

**County Council Meeting
July 15, 2014**

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

Absent: Jack Kroeger

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

Minutes

Bunner asked for a change in the minutes from June 17th to correct the spelling of Kermitt Lindsey's name, it has two t's. Spaetti made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Veterans Service Officer/Software **\$400.00**

VSO Dean Knepper made the request and spoke to the Council. He explained that the State is going to a new web based program, and it will cost \$400 per year, however it is reimbursable from the State.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$400. Guinto seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Plan Commission/Legal Fees **\$3,000.00**

Teresa Cail made the request and spoke to the Council. Cail explained that due to increased petitions and research they have used all the money in their original budget for legal fees which was \$3,000. In order to finish the year they will need the additional amount.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$3,000. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Insurance Presentation

Brad Franzman, Insurance Broker for Spencer County and Carolyn Beck, Insurance Representative for Spencer County with SIHO were both present. Beck spoke to the Council about the Insurance Renewal for Spencer County. She presented handouts of a Monthly Experience Report from SIHO, Reinsurance proposal prepared for Spencer County with an effective date of August 1, 2014, a sheet to help explain how they came up with the figures presented, and a calculation sheet for medical cost. Beck discussed each handout with the Council followed by a question and answer session. After much discussion, Beck said she would take the Council's concerns and recommendations back to the Insurance Committee at their next meeting.

Transfers

Jail

Decrease 1000-132-4113.00 Jailer **\$6,500.**

Increase 1000-132-4119.00 Jailer Overtime **\$6,500.**

Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey made the request. Although no one was present to speak for the transfer Spaetti made a motion to transfer the \$6,500 because it was only a shift in the money from one account to another, not an additional. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved, with Winsett opposed.

Additional

County General

Jail/Jailer Overtime **\$15,000.**

Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey made the request, no one was present to speak for the additional.

Knepper made a motion to table this until next month. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Joe Guinto, Council member spoke to the Board to let everyone know that he has accepted a new position in Alabama. Due to the new obligations he has taken on he will be resigning his position effective in August.

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David Gogel, President of the Commissioners spoke to the Board concerning the internet bills for the Video Conferencing for the Jail and the Judge's Office. The Jail has dedicated money to pay their portion but the Judge hasn't, so the Commissioners made a line item in their budget to pay for it the remainder of this year; we need to be sure it is put in the Judges budget for 2015.

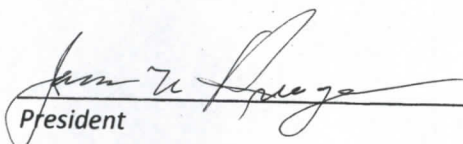
Gogel also spoke to the Council concerning the price of the Bridge Inspections. Gogel and Commissioner Seiler both voiced their concerns over the cost quoted in the contract. Gogel said they were negotiating with the company trying to lower the cost, but the bottom line is they have to be inspected; we need to know a figure you will approve.

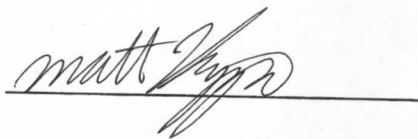
Spaetti asked if we had plans to hire an Engineer. Gogel said we put money in the Highway Budget, pulling it out of County General, to hopefully hire an Engineer/Assistant Superintendent. Then when our current Superintendent decided to retire, this person could step in and be the Superintendent/Engineer, he would be the boss, and then hire an assistant Superintendent to do the hands on, out in the field stuff.

Bunner said our next meeting is scheduled for August 19th, budget hearings are scheduled for August 27th, 28th and 29th.

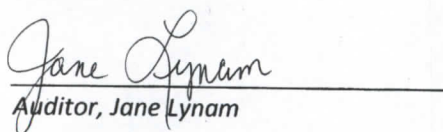
Spaetti made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

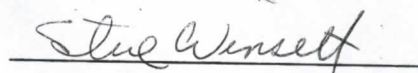
Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.


President

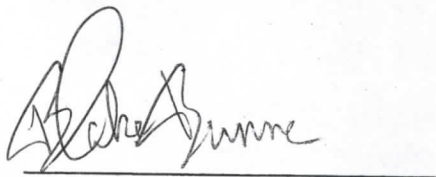


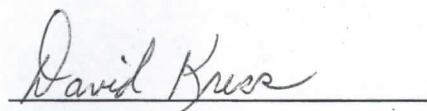
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County Council Meeting
August 19, 2014

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

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M. Kroeger introduced and welcomed the new Council Member Aaron Benton.

Minutes

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

Additional Appropriations

County General

Commissioners/Increase Insurance

\$325,000.

Request was made by Commissioner President David Gogel. Kroeger explained that rather than take this amount from County General he would prefer to re-advertise and take it from COIT. Spaetti made a motion to table so it could be re-advertised. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyor/Computer

\$1,311.

Surveyor Stanley Herron made the request and spoke to the Council. Herron explained that the office computer was no longer working and they needed to purchase a new one. Kress made a motion to approve the \$1,311. After some discussion Winsett suggested going ahead with the purchase but asked Herron to see if he could get it cheaper. Winsett then seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jail/Jailer Overtime

\$15,000.

Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey made the request and spoke to the Council. Lindsey explained they had someone out on FMLA, making them one person down, which caused a lot of overtime. He also gave a brief overview of the new video teleconferencing system. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$15,000. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Sheriff

Decrease Account # 1000-105-4114.03 Senior Deputy \$15,000.

Increase Account #1000-105-4131.00 Probation Deputy \$15,000.

Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey made the request and spoke to the Council.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$15,000 transfer. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Decrease Account #1000-105-4114.03 Senior Deputy \$2,500.

Increase Account #1000-105-4131.00 Emergency Deputy \$2,500.

Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey made the request and spoke to the Council.

Winsett made a motion to approve the \$2,500 transfer. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Appropriations Only

911/Dispatchers

\$60,000.

Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey made the request and spoke to the Council. Lindsey explained that they were transferring a total of 5 dispatchers; 4 senior and 1 regular dispatcher from County General to the 911 Fund.

Bunner made a motion to approve the \$60,000. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Circuit Court/Psychiatric Services

\$2,500.

Judge John Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,500. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Circuit Court/Travel

\$1,500.

Judge John Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council. Dartt explained that they go to Indianapolis every other year so he wasn't sure they would need the \$1,500.

Winsett made a motion to approve \$1,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Circuit Court/Guardian Ad Litem

\$4,000.

Judge John Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$4,000. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

COIT

Highway/Fuelmaster System

\$13,350.

Chuck Painter, Highway Superintendent, made the request and spoke to the Council. Painter explained that anyone using this system would have a read out showing how much gas is being used in each vehicle. After more discussion Winsett made the motion to approve the \$13,350. Kress seconded the motion. Bunner said he was in favor of going ahead with this but would like for Painter to see if someone else offered this system at a lower price and maybe we wouldn't have to use the full amount appropriated. Motion was approved.

Appropriations Only

Clerk's Record Perpetuation/Files and Document Storage **\$5,309.**

Clerk Gay Ann Harney made the request and spoke to the Council.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$5,309. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

IVD Incentive

\$6,858.

Clerk Gay Ann Harney made the request and spoke to the Council.

Benton made a motion to approve the \$6,858. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Town of Santa Claus-Trail Projects

Mike Johannes, Kevin Burke and Seth Wendell Santa Claus City Councilmen, Attorney Kevin Patmore, and Kendall Thompson with Lincoln Boyhood were present. Johannes presented a Summary of Town of Santa Claus Projects and a map to show the location of the 4 projects currently scheduled for construction. Johannes said we are her to educate you as to what is going on because we will eventually come back and ask for money.

