

**County Council Meeting
August 21, 2018**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Blake Bunner at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Knepper made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17th Insurance Committee and regular meeting and July 31st special meeting as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General - Sheriff

Jail Utilities - \$20,000.00

Overtime Payroll - \$20,000.00

McDurmon explained that the utilities at the jail have increased and he does not have enough to finish the year. The council asked McDurmon if he has compared his bills to previous months to see where or when the increase started and McDurmon stated he has not made a comparison, but they are having a study done with Ameresco to seek ways to save money.

McDurmon requested a \$20,000.00 additional appropriation in overtime for jailers. There have been a lot of transports, turnover and inmates in the hospital that require 24 hour surveillance. McDurmon hopes this will get us through the end of the year. Benton made a motion to approve the \$20,000.00 additional appropriation for jail utilities and the \$20,000.00 additional appropriation for overtime. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sheriff Commissary Report

McDurmon presented a commissary report for January 2018 – July 2018 for council review. This report is for informational purposes only.

County General – Circuit Court

Psychiatric Services - \$5,000.00

Dartt explained that he allowed the council to cut a previous request for psychiatric services thinking they wouldn't need it, but they do. Dartt is requesting a \$5,000.00 additional appropriation for psychiatric services to hopefully finish out the year. Knepper made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Riverboat – Building Inspector

Unsafe Building - \$50,000.00

Plan Commission Administrator Kay Erwin and Building Inspector Donnie Winkler came before the council to request an additional appropriation of \$50,000.00 to do property cleanup on unsafe buildings in the county. The first property is located right before the blue bridge; second property is in Eureka and third is in Hatfield. These projects have not been bid out, but we do have ballpark estimates on the cost to cleanup. Bunner asked how the county will recoup this money after cleanup and Erwin explained that unsafe building liens will be attached to the properties to be paid with the property taxes or the property will go up for tax sale if the taxes and lien are not paid. Erwin explained that we do not go out looking for these properties, the process is based on complaints and then investigating whether or not the structure is deemed unsafe or can be repaired. Some property owners take the initiative and cleanup the properties or repair the structures themselves, but some don't have the means or don't care. Benton made a motion to approve the \$50,000.00 additional appropriation for unsafe buildings. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

2019 Budget

Council Recommendation Letter

It is a requirement of the budget process to send recommendation letters to each unit at the meeting in August each year. Bunner explained that he had Attorney Foster revise some of the wording in the letter, as economic times have changed and the letter no longer needs to address a struggling economy. A sample letter was provided in each packet for council review and if approved the letters will be signed and mailed to each unit. Gogel stated that he would like one word to be added in the first paragraph where it states the "estimated property tax cap" the

word loss should be added at the end, because it is showing the tax cap loss. Auditor Winkler will revise the letters and have President Bunner sign them at the budget hearing tomorrow.

Old Business

The county has still not entered an interlocal agreement with the school corporation for the school resource officer. Commissioner Attorney Lindsey is working with the sheriff and the school corporation on establishing an agreement for the next commissioners meeting. There is currently no funding in the 2019 budget for a school resource officer and the position will only be funded thru December of 2018. If the county wishes to contribute any funding for 2019 an additional appropriation will be needed. Bunner will reach out to Lindsey and urge him to get the agreement completed.

Gogel asked Attorney Foster to check into whether or not a public safety income tax could be used for personnel like a school resource officer, Foster will research it.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

