

**County Council Meeting  
December 18, 2018**

**Present:** Blake Bunner, Aaron Benton, Steve Winsett, Jack Kroeger, David Gogel, 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**

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup> as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Transfer**

**Election Board**

Decrease: Poll Worker	1000-121-4117.00	\$3,700.00
Increase: Election Proofing	1000-121-4312.00	\$3,700.00
Decrease: Poll Worker	1000-121-4117.00	\$900.00
Increase: Maintenance Contract Machines	1000-121-4232.00	\$900.00

Clerk Sara Arnold explained that she is requesting \$3,700.00 and \$900.00 to pay fees from the original contract when we got the poll pads. The \$4,600.00 was not put in the budget, but we have additional funding in poll worker that can be transferred to cover the expense. Knepper made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Surveyor**

Decrease: Travel	1000-106-4322.00	\$150.00
Decrease: Repair Equipment	1000-106-4362.00	\$225.00
Decrease: Vehicle Repair	1000-106-4364.00	\$200.00
Increase: Gas, Oil & Lube	1000-106-4225.00	\$250.00
Increase: Office Supplies	1000-106-4211.00	\$325.00

Surveyor Faulkenberg explained that he is requesting funding from travel, repair of equipment and vehicle repair is transferred to gas, oil and lube and office supplies to cover the shortfall in the budget. Kroeger made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Rachel Gentry – Coroner Elect**

Gentry presented some proposed changes she would like to make in her budget to increase her salary. She plans on doing all of the clerical work and making a majority of the calls herself and would like to transfer budget amounts in other accounts into the coroner salary. There will also no longer be rent as the office will now be moved into the courthouse basement and other changes she hopes to make were discussed. The council will revisit this on January 2<sup>nd</sup> when they've had time to think about and review the proposed changes.

**Victor Ippoliti – Prosecutor Elect**

Ippoliti presented a proposed plan of improvements for when he takes office in January. There was discussion about employees, office space, technological advancements and enhancements he hopes to accomplish. Ippoliti will return in the new year to discuss these improvements further.

**2019 Salary Ordinance**

Kroeger made a motion to approve the 2019 salary ordinance as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Riverview Resolution**

Bunner stated that he was able to attend the public hearing with IDEM and it was a packed house. A resolution in favor of the air permit approval has been drafted for discussion this evening. Bunner stated that he would like to see the best of both worlds; which is economic development that is safe and rule abiding where people have jobs and a healthy, clean environment to work in. Kroeger stated that the council passing a resolution carries no more weight than if he did a resolution on it personally, so why do we need to do one? Passing the resolution is not a required action, but could show whether or not the county council is supportive of this business coming to the county. There were members in the audience that spoke against and in support of Riverview Energy Corporation. Bunner read Resolution 2018-10 a Resolution in Favor of Air Permit Approval for Riverview Energy Corporation aloud.

Kroeger made a motion to not pass the proposed resolution, due to the last line written in the resolution. "In consideration of the strong economic benefits promised by the Riverview Energy Corporation and IDEM's preliminary findings regarding the air permit, the Spencer County Council resolve that they are in favor of IDEM approving the Riverview Energy Corporation air permit application." Kroeger stated we are in favor of it, but if they're wrong we can't be held responsible and for that reason I'm not sure the resolution does any good. Ruxer seconded the motion to not pass the resolution, motion failed with Bunner, Benton, Winsett, Gogel and Knepper opposed. Gogel made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-10 a Resolution in Favor of Air Permit Approval for Riverview Energy Corporation as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved with Ruxer opposed.


**New Business**


Steve Winsett and Jack Kroeger spoke about their years of service and how well the council has always worked together regardless of politics to do what was best for Spencer County. Kroeger asked former councilmen Bill Spaetti who was in attendance to come up and be honored as well. Spaetti was on the council for 28 years and worked alongside both of these members. Spaetti reiterated what was spoken previously; all politics aside they worked together for the good of the county. Everyone did not always agree, but they walked away friends. Bunner presented Kroeger with a "Servant Leader Award" in honor of his years of service and explained that plaques were ordered for both councilmen, but Winsett's plaque was not available in time for the meeting. Winsett will receive his plaque at a later date. Everyone expressed great gratitude to all those leaving; they will be missed.

**Resolution 2018-11 Resolution of Appreciation**

Bunner read aloud Resolution 2018-11 a Resolution of Appreciation for Jack Kroeger and Steve Winsett. Kroeger has served on the council for 24 years and Winsett has served for 16 years. Ruxer made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-11 as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

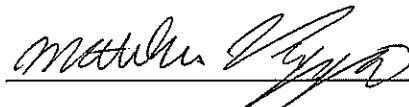
Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

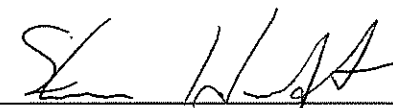
  
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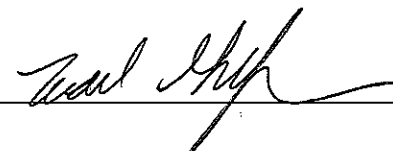
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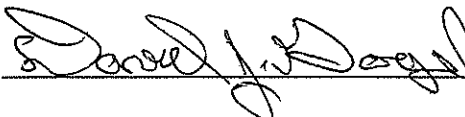
  
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