Kevin Patmore explained the 4 projects and said the total for the projects is \$8,011,200. We have received commitments from INDOT and FHWA of \$6,208,230. We have also received local business commitments of approximately 125,000 which have reduced the need to complete projects to about 1.3 million; we are continuing to seek funding and have several requests out at this time. We wanted you to know what we have planned and we would like to form a partnership with the County and have representation from the Commissioners and the County Council for input and to decide how much money the county could reasonably put into the projects because we will be asking for money in the future.

Legal Report

Attorney Eric Ayer read the proposed Salary Ordinance Amendment so everyone would understand what was going on with the 911 Fund.

Kress made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2014-15. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Old Business

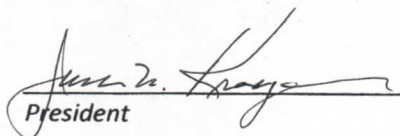
Kroeger reminded everyone that Budget Hearings would be held on August 27th, 28th, and the 29th starting at 8:00 A.M. each day.

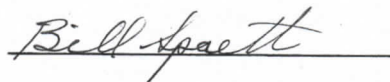
Solid Waste Appointment

Bunner made a motion to appoint Aaron Benton to the Solid Waste Board. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

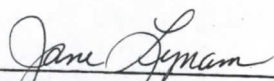
Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37


President

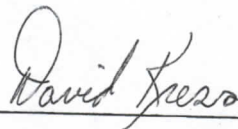


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**County Council Meeting
September 16, 1014**

Present: Jack Kroeger, Aaron Benton, 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 5:35 P.M.

Minutes

Kroeger asked that the amount of additional that is approved by the Council to be put in bold print.

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and to implement Kroeger's suggestion in future minutes. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Circuit Court/Guardian Ad Litem \$5,000

Circuit Court/Law Books \$1,000

The request was made by Judge John Dartt, but he requested to be taken off the agenda, he was removed from the agenda and \$0 was appropriated.

COIT Special Purpose

Other Expenditures/Increase in Insurance Claims \$600,000.

Commission President David Gogel made the request and spoke to the Council. Gogel said we started with \$575,000 and that amount has been used because we had some large claims. We may not need that much additional money, but if we don't use it will stay in the COIT fund. Bunner said he had recommended a few months ago that the Insurance Committee do some type of projected plan to offset some of these cost by looking at the premium; looking at the deductible and maybe stair stepping it in to where it really should be, rather than all of a sudden have a significant change. Bunner said if the Insurance Committee hasn't done this he would still recommend they consider doing something like that for the benefit of everyone on the plan and for the benefit of the taxpayers; we need to be forward thinking rather than reactionary, that's my recommendation. After much discussion Winsett made a motion to approve \$500,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Reassessment/Replenish shortage in fund levy from 2013 \$50,000.

The request was made by Council President Jack Kroeger who explained that the fund levy for 2013 had been zeroed out. We have to give them enough money to operate the rest of the year. Kress made a motion to approve the \$50,000. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Treasurer

Decrease Account #1000-103-4333.00/Contractual Services \$1,000.00

Increase Account #1000-103-4114.00/Extra Help \$1,000.00

Treasurer Susan Harris made the request for the transfer and spoke to the Council.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$1,000 transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Stephanie Melton-EMA Vehicle

Melton passed out a quote for a 2015 heavy duty Dodge pickup. The List price was \$39,000; our cost would be \$26,726. Melton is trying to come up with ways to put some money toward that price. She is also looking at scraping out some old vehicles and putting whatever money that brings toward that cost also. After discussion Kroeger asked Melton to bring in other quotes she had received so the Council could look over them and to show the Council the absolute bottom line. Kroeger told Melton to get everything to the Auditor as soon as possible, we will take it from Cum Cap Development,, get it as low as possible, and get it advertised for next month.

