

**County Council Meeting  
October 17, 2017**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Blake Bunner at 5:53 P.M.

**Minutes**

Benton made a motion to approve the Non-Binding review minutes from September 19<sup>th</sup> and the regular council meeting minutes from September 19<sup>th</sup> as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**County General – Building Inspector**

**Travel - \$1,200.00**

**Building Inspector - \$4,000.00**

Building Inspector Don Winkler and Plan Commission Administrator Kay Erwin came before the council to request additional funding in travel. This has been an exceptionally busy year and there was not enough money budgeted for travel. Benton made a motion to approve the \$1,200.00 additional appropriation for travel. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Erwin and Winkler explained that due to such a busy year there is also a shortage in payroll to compensate the building inspector. A portion of building permit money is used to compensate the building inspector. Erwin stated she has collected \$23,000.00 so far this year in permits and only \$15,000.00 was budgeted for salary, so this additional funding has been covered by permits. Benton made a motion to approve the \$4,000.00 requested. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**County General – Veteran's Service Officer**

**Travel - \$750.00**

Butch Meredith came before the council to introduce himself and inform the board that he no longer needs the additional appropriation he is requesting a transfer instead. The annual fee for schooling is not needed this year, due to Meredith being newly appointed, so he will transfer it to travel. The additional funding needed in travel is to compensate Council on Aging for transporting veterans to doctor appointments.

**Transfers**

**Veteran's Service Officer**

Decrease: Annual VA School	1000-127-4131.00	\$500.00
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Increase: Travel	1000-127-4322.00	\$500.00
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Meredith is requesting \$500.00 be transferred from Annual VA School to Travel. Ruxer made a motion to approve the transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**County General – Commissioners**

**PT Help V.S.O - \$2,500.00**

Commissioner President Seiler stated that this request could be tabled. Gogel made a motion to table it. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Pre-Trial Diversion – Prosecutor**

**Training - \$250.00**

**Travel – \$340.00**

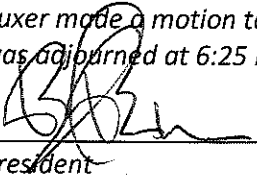
**Supplies - \$400.00**

Prosecutor Wilkinson came before the council to request additional funding for his Prosecutor's conference expenses and also additional office supplies. Wilkinson has specific figures now and stated he can lower the request on training to \$226.00 and lower the travel request to \$250.00. The \$400.00 in office supplies is needed due to his budget being cut some this year in office supplies and the large increase in jury trials we are having. Benton made a motion to approve the \$226.00 in training, the \$250.00 in travel and the \$400.00 in office supplies as requested. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

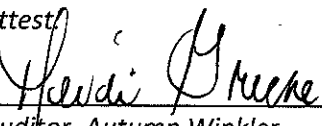
**New Business**

Judge Dartt came before the council to update them on the progress with seeking a magistrate and the need for a second courtroom. Dartt stated that the second courtroom and moving office space needs to be done by March 1, 2018. The salary for the magistrate if we receive one is paid by the State, so the main expense would be the second courtroom and office renovations. If we are able to use IV-D funding we could pay for the renovations up front and be reimbursed at 66%. Dartt feels we need to establish a committee to meet and work together on a plan to present to the commissioners and council. The Assessor's office and Plan Commission office will have to be moved from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to accommodate the second courtroom and office changes needed for Circuit Court and Probation. We need a short term plan for now, but need to discuss a long term plan. Dartt requested a letter of support from the council to be sent to state for a magistrate. Additional staff would not be needed as Dartt stated that we already have sufficient staff to run both courtrooms. Ruxer made a motion to approve a letter of support from the council for a magistrate. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

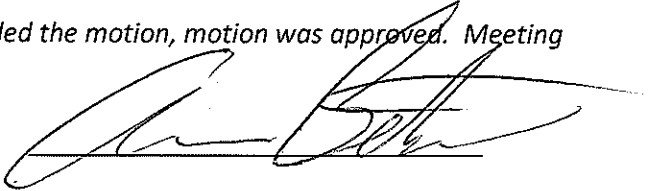


President



Attest

Auditor, Autumn Winkler



Steve Winsett

