

**County Council Meeting
March 19, 2019**

Present: Aaron Benton, Todd Grundhoefer, Blake Bunner, David Gogel, Steve Haaff, Matt Knepper, Todd Ruxer, Attorney Andrew Foster, Auditor Heidi Greene

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

Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19th as presented. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

COIT – Commissioner

Solid Waste, EMA and County Building - \$150,000.00

Seiler asked what the decision was for the rest of the money. Attorney Lindsey stated letters have been sent requesting rates on \$300,000.00. Seiler said we have to have approval from council to move forward. It will be 70/30, 70% paid by the county and 30% from solid waste. The first bill will be paid from solid waste. The first round of drawings will be paid from solid waste. Logsdon said the first set of drawings cost a little over \$6,000.00. Grundhoefer made a motion to approve the \$150,000.00 out of COIT to move forward on the Solid Waste and County Building. Haaff seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CUM CAP – Sheriff

Replacing Additional Vehicles - \$2,000.00

Sheriff Reinke requests that some of the trucks be replaced. For administration the trucks were fine but I will be more vehicles on the road and the trucks are not suitable for pursuit. The jail car, the 2009 Crown Vic is being used outside of the state and has broken down several times. Mechanics have looked at it and was advised not to use outside of the local area, even though mileage is not horrible. Reinke states there is a jail van that does not have security in it, she has looked at partitions for it, but then you have a full size van running up and down the road. Reinke states they do need 2 vehicles on transport. Jail car needs to be replaced, not switched out for any of the Dodge trucks because they are not pursuit vehicles. That's why she wants to phase out the trucks. Benton states Reinke requests that she be able to replace 6 vehicles.

Bunner states that he feels they did a very good job with our budget of \$80,000.00. For many years we did 2 cars one year and 3 the next. Then we upped it to do 3 each year. So at this point we would be wrecking our budget with anything over that. Reinke said she understood that, but last year they purchased 4 Dodge trucks and 2 Ford Explorers and they traded truck for truck. Then you have lights put on the vehicles. Haaff asked if the \$30,000.00 is to put lights on the vehicles. Gogel states that when they started going to the trucks caused this issue. Bunner said as he recalled they had stated the trade in value was better for the trucks. Bunner asked if you were to get 3 would the 210,000 mile Explorer be replaced? Benton asked if the plan was to trade in 3 trucks and get 3 cars. Reinke said that is a plan to get rid of the trucks. Gogel states this might have to be done in two years because there is not enough in CUM CAP fund. Bunner asked if during the budget, would she come back with a plan for 2020 and embed it in the budget for her department. Gogel made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00 out of CUM CAP for 3 cars. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

911 -DISPATCH

Overtime - \$10,000.00

Sheriff Reinke requesting money for overtime because of the training of the new employees. Bunner made the motion to approve the requested amount. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION – Prosecutor

Clerical Assistants - \$10,500.00

Prosecutor Ippoliti requesting money for an extra 5 hours per week for approximately 6 months to catch up on training, filing, emails. There is an entire file cabinet that needs to be scanned. Cases of files were found when moving into the office that need to be addressed. This work needs to be accomplished. It's ordered by the Indiana Supreme Court in its Rules of Court Procedures.

Gogel made motion to approve \$10,500.00 out of Pre-Trial Diversion. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION – Prosecutor

Office Equipment - \$14,168.00

The computers need to be upgraded. The computers were purchased in 2012 and the server will not be supported at the end of this year.

Haaff made a motion to approve \$14,168.00 out of Pre-Trial Diversion. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION – Prosecutor

Miscellaneous Services - \$691.00

Prosecutor Ippoliti stated he had moving expenses from his old office to the new office as he brought all of his own furniture and equipment.

Bunner made a motion to approve the amount of \$691.00 out of Pre –Trial Diversion. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

COUNTY GENERAL – Child Support

Equipment - \$3,000.00

Prosecutor Ippoliti states that the computers are 9 years old and need updated. There needs to be 3 new computers. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$3000.00, Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Prosecutor Ippoliti approached the Council on renovating the auditorium for housing the prosecutor and child support. He states he will be asking for security and is going to have to sign a long term lease at some point. He wants to be housed in the courthouse. Council said they will look into possibly renovating at some point.

Richard Hedrick

Mr. Hedrick comes to report that community corrections had just had an audit and received a good review. The only thing to be updated is a mileage log. He advised that Chase Fisher has been hired to replace Janice Weber as Executive Director. Teala Morrison has been hired as part-time case manager, Baileigh Cooper as full time case manager and Meagan Hoggard will be increasing her part time hours.

Four grants will be applied for by March 31st, 2019.

VSO – Butch Meredith

Meredith comes before the council requesting his part time position be reinstated to a full time position. He states he attends job fairs, goes to nursing homes, and he wants to be in the office full time to better serve our veterans of Spencer County. He states there are over 1600 veterans in Spencer County at this time. Bunner states that it is currently not in this year's budget requested Meredith to return in August and have this as a part of his presentation for the budget hearing for the year 2020.

LEDC

Joint appointment to the Lincoln land Economic Development Corporation board of directors, Larry Harlen was our joint appointment for a two year term. The board of commissioners recommended Robin Knepper. Matt Knepper asks if there is a conflict if he votes? He said he will abstain. Benton made a motion to appoint Robin Knepper to the LEDC, Haaff seconded motion, motion approved.

LEGAL

Foster wanted to follow up on the loan terms and barrowing under the Indiana Statute. If we were to take out a loan on the building, it's limited to 5% of the taxable levee and limited to 5 years.

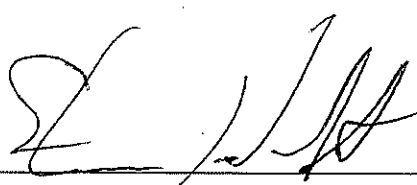
Mr. Bunner calls attention to a group of boy scouts that are in attendance tonight to receive a merit badge on citizenship in the community. The spokesman for the troop was Kevin Dilger with troop 199 of Tennyson.

Attorney Jeff Lindsey introduced a resolution on behalf of the Drainage board that the Council will act on at the April 16th meeting. The resolution of forgiveness of debt owing the Spencer County Drainage Board for the baker creek drain to the Spencer County general fund.

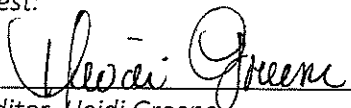
Aaron Benton states the Broadband committee needs a letter of support in order to help receive grant money. Al Logsdon states he had submitted his letter of support and so did Tom Brown. The county would have control of the money. Scott Rudd with Broadband will be on the Agenda for the April 16th meeting. Haaff made a motion to adjourn, Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.



President



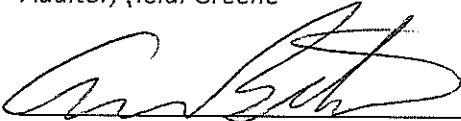
Al Logsdon

Attest:


Auditor, Heidi Greene



Todd Ruxer



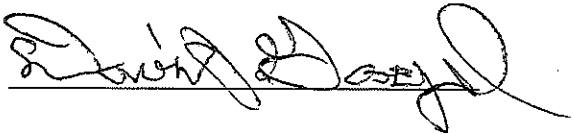
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