

**County Council Meeting
January 16, 2018**

Present: Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, David Gogel, Steve Winsett, 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 21st as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Foster stated that he spoke with Jeff Lindsey about the historic registry restrictions, because he was already researching it and Lindsey stated that to his understanding we were allowed to do interior renovations as long as they did not disturb the historic character of the building. Foster can research this further and discuss it with Tom Schipp if the council has any further questions.

Foster stated that in regards to the broadband committee, he checked into the setup of committees and their authority and found that the council can structure and title a committee to advise them, but cannot delegate any authority to them.

Community Corrections – Janice Weber

Weber and Hedrick came before the council to present their proposed 2018/2019 Community Corrections grant. The total grant request is \$313,264.00 which is the exact same amount that was approved for 2017/2018. They are not allowed to request any more funding than was approved last year. Probation is requesting a grant in the amount of \$61,500.00 for salary and benefits for their Field Officer. The Sheriff and Jail Commander are requesting a new grant this year for Jail Treatment in the amount of \$8,238.14. The Jail Treatment grant would be used for Community Corrections materials and counseling sessions from Southern Hills for inmates. They are looking at serving 5 groups, with 5 inmates each, for 8 week periods. The commissioners signed the grant request today and it must be submitted by January 31st.

Broadband Committee

Steinkamp, Wayne Blake and Kathy Reinke with the broadband committee were in attendance to discuss the proposed study. Jim Dauby, CEO of PSCI, and Darren Brown, COO of PSCI, was also in attendance to discuss the study and need for internet. Dauby stated that there have been significant changes in the infrastructure of internet since 2009 when PSCI did the initial study. The study would show the feasibility and possibly where we fall compared to other Indiana counties, as we know Spencer County is lacking in this area. Dauby explained that some of the Connect America Funds that were not issued will be coming up for auction this year and that will play a big part in what's to come. There is a deadline to submit applications for this funding by the end of March and the auction will be held in July. The auction and who has applied for funding will directly impact Spencer County; that should be our short term focus. Wayne Black and PSCI had maps showing the census blocks that are being discussed and applied for in this auction. PSCI will be applying for funds for some areas, but are unaware what other providers are interested in Spencer County blocks.

Bunner stated that he wants to know what the county will receive for the \$25,500.00 spent on this study. The study will show what areas of the county will receive fiber and potential cost of doing this project. It is not feasible to run fiber to every home in the county, but hopefully other technologies can fill in the gaps. The council would like to speak to a representative from Vantage Point the company that will do the study. Steinkamp and Blake will try to schedule a conference call or have a representative present at the next meeting.

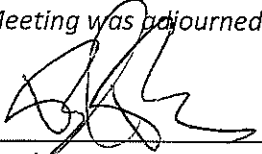
Universal Design – Tom Schipp

Seiler stated that we have all the moves planned except for the coroner and the current quote amount is around \$80,000.00. The commissioners would like to request \$120,000.00 knowing there could be expense on renovating the auditorium for CASA and whatever renovations are needed with the coroner move. Schipp explained where each office will move to and possible renovations that could be needed in the auditorium for CASA. CASA will move to the jury room

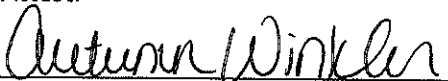
temporarily with no renovations being made to save on cost. Universal is looking into getting partitions to create office space and there could be a need for additional lighting, HVAC, etc. It has been discussed that we temporarily create office space for the coroner in the auditorium also. Seiler stated that we are still looking into moving the coroner to Chrisney, either renovating the old highway garage or possibly doing something with Solid Waste. The plans for the coroner are still up in the air. Seiler is requesting an additional appropriation be advertised for the February meeting. Gogel made a motion to approve the commissioners request an additional appropriation of \$120,000.00 out of the COIT fund. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

There was discussion about requesting an additional appropriation for \$25,500.00 out of the COIT fund for the broadband study. We will try to schedule a conference call with Vantage Point for the next meeting. Kroeger made a motion. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved with Gogel and Winsett opposed. They want to speak to a representative first. Kroeger stated that his motion was to just put them on the agenda. Some members of the council thought Kroeger's motion was to approve an additional be requested out of the COIT fund. Kroeger stated that was not his motion. Foster stated that we need to do a point of order and ask for clarification of the motion. Gogel moved to do a point of order to clarify the motion. Kroeger made a motion to put on the agenda a discussion about the \$25,500.00 and schedule a conference with Vantage Point. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved. Benton made a motion to advertise the \$25,500.00 out of the COIT fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved with Gogel and Winsett opposed.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.



President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler





