

**County Council Meeting  
June 20, 2017**

**Present:** Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, David Gogel, Matt Knepper, Todd Ruxer, Steve Winsett, Auditor Autumn Winkler

**Absent:** Attorney Andrew Foster, Aaron Benton

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

**Minutes**

Winsett stated he does not believe the information regarding Luce Sewer is correct, but agrees that the minutes reflect what was stated.

Knepper made a motion to approve the minutes from May 16<sup>th</sup> as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**County General – Sheriff**

**Overtime - \$8,000.00**

Sheriff McDurmon was not in attendance to explain the need for the request. Auditor Winkler stated that the overtime account was out of money and that overtime is paid every pay period for courthouse security. Gogel works additional time everyday to unlock the building and be present when everyone starts arriving and stay after closing to ensure the building is empty and everything is locked up. The overtime money is also used when Deputy Gogel is off work and the shift has to be covered by another deputy. There was discussion about what time period the \$8,000.00 was for and Auditor Winkler stated that he probably just requested a larger amount in hopes of not having to come back later in the year. There was \$4,000.00 budgeted that has already been used. More details are needed to proceed with this additional appropriation. Auditor Winkler requested that the council approve at least the amount that we are currently in the negative, which is \$1,015.00. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 in overtime. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed. Winsett stated that it is known that if you do not attend there is a risk of the appropriation being denied.

**Inmate Catastrophic Insurance - \$5,000.00**

Sheriff McDurmon's request states that an additional \$5,000.00 is needed for Inmate Catastrophic Insurance just to be even with last year's expense. McDurmon is not in attendance to discuss this request. Kroeger made a motion to deny the request due to McDurmon's absence and the need to discuss the request further. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**County General – Circuit Court**

**Office Supplies - \$5,000.00**

Judge Dartt explained that the court system is incredibly busy right now with lots of jury trials and they are using an abundance of paper and other office supplies. A few employees have stated they need new chairs also, which could possibly come from supplies. Dartt stated that he would be fine with the council only giving \$2,500.00 if they choose. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 in office supplies. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Pauper Document Expenses - \$10,000.00**

Judge Dartt explained that Pauper Document expenses is not the funding used to pay the Pauper Attorneys, but to pay court staff and cover supplies for depositions and appeals. Indigent individuals have the right to a deposition and to appeal a case and again with the increase in court cases this is a growing expense. This expense can be submitted for a 40% reimbursement like the Pauper Attorney fees. Knepper made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 in Pauper Document Expenses. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Pauper Attorneys - \$84,650.00**

Judge Dartt stated that this is the reimbursement money from previous claims and is just requesting that it be appropriated for use. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$84,650.00 in Pauper Attorneys. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Transfers****Surveyor**

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| Decrease: Rental Equipment | 1000-106-4365.00 | \$500.00 |
| Increase: Gas, Oil, Lube   | 1000-106-4225.00 | \$500.00 |

Surveyor Faulkenberg came before the council to request that \$500.00 be transferred from the Rental Equipment account which he is not and does not plan on using to the gas, oil, and lube account. Faulkenberg is using the counties side by side to spray ditches and needs funding to pay for the fuel and lube for the side by side, but is also using additional gas in the pickup pulling the trailer everywhere to spray. Gogel made a motion to approve the \$500.00 transfer from Rental Equipment to Gas, Oil, Lube. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Salary Ordinance Amendment**

Auditor Winkler explained that the left over salary from the Highway Assistant Superintendent position has been moved to Equipment Operator and the number of Equipment Operators was increased. The number of employees in PT Equipment Operator and PT Help were changed to reflect 2 PT Equipment Operators and 1 PT Help position. A position was added for a part time clerical summer intern in fund 8897 Prosecutor IV-D. Prosecutor Wilkinson was in attendance to explain this is a college student that will be paid through IV-D child support funds. She began work at the beginning of June and will work till around the end of August. This position does not need council approval, but does need added to the salary ordinance to allow her to be paid through payroll. Gogel made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendments as presented. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Natalie Bolin – Substance Abuse**

Natalie Bolin came before the board to request the release of the Drug Free Community Funds collected in 2016. She presented the list of grant proposals for these funds and the Spencer County Substance Abuse Council minutes approving those disbursements. Bolin explained that they received a \$5,000.00 donation from the Community Foundation also which allows them to award \$19,513.50 in grants.

**Prevention/Education**

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| Spencer County Tobacco – VOICE  | \$500.00          |
| Heritage Hills SADD             | \$400.00          |
| BBBS                            | \$750.00          |
| Youth Leadership Spencer County | \$550.00          |
| CASA                            | \$2,807.00        |
| Crisis Connection Inc           | \$1,800.00        |
| Christian Resource Center       | <u>\$1,000.00</u> |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$7,807.00</b> |

**Treatment**

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| Southern Hills | \$1,060.00        |
| Southern Hills | \$675.00          |
| The Way        | <u>\$2,000.00</u> |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$3,735.00</b> |

**Law Enforcement**

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| Spencer County Sheriff's Dept. | \$1,723.50        |
| Spencer County EMS             | \$1,248.00        |
| Community Corrections          | <u>\$2,300.00</u> |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$5,271.50</b> |

**Administrative**

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| Salary for County Coordinator | \$2,700.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$2,700.00</b> |

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$19,513.50</b> |
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| <b>Donation from Community Foundation</b> | <b><u>\$5,000.00</u></b> |
| <b>Drug Free Community Funds</b>          | <b>\$14,513.50</b>       |

Ruxer made a motion to approve the release of the Drug Free Community Funds from 2016. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Legal Fees – AK Steel**

Auditor Winkler presented the council with Resolution 2017-03 from the Redevelopment Commission and Resolution 2017-01 from the Board of Commissioners approving expenditures from the AK Steel settlement funds for Ice Miller and Lindsey Law Office. Expending funds from the AK Steel settlement funds is a three step process requiring approval from all 3 boards. The requested payment amounts are \$93,651.94 to Ice Miller and \$3,982.19 to Lindsey Law Office. These invoices are for services rendered thru April 2017. Kroeger made a motion to approve the expenditures from the AK Steel settlement funds. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Community Crossings Grant**

Auditor Winkler presented a Community Crossings Grant letter of support for council approval. The county is submitting an application for a \$1,000,000.00 grant for road projects again this year. This letter is to express the council's full support on this project. Ruxer made a motion to approve the letter of support. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Luce Sewer District**

Bunner stated that he contacted Jay Kempf, President of the Luce Sewer Board, to discuss with him what was going on and the request from Eleisha Shelton at the last meeting for \$450,000.00. Kempf quickly informed Bunner that himself nor the board authorized Shelton to say such a thing and that the board has not requested \$450,000.00 for the sewer project. They feel confident that they will achieve the number of hookups needed to be solvent in their situation. Bunner stated that he felt Kempf had a very good understanding of the sewer district and he feels much more confident about the situation than what was portrayed by Shelton.

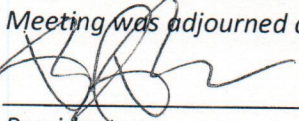
### **City of Rockport – Mayor Harney**

Mayor Harney explained to the council that she and Sherry Roeder addressed the commissioner's again today about the pump and grinder for the city sewer system. The pump was damaged by a sheet from the jail and the city is requesting the county pay for the pump repair. The grinder would be a preventative measure to hopefully not destroy another pump. The grinder would be installed at the Fifth St. lift station and would grind all the items before they ever reach the pump. The board of commissioners approved paying for ½ of the pump repair and ½ of a grinder contingent on council funding. The total amount needed would be just under \$23,000.00. Commissioner Brown was in attendance and addressed the council about the request and explained that this is an emergency type situation, because it's just a matter of time until another pump is damaged. There is not money currently available for this project, so an additional appropriation will be needed. Auditor Winkler stated that she wanted direction from the council on where they wish to pay for this. Kroeger stated that he felt COIT was an appropriate fund due to it being for infrastructure. The commissioner's will request an additional appropriation of \$23,000.00 from the COIT fund for July.

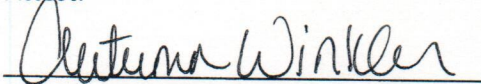
### **V.S.O Position**

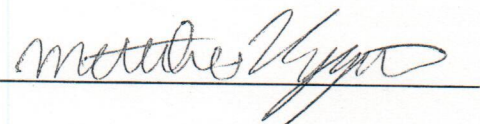
Seiler stated that the commissioner's would like to request the council permission to make the V.S.O position a full time position again. The V.S.O has resigned and we will be running an ad for a new employee. After much discussion about whether or not it was justified to make this a full time position again, it was decided to run an ad as part time and see what applicants we get. If we cannot find anyone we will determine what to do at that time.

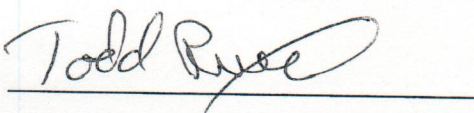
Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

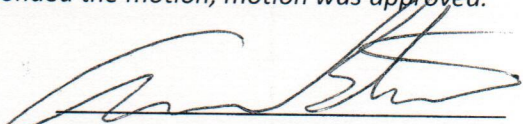
  
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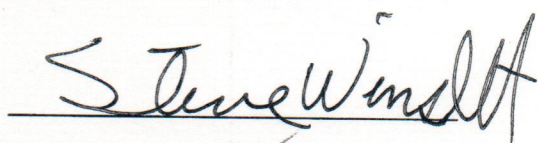
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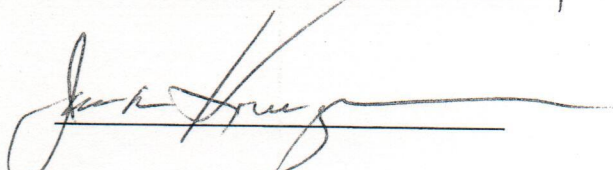
  
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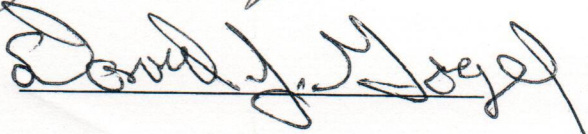
  
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