

New Business

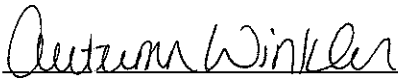
Bunner stated that he was contacted by ProCare Health Spot and they have a new proposal they would like to present. It has been discussed combining North Spencer School Corporation, South Spencer School Corporation and Spencer County into one shared group to obtain better savings and provide our own clinics. Bunner has spoken with the superintendents of both schools and recommends we meet with Tammy Feldpausch from ProCare Health Spot to hear the presentation. A joint insurance meeting was scheduled for May 15th to meet with ProCare Health Spot and to discuss if we wish to bid our insurance out this year.

Kroeger made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

