

**County Council Meeting
April 15, 2014**

Present: Matt Knepper, Dave Kress, Steve Winsett, Bill Spaetti, Blake Bunner, Jack Kroeger, Joe Guinto, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M. New member Joe Guinto was introduced to everyone.

Minutes

Knepper made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18th with the spelling correction of Schaefer Brothers. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Appointment-Solid Waste Board

Spaetti made a motion to appoint Joe Guinto to the Solid Waste Board to replace Jim Seiler. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Health \$14,327.

Donna Etienne made the request and was present to speak to the Council. Etienne explained that this was the annual Emergency Preparedness Grant which is reimbursable from the State. Kress made a motion to approve the \$14,327. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Health \$7,600.

Donna Etienne made the request and she and Kim Hay were present to speak to the Council. Hay explained that they now have to file with insurances for immunizations which creates more work, they would like to hire temporary clerical work as needed. They have the money in Vaxcare and want to transfer the money to pay the part time help. They will pay as all county part time at \$9.50 per hour.

Kress made the motion to approve the \$7,600. Guinto seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Drug Free Community Fund \$12,075.54

Request was made by Jane Lynam on behalf of Natalie Bolin. Bolin was present and explained that this was an annual appropriation. This money comes from funds assessed to anyone receiving a DUI, and then we disburse the money into grants. The State has to approve our disbursements before we come to the Council for approval.

Winsett made a motion to approve the \$12,075.54. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

State Road Relinquishment Fund \$225,000.

David Gogel, Commissioner President made the request on behalf of the Highway Department. Chuck Painter, Highway Superintendent, was present and spoke to the Council. Painter explained that this money came from the State when the County took over different sections of State Highways and they were going to use the money to purchase much needed equipment. Painter presented a list of current equipment with hours/mileage.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$225,000 out of the State Road Relinquishment Fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Gogel explained that they have an opportunity to hire someone with excellent credentials to help Painter on the CEDIT Roads. He will help with managing, planning, and overseeing what is going on with the paving projects. This position will be part time only during the paving projects, with no benefits.

Gogel said we had spoken to the State Board of Accounts and they told us that we could go ahead and transfer money from the Engineers salary into the part time line that is already in the budget without advertising. (IC 6-1.1-18-6)

After much discussion Spaetti made a motion to transfer \$12,000 from the Engineer's salary (1000-141-4111) to part time (1000-141-4114). Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Winsett made a motion to amend the salary ordinance for 1000-141-4114 Project Manager at \$34.00 per hour. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Kroeger asked Ayer to speak to the State Board of Accounts and make sure this was being done correctly.

LEDC


Spaetti reported that at the last LEDC meeting they reported they were ahead on donations by \$10,000.

Study Committee

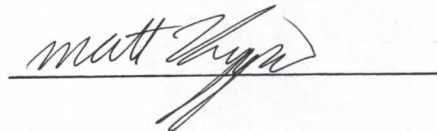
Kroeger said he had been asked by Andrew Berger, Attorney for AIC, to be on the Ad Hoc committee for the AIC to study personal property tax.

Spaetti made a motion to have Kroeger serve on the Ad Hoc Committee Board and be reimbursed for expenses. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

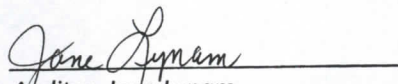
Bunner made a motion to adjourn. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 P.M.



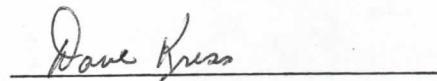
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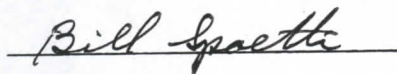


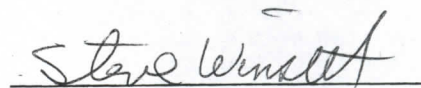
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Auditor, Jane Lynam









Council Members:

Pursuant to your request at last night's meeting, I spoke with Charlie Pride with the State Board of Accounts on the transfer. Also, I reviewed I.C. 6-1.1-18-6 which I have attached.

The transfer meets the requirements of the statute. I will prepare an amended salary ordinance.

