

County Council Meeting
April 21, 2015

Present: Todd Ruxer, Dave Kress, Blake Bunner, Jack Kroeger, Steve Winsett, Bill Spaetti, Aaron Benton, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes

Benton made a motion to approve the minutes from Feb. 17th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kroeger made a motion to approve the minutes from Mar. 17th, with the addition of the motion about chairs. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Riverboat \$9,000.00

Commissioner Gogel addressed the council about the \$9,000.00 additional appropriation. A portion of this additional is needed to survey the Troy Refinery property so we can proceed with the steps necessary to sell the property. We anticipate a cost of around \$5,000.00 for surveying services. The remaining \$4,000.00 additional is required to pay for investigative services for the radio interference. The county has been told that if we find out who is causing the interference, they can be required to reimburse us the cost of locating the problem. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$9,000.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Cap – Sheriff Vehicles \$78,000.00

Sheriff McDurmon is requesting an additional appropriation of \$78,000.00 to purchase a new car, truck, and SUV. This request will make it possible to continue his rotation of eliminating the older vehicles. McDurmon has obtained bids and plans to purchase a Ford Taurus, Ford Explorer, and a Dodge Truck. Spaetti suggested McDurmon check with Sternberg Dodge on a price for the truck to see if they were competitive or would match Expressway. McDurmon stated he would gladly check with Sternberg Dodge. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$78,000.00. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

911 Agreement Funding

Spaetti contacted Attorney Lindsey about the 911 agreement and pending legislation, which has not been passed yet. Lindsey advised the council to determine what amount they wish to contribute and advertise for an additional appropriation for May. He will solicit proposals from local banks on financing and rates for the remaining balance.

Tom Utter- Countywide Study

The Spencer County Catalyst Group came before the council to present a proposal from Robert L Siegel & Associates, Inc. to examine the demand for new construction development in Spencer County. They feel that not only does Spencer County need to develop jobs, but also affordable housing to draw in new residents and keep our youth here. The Catalyst Group is requesting an additional appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the consulting company to proceed with this study. After speaking with the consulting group and Jagoe Homes, the Catalyst Group feels very confident this is something we need in Spencer County. Spaetti suggested to the LEDC that the county advertise for this additional out of the COIT Fund, due to it being infrastructure. Benton ask if the Catalyst Group had any money to put towards this study and Lindsey stated the LEDC had \$1,500.00 they could contribute to this study. After further discussion, all were in agreement to advertise for a \$3,500.00 additional appropriation from COIT for the May meeting.

Natalie Bolin – Drug Free Community

Bolin came before the council to inform them that the grant request submitted to State has been approved and to request the additional appropriation of funds. She presented a breakdown of the grant money for council review. The request was submitted to the Auditor's Office after the date for publication, so this request for additional will have to take place at the May meeting. The council will take action on this in May and Auditor Winkler will stand in on Bolin's behalf at that meeting.

Old Business

Luce Sewer

Winsett asked board member Alan Stephens how things were going with the sewer district and Stephens stated money wise things were going pretty good. Boonville Boat Club has had some issues with water getting in the system, due to the river rising. The sewer district superintendent has informed the board that the system has run 3 times as much as it normally takes to run the whole system, due to river water. Stephens stated they are going to try and do some smoke testing to find the problems. They are currently working on getting a new loan for the sewer district, to get out from under some restrictions with their current loan. Patmore has been checking with a few banks and they feel they have something worked out that will work better for them.

New Business

Budget Hearings

Spaetti wanted to work on scheduling budget hearings for August. Benton suggested August 26th, 27th, and 28th and all were in agreement that those dates would work.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Bill Spaetti
President

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Alan Stephens

Steve Winsett

Jim R. Kress

John Benton

Dave Kress

Todd Riser

**County Council Meeting
May 19, 2015**

Present: Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Todd Ruxer, Auditor Autumn Winkler, Attorney John Wetherill

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21st meeting. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional

Health Dept.