New Business

Recorder Sharon Dugas, as a courtesy, let the Council know that she was getting ready to do some micro filming from the perpetuation fund.

Commissioner President David Gogel said he would like to make the Council aware that the property at the old Troy Refinery Site should be released sometime this year. Gogel said he

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personally felt that property, and the property behind the Ambulance Station on Highway 66 should be sold.

Commissioner Seiler said he felt we should keep the property and rent it out to the highest bidder.

After more discussion there was no resolution but everyone will continue to look into the issue and try to decide how they want to handle it.

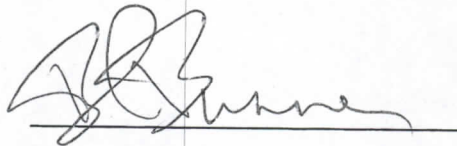
Steve Winsett asked the Auditor to find out how much we pay out for rent, insurance, utilities, total expense for offices that are located out of the courthouse.

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

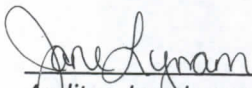
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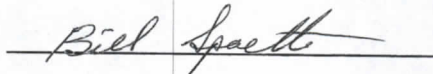
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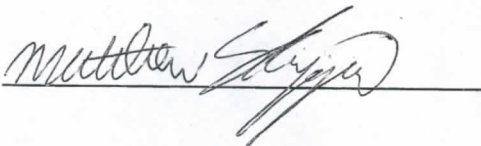


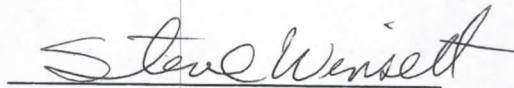
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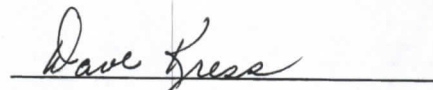


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**County Council Meeting
Non Binding Reviews
September 16, 2014**

Present: Aaron Benton, 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 4:35 P.M.

Non Binding Reviews

1. **Santa Claus Civil Town** was over the growth quotient in their budget and levy and the Council recommended they try to bring it back within the 2.70% growth quotient.
2. **Dale Civil Town** was over the growth quotient in their budget and levy and the Council recommended they try to bring it back within the 2.70 % growth quotient.
3. **Lincoln Heritage Public Library** was below the growth quotient across the board. The Council commended them on this achievement.
4. **Carter Township** was over the growth quotient in their levy so the Council recommended that they try to bring it back within the 2.70% growth quotient.
5. **Clay Township** was over the growth quotient in their levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
6. **Grass Township** –The Council Review Worksheet that was on Gateway was not complete, the information for 2015 was not populated. After talking to Robert Norris and Jenny Banks, from DLGF, the Council was advised to manually enter the information for the purpose of the Council review. Kroeger manually calculated and entered from the 4-B filed on Gateway the percentage change and State and County growth quotient differences on the total line in the appropriate columns on the worksheet. Grass Township was over the growth quotient in their levy so the Council recommended that they try to bring it back within the 2.70% growth quotient.
7. **Hammond Township** was over the growth quotient in their levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
8. **Harrison Township** was over the growth quotient in their levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
9. **Huff Township** was over the growth quotient in their levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
10. **Jackson Township**–The Council Review Worksheet that was on Gateway was not complete, the information for 2015 was not populated. After talking to Robert Norris and Jenny Banks, from DLGF, the Council was advised to manually enter the information for the purpose of the Council review. Kroeger manually calculated and entered from the 4-B filed on Gateway the percentage change and State and County growth quotient differences on the total line in the appropriate columns on the worksheet. Jackson Township was below the growth quotient across the board. The


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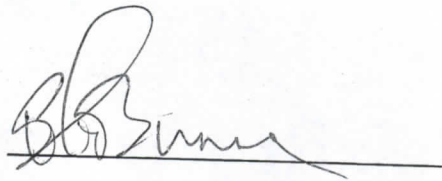
Council commended them on this achievement.


