County Council Meeting
June 19, 2018

Present: Jack Kroeger, David Gogel, Steve Winsett, Matt Knepper, Todd Ruxer, Attorney Andrew Foster, Auditor Autumn Winkler
Absent: Blake Bunner, Aaron Benton
Meeting was called to order by Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes
Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15th as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved. Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15th Joint Insurance Committee meeting as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations
County General – Circuit Court
Pauper Documents - $10,000.00
Travel - $5,000.00
Psychiatric Services - $5,000.00
Judge Dartt is requesting a $20,000.00 additional appropriation in pauper documents. Pauper documents are reimbursed the same as pauper attorney and it used when individuals are indigent and the court reporters are responsible for their transcripts and depositions. There are two more appeals at this time and Dartt stated they will need at least $10,000.00. Dartt is also requesting $5,000.00 for psychiatric services which is money used to contract someone to determine competency to stand trial and $5,000.00 for travel to attend conference in Indianapolis. Dartt stated they did not go to conference last year, but it has been impressed on them that they should attend this year. Dartt stated they can get by with $3,000.00 in travel and $2,000.00 in psychiatric services. Gogel made a motion to approve $10,000.00 in pauper documents, $3,000.00 in travel and $2,000.00 in psychiatric services. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
County General – EMA
Utilities - $1,300.00
EMA Director Stephanie Melton came to request money for utilities for the old highway garage. EMA has equipment plugged in up there and for whatever reason the utilities jumped up to $200.00/month which drained the budget. The highway dept stated their utilities jumped for a few months too. Melton stated that the bills have now gone down to $90.00/month after the additional appropriation request so she will not need as much funding. Winsett asked if she could get by with $1,000.00 and Melton stated yes. Ruxer made a motion to approve $1,000.00 for utilities. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.
County General - Commissioner
Professional Services - $2,500.00
Auditor Winkler explained that the request is for the appraisal and auction services for the Troy Refinery property. Winsett stated he would like to see the contract for auction services, because usually the fees are collected out of the profit from the sale. Winkler stated that the appraisal is complete and if the additional appropriation is not approved the county will be at a standstill and unable to proceed with selling the property. Knepper made a motion to approve the $2,500.00 additional appropriation for professional services. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
County General – Coroner
Autopsy - $9,000.00
Investigative Supplies - $1,255.00
Coroner Fuller was not in attendance and Auditor Winkler stated she was unsure what bills we are holding, but there is no money left in autopsy and some funding is needed. There was discussion as to who is authorizing autopsies, because we have spent more so far this year than in the last few years. Auditor Winkler asked that the council consider approving at least $2,000-$3,000.00 in autopsy for any claims we may be holding. Winsett made a motion to approve $2,000.00 in autopsy. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. A request was also made for $1,255.00 for investigative supplies. There was no budget given for this account and Auditor Winkler explained it could be used for any number of supplies needed for investigations. Knepper made a motion to approve $300.00 for investigative supplies. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfer
Coroner

Decrease: Coroner	*1000-107-4111.00*	*$3,230.76*
Increase: Deputy Coroner	*1000-107-4112.00*	*$3,230.76*

Coroner Fuller was not in attendance. The council is not opposed to transferring the salary as requested by the Coroner, but asked the attorney to look into if this is legally allowed. Knepper made a motion to table until the attorney researches it. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway

Decrease: Stone,Gravel,Agg	*1176-002-2231.00*	*$225,000.00*
Decrease: Bituminous	*1176-002-2233.00*	*$300,000.00*
Increase: Contractual Services	*1176-002-2391.00*	*$525,000.00*

Superintendent Kenney stated that the transfer is needed to complete projects for the Community Crossings grant. Gogel asked if they are CEDIT roads and Kenney stated they were. Gogel asked why we aren't paying for the work out of CEDIT money if they are CEDIT roads. There is $2,250,000.00 appropriated in the LIT fund this year which gives each commissioner $750,000.00 for their district. The first bid was awarded today and came in $27,000.00 over the counties estimate due to increases in fuel. The highway dept is trying to utilize the MVH funding already budgeted instead of requesting an additional appropriation in the LIT fund. Knepper made a motion to approve the transfer of $525,000.00 into contractual services. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfer
Sheriff

Decrease: Deputy	*1000-105-4114.04*	*$23,830.00*
Increase: Probationary Deputy	*1000-105-4114.05*	*$23,830.00*

Auditor Winkler explained that a new probationary deputy was hired and funding needs to be moved from the deputy account to the probationary deputy account. Gogel made a motion to approve the transfer. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lisa Gehlhausen – Indiana 15

Gehlhausen presented a packet reflecting the fees paid to Indiana 15 by county, the grants received and the return on investment. Spencer County pays $0.45 per capita to Indiana 15 each year in their budget along with Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry and Pike. The funding paid by counties to Indiana 15 is a match to a federal EDA grant the regional planning commission receives. In 2017 the EDA grant amount was raised to $70,000.00 and the last two years Indiana 15 has made up the shortage in the county match that totals only $56,509.65. This year Indiana 15 is requesting to change the rate for all counties to $0.56 per capita which provides a total of $70,323.12. The difference requested for Spencer County totals $2,304.72.
Gehlhausen informed the council that $400,000.00 is available for some phase 1 and phase 2 projects if the county has any petroleum or hazard substance properties; those funds open up October 1, 2018. Gehlhausen gave an update on grants received in communities throughout the county.

Sheriff Jim McDurmon – Sheriff Pension

McDurmon presented an amendment to the Spencer County Police Retirement Plan that was approved at the merit board meeting. The first change is increasing the deputy life insurance policy from $25,000.00 to $50,000.00 which will use $1,300.00 additionally from the benefit plan each year and no cost to the county. The second change is implementing a "DROP" program which allows members to take their last 3 years of service and their pension be placed in a separate account that can be drawn out as a lump sum at retirement. If the employee has less than 32 years service he can enroll in the "DROP" program. The max years of credited service are 32 years. A deputy must be vested to enter the "DROP" program which is after 8 years of service. Kroeger stated this is too complicated to make a quick decision on tonight and the information did not go out in packets. McDurmon stated he understood and requested they take it under advisement until the next meeting.

Coroner Robert Fuller

Fuller apologized for being late and stated he wanted to request part of his salary be transferred to the deputy coroner. Winsett stated they instructed their attorney to look into this to make sure legally they could do that. Kroeger informed Fuller that the council had already taken action on the additional appropriation requests and Auditor Winkler read aloud the approved amounts. If the coroner's office needs additional funding they can advertise for next month and Deputy Coroner Matt Conen may attend if Fuller is unable.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Autumn Winkler