Emergency Preparedness Grant

\$16437.00

Ebola Grant

\$16032.00

Donna Etienne came before the council to request an additional appropriation of grant money. The Ebola Grant is to be used for awareness and preparedness of infectious diseases. This is a one time grant and will not be available next year. The Emergency Preparedness Grant is used to help fund a program that notifies individuals via cell phone of emergencies and other important notices for the county. This grant is also used for supplies needed by the Health Dept. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional for both grants. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Drug Free Community

\$16711.00

Auditor Winkler stood in on behalf of Natalie Bolin for the Drug Free Community additional. Bolin was in attendance at the April council meeting and presented an explanation of the additional appropriation and its uses. Ruxer made a motion to approve the additional. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

COIT

Catalyst Group – County Wide Study

\$3500.00

Gene Steinkamp came before the council to request an additional appropriation to fund a county wide study. This study will provide information on what areas of Spencer County need residential development. Steinkamp made a presentation at the April meeting and has returned to request the necessary funds. Many ideas and suggestions were made by the council on ways to fund this project without initially using tax payer dollars. After much discussion, Bunner made a motion to approve \$2250.00, which is half of the \$4500.00 needed for the study. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved, with Kress and Winsett opposed. Kress thanked Steinkamp for his work on this project, but stated that he just can't see using tax payer money on this study. Winsett requested that Steinkamp come back with a report of the findings.

911 Agreement

\$552700.00

Lindsey presented a proposal from Spencer County Bank, stating a 1.99% interest rate on up to \$300,000.00 for up to 7 years. Lindsey also stated that the legislation has passed that will allow us to reimburse any fund from the E911 fund. Bunner made a motion to finance \$200,000.00 through Spencer County Bank for a period of 5 years and take \$352,700.00 from the COIT fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved with Spaetti abstaining and Ruxer opposed. Ruxer opposed the motion stating he thought we should finance for a 7 year term.

Transfers

Community Corrections

Decrease 1122-000-4211.50 Office Supplies	\$1000.00
Decrease 1122-000-4441.50 Office Equipment	\$4500.00
Increase 1122-000-4364.50 Equipment Leasing	\$5500.00

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

Decrease 9102-000-4121.00 Social Security	\$3075.00
Increase 9102-000-4118.00 Grant Coordinator	\$3075.00
Decrease 9102-000-4122.00 PERF	\$3425.00
Increase 9102-0004115.00 Clerical	\$3425.00

Benton made a motion to approve the transfer. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Appointment – Mariah Hill Sewer District

Mary Joanne Lehr made a formal request that Sara Arnold be appointed to the Mariah Hill Regional Sewer District Board for a 3 year term. Arnold will serve a term from January 2015 to January 2018. Ruxer made a motion to appoint Arnold to the Mariah Hill Regional Sewer District Board. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Interlocal Agreement

This is a renewal of the same agreement that we currently have in place with Santa Claus. The commissioners and the Town of Santa Claus have already approved both agreements. Spaetti stated he had contacted Painter before the meeting to see what impact this would have on the county workers. Painter stated that this agreement would be fine. Santa Claus is going to build the road and then turn it over to the county. A second interlocal agreement needs approval which is specifically about 1625 for newly built 1650. Winsett questioned why the agreements have never been presented before. Wetherill stated he had checked into this and it does state by code that all political subdivisions need to execute the agreement. It is unclear why this has never been presented before, but action is required at this time. Benton made a motion to approve the interlocal agreements. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed. Winsett opposed the motion due to not having enough time to review the agreements.

Old Business

Packets- Kroeger requested that packets be emailed as soon as they are ready and be mailed out on Thursday to ensure that everyone receives all the information in a timely manner.

New Business

OCRA Grant-Old Jail

Commissioner Gogel requested permission to apply for an OCRA Grant to tear down the old jail. The maximum grant amount is \$150,000.00 and the county would be required to contribute a 10% match. Gogel stated that we need a resolution stating that the county agrees to the match. Wetherill will prepare a resolution and a letter of support from the council.