- 11. Luce Township** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
- 12. Ohio Township** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
- 13. Rockport Civil City** was within the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council commended them on this achievement.
- 14. Chrisney Civil Town** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
- 15. Gentryville Civil Town** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
- 16. Grandview Civil Town** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
- 17. Richland Civil Town** was within the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council commended them on this achievement.
- 18. North Spencer County School Corporation** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
- 19. South Spencer County School Corporation** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.
- 20. Spencer County Public Library** was over the growth quotient in their proposed levy so the Council recommended they try to bring it within the 2.70% growth quotient.


Bunner made a motion to have Kroeger write letters to all entities, ones that are above the growth quotient, ask them to adjust back to the 2.70%, and the ones that are under should be congratulated. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

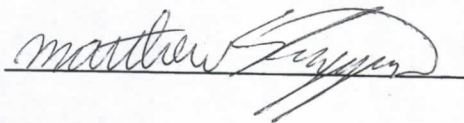

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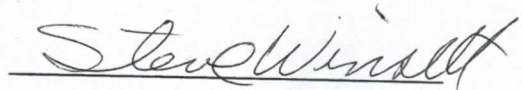


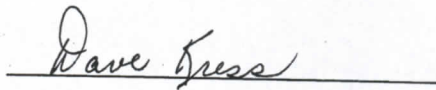

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**County Council Meeting
Binding Budget Reviews
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Present: Jack Kroeger, Aaron Benton, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Auditor Jane Lynam

Absent: Attorney Eric Ayer

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:12 P.M.

Budget Public Hearing-Binding Reviews

County General

Kroeger explained that we needed to review our Binding Reviews. Kroeger explained that he, Bill Spaetti, Auditor Jane Lynam and Robert Norris, from DLGF had discussed the best way to handle our levy submission. We developed our budget over the three days but what we don't know is where to set the levy to keep from setting the tax rate to high. Norris recommended leaving the levy as it was advertised.

Kroeger asked everyone to look at the Form B, line 1 and see that we started with a budget of \$7,729,566, over the three days we got that down to \$7,270,094 for County General. We concluded after those three days to set the levy at 6.5 million, but after our discussions with Norris he told us to use the 7.4 million we advertised. Once we get the 1782 Notice from the DLGF we have 10 days to decide where we want to set the levy based on their numbers. The DLGF will use our full assessed value to come up with those figures. Spaetti said Norris told us to go ahead and adopt the full rate, then make the changes that way we can adjust it where we need it. We want to keep the tax rate as low as possible for everybody but we need to get a reserve built up for whatever may come in two or three years.

Kroeger also said that we have to decide where we want to set our Cum Bridge Rate. This decision can be made after we receive our 1782 Notice also, but both the Commissioners and the County Council will have to sign off on a letter stating our intentions.

Carter Fire

Kroeger read through Carter Fires 4-B; their budget for 2015 is \$203,500 and they are asking for a levy of 108 so they are using up some of their cash. They don't have a lot of miscellaneous revenue, \$10,000, and the cash balance went down approximately \$90,000. Kroeger said we will do a final approval on this in October.

Solid Waste


Kroeger said looking at their budget they have a fairly high cash balance. Benton said he attended a Solid Waste meeting and they are starting a five year plan on repairs, maintenance and capital asset purchases, so they are heading in the right direction.

Kroeger said looking at their 4-B their budget for 2015 is \$660,747 and they are asking for a levy of 370. Again we have been through this and we will do final approval on this in October.

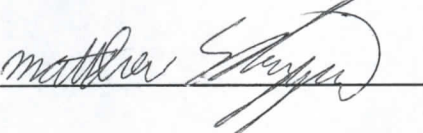
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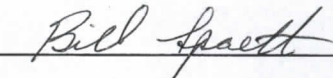
Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 P.M.


President



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