Eric

IC 6-1.1-18-6

Transfer of money from one budget classification to another

6/6/2014

Indiana Code 6-1.1-18

Sec. 6. (a) The proper officers of a political subdivision may transfer money from one major budget classification to another within a department or office if:

- (1) they determine that the transfer is necessary;
- (2) the transfer does not require the expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the budget as finally determined under this article; and

- (3) the transfer is made at a regular public meeting and by proper ordinance or resolution.

(b) A transfer may be made under this section without notice and without the approval of the department of local government finance.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.57-1991, SEC.2; P.L.90-2002, SEC.162; P.L.173-2003, SEC.7 and P.L.256-2003, SEC.16.

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**County Council Meeting
May 20, 2014**

Present: Joe Guinto, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Auditor Jane Lynam

Absent: Attorney Eric Ayer

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15th meeting. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Highway Department \$6,500.

Decrease 1176-002-2371.00 Rental of equipment \$3,500.

Decrease 1176-002-2991.00 Contractual Services \$3,000.

Increase 1176-001-1441.00 Office Equipment \$6,500.

Chuck Painter made the request and David Gogel was present and spoke to the Council. Gogel explained that the server at the county garage was 9 ½ years old and needed to be replaced.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the transfer by decreasing rental of equipment and contractual service and increasing office equipment. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel explained that the Commissioners had made a motion to recommend to the Council to move some employees out of the county general budget to the 911 fund. Gogel said he was in the process of finding out how many to move and the cost. Kroeger said we could put this on next month's agenda; and we need to see if we can move insurance, social security, etc. into that budget also. Winsett said he thought the Commissioner's Attorney and the Council's Attorney should get together to make sure we are handling this correctly.

Kroeger said before budget time we need to look at other departments that are paying insurance to see if we're close on those numbers.

Spencer County Hospice

Linda Sturgeon, Administrative Director of Hospice, presented information to the Council.

Sturgeon explained that Hospice is a non-profit organization; they provide service regardless of ability to pay. There are 10 other hospice organizations, who serve this area, but they are for profit and they do not take clients who can't afford to pay. Our medications have gotten so expensive; it is getting hard for us to keep up. We do fund raisers and accept donations, but our funding is coming up a little short. That is the reason we are asking for this one time donation of \$5,000. We are asking for the donation to help the residents of Spencer County only.

Bunner said the \$5,000 can help right now, but what about the future, have you looked at a comparative income statement to see if you have a reduction in possible donations from year to year or how does that look. Sturgeon replied that the donations are down some, but we made good money on our fundraiser last year. We had planned to do the fundraiser again, but the price of meat has increased so much we don't stand to make very much profit this year.

Sturgeon said they will continue to brainstorm for different ideas to raise money.

Kroeger explained that there are many organizations that we could donate to but we have to be careful, it is not a normal procedure for a county government to give money to a non-profit organization.

Kress said he was all for helping them out, but he asked if they could go ahead with the fund raiser and if they needed help later we would consider the donation at a later date.

Legal Report

Ordinance 2014-08 an amendment to the 2014 Salary Ordinance for the Health Department, a part time position payable at the rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Kress made a motion to approve. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Ordinance 2014-09 an amendment to the 2014 Salary Ordinance for CASA in the amount of \$16.73 per director, per hour.

Spaetti made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Ordinance 2014-10 an amendment to the 2014 Salary Ordinance for Child Support Office, a part time position payable at the rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Bunner made a motion to approve. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kroeger said we needed to include this part time position in Child Support in our annual appropriations list that we do in January since it is carried in their budget.

New Business

Kroeger said he wanted to report that we had our exit conference last week; we got a clean audit. Kroeger also reported that along with Auditor Lynam, and Attorney Lindsey he had listened to a Webinar on fraud. During the exit conference he questioned the State Board of Accounts and they assured us that everything was good; they do a very thorough job.

Old Business

Spaetti reported that he attended the Open House held by The Way and they had a very nice turnout. He was shown through the facility and learned about the services provided at the new facility.

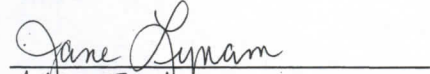
Gogel explained that we are applying for a grant through Region 15 to get the old jail torn down. In August hopefully we will be done with the cleanup at Troy and be able to sell that property and get it back on the tax roll. Gogel said the 231 property will be demolished the last part of June after some training exercises that have been scheduled are completed.