Troy Refinery

The commissioners approved a bid to survey the property.

Meeting Time

Ruxer made a motion that we change the meeting time to 5:00 until further notice. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Bill Spaetti
President

Attest: Ann Benton

Blake Bunner

David P. Guss

Steve Winsett

Todd Ruxer

Joan Kroeger Autumn Winkler

**County Council Meeting
June 16, 2015**

Present: Steve Winsett, Blake Bunner, Todd Ruxer, Bill Spaetti, Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress, Aaron Benton, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2015. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Probation User Fees

Office Equipment **\$2253.00**

Judge Dartt came before the Council to request an additional appropriation from the Probation User Fee Fund to purchase a new printer for the probation office. Kress made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$2253.00 to purchase a printer. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Dale Police Dept. **\$1500.00**

Dartt requested an additional appropriation for \$1500.00 to assist with purchasing a new K-9 for the Town of Dale. The judge and prosecutor usually assist with the purchase of a K-9 for different cities and towns as long as the K-9 will be available for probation use. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$1500.00 additional for the Dale Police Dept K-9. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Pauper Attorney **\$33,295.86**

Dartt explained to the council that this money is reimbursed from the state and he is requesting it be appropriated back for payment of bills. Kress made a motion to approve the \$33,295.86 additional for Pauper Attorney. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Abatements

Automated Routing

Francis Lueken and owner Barry Schaefer came before the council to update them on the progress of Automated Routing and to present their CF-1 for approval. Ruxer made a motion to approve the annual CF-1 for Automated Routing. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

M & DH

Francis Lueken and owner Mark Hagedorn came before the council to present the annual CF-1 and to give an update on the growth of M & DH. Kroeger made a motion to approve the CF-1 for M & DH. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Hoosier Energy-Chuck Martindale

Tom Utter and Chuck Martindale came to make a presentation on a Solar Energy program run by Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Hoosier Energy is doing research on locations that would be a good fit for this type of energy program. Spencer County has been chosen as one of the possible locations and Mr. Martindale wanted to inform the council of what this program is and the benefits from it being housed in Spencer County. One request that Hoosier Energy has is that they be granted an abatement and be designated as an (ERA) Economic Revitalization Area. Martindale presented a resolution for council approval that would designate the property chosen as an ERA, if they choose to proceed with building here. Kroeger made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-05, designating a portion of Spencer County, Indiana, as an Economic Revitalization Area and approving an abatement for Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

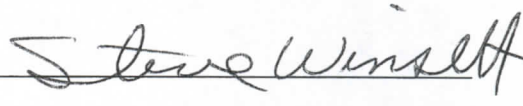
OCRA Grant – Lisa Gehlhausen

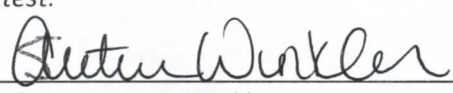
Gehlhausen informed the council of the progress with the OCRA Grant application and stated what documents were needed to complete the application process. The Board of Commissioners is applying for an OCRA Grant to assist with the disposal of the Old Jail building in an effort to clean up the property. This grant is for \$150,000.00, with the county responsibility being \$39,900.00. The county requirement for this grant is 10%, plus anything over and above the \$150,000.00. Indiana 15 has a quote of \$144,900.00 to clear the jail with an additional \$45,000.00 in non-construction costs. Gehlhausen needs a resolution from the council stating the agreed upon local match and what funds that match will come from. Attorney Wetherill has drafted a resolution stating the local match of \$39,900.00 and that those funds would be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Wetherill presented Resolution 2015-04 and the letter of support for council approval. Kroeger made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-04 for \$39,900.00 to come from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved. Benton made a motion to approve the letter of support for the OCRA Grant from the county council to be signed by President Bill Spaetti. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Benton made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.



President



Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler