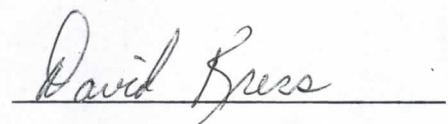
Guinto made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

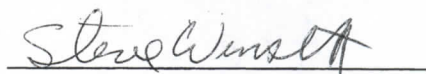

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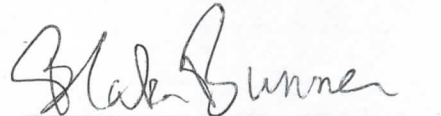
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Auditor, Jane Lynam











**County Council Meeting
June 17, 2014**

Present: Steve Winsett, Blake Bunner, Matt Knepper, Bill Spaetti, Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20th. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Jail/Medical, Hospital & Dental \$75,000.

Request was made by Sheriff Kermit Lindsey. Jim McDurmon was present and explained to the Council that the money was needed because we had a \$30,000 carry over from 2013, and since the middle of last year we have had only county inmates which means we are totally responsible for all medical bills. We currently house 64 county inmates. We have one inmate who has surpassed the catastrophic limit.

Winsett said his problem with this is that County General is technically running in the red.

Auditor Lynam explained that we have money in the bank and settlement will be done by the end of June. SBOA told us that we could run in the red as long as the fund is replenished: as soon as settlement is complete the money will go into County General so this isn't a problem.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$75,000. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed. Winsett again voiced his concerns that he didn't feel we should be appropriating additional money when we are currently running in the red.

Circuit Court/Pauper Attorney \$48,692.

Judge Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council letting them know that this is not new money he is requesting, just the reimbursements received for pauper attorney fees from the state. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$48,692. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

Psychological Evaluation \$5,000.

Judge Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council. Dartt explained that we had a defendant who raised a mental illness issue, when this happens we have to give him the right to advance that defense. Bunner made the motion to approve the \$5,000, but added an addendum to the motion asking the court to please pursue restitution from the defendant. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

Guardian Ad Litem \$9,000.

Judge Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council. He explained that this was a bill from an Attorney who had been serving as a Guardian Ad Litem and had waited until the end of the case to file his bill. Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$9,000. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

Transfers

Highway Department

Decrease Lease Rental \$100,000.

Decrease Leadman \$ 17,000.

Increase Equipment \$117,000.

Chuck Painter made the request and spoke to the Council. He explained that by transferring the money into Equipment we wouldn't have to pay interest on what we are buying we could just buy it outright. Spaetti made a motion to approve the transfer. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Corrections

Decrease Consultant Contracts \$1,200.

Increase Computer Equipment \$1,200.

Richard Hedrick made the request. Janice Weber spoke to the Council and explained that they

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had the money in the grant but had put it in the wrong line item so they needed to have that money transferred. Weber also told the Council that their grant for next year had been increased by \$8,464.

New Business


Bunner said he wanted to publicly congratulate the South Spencer Lady Rebels for winning the State Championship in Softball. Bunner then stated that our annual budget meetings are coming up and we need to set some dates for those. Budget hearings were set for Wednesday August 27th, Thursday August 28th and Friday August 29th starting at 8:00 A.M. each morning. Spencer County Economic Development Commission asked to have Melvin Held reappointed to the Board. Spaetti made a motion to reappoint Melvin Held. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

David Gogel, President of the County Commissioners, spoke to the Council about moving some of the dispatchers from Jail in the County General budget to the 911 budget to take some of the pressure off of County General. Gogel said since we talked about this at the last meeting he had done some figuring and we could easily shift five dispatchers into 911 and then at budget time we can look at the figures and decide what we want to do in 2015. Attorney Ayer will do a Salary Ordinance Amendment.

There was some discussion of the Insurance Renewal and the costs associated with that. The Insurance Broker and a Representative of SIHO are going to give a presentation at the Meeting in July for the Council Members.

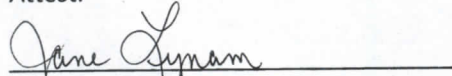
Kress made a motion to adjourn. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.


President



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Auditor, Jane Lynam

