County Council Meeting
April 16, 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 President Blake Bunner at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes
Haaff made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Haaff made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 Joint Insurance meeting as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations
County General –COIT-LIT/Assessor
Review of AK Steel - $4,107.00
Assessor has requested Patriot Engineering be paid. Patriot Engineering reviewed the documentation submitted by AK Steel. Benton made a motion to approve the $4,107.00 out of County General -COIT - to move forward on the Solid Waste and County Building. Benton made a motion to approve the $4,107.00 out of County General-COIT-LIT, Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

County General-COIT-LIT/Commissioner
Solid Waste/County Building - $150,000.00
Bunner explains that this money was previously advertised to come out of COIT. It should have come out of County General-COIT-LIT. Knepper made a motion to approve the $150,000.00 out of County General-COIT-LIT as a down payment on the building in Chrisney.
Knepper made a motion to approve the amount of $150,000.00 as a down payment on the Solid Waste/Chrisney building out of County General-COIT-LIT. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved.

County General/Auditor
Postage - $11,756.00
Ann Garrett explains that this is to cover postage that was paid from 1203-Tax Sale Fees that should have come from the Auditor's office. This is seven years worth being paid to SRI. SBOA instructed the Auditor's office to correct problem in this manner. Benton made a motion to approve the $11,756.00 out of County General, Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

County General – VSO
Part-Time hours - $475.00
Meredith comes to request the part-time hours at the instruction of Bunner from the last meeting. Meredith also request that we have National Day of Prayer at the courthouse on May 8th. Bunner states the Commissioners can approve that request. Gogel made motion to approve $475.00 out of County General starting April 19th increasing Meredith to 29.75 hours per week. Benton seconded the motion, motion approved.

County General – Commissioners
Unemployment - $15,348.00
*Ann Garrett explains that the request is for unemployment. There is currently two that have applied and received unemployment. With the change in leadership and change of existing staff in the Sheriff's office. The $15,348.00 was a calculation made with an estimated payment. The actual amount needed is **$13,494.00**. Benton made a motion to approve the amount of **$13,494.00** out of County General. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.*

County General – Spencer Circuit Court
GAL Expenses - $10,000.00
Judge Dartt request money for the Guardian ad Litem program. This is for the child abuse and neglect cases. These cases either have Guardian ad Litem or CASA. Many case are requiring more

Guardian ad Litem everyday. Dartt states that he would like $10,000.00 but he can make ***$5,000.00*** *work now and he will return later to request more. Haaff made a motion to approve the amount of* ***$5,000.00*** *out County General. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.*

Sheriff/Sheriff Sale Admin.
Sheriff Expenses - $1,409.00
Ann Garrett explains that this is for the Liberman bill and possibly any other bills for 2019 Sheriff's sale. Knepper made a motion to approve the $1409.00, Benton seconded the motion, motion approved.

EMA/Local Public Safety
Tourniquets - $500.00
Ann Garrett explains that this for tourniquets, they actually received the monies from a donation. Garrett is asking to appropriate to a line in order for the tourniquets to be paid. Benton made a motion to approve the $500.00, Haaff seconded the motion, motion approved.

Spencer County Visitors Bureau-Melissa Arnold
Arnold presented the Councilmen with the Spencer County 2018 Annual Report for the Spencer County Visitors Bureau. Arnold states they had a really good year last year with Inn Keepers and also received lots of publicity around the 2018 holidays. Lake Rudolph and Lincoln Pines have added cabins. They have expanded the season from not just summer but also the fall and holiday season. There is a possibility of a new visitor's center and that would be a great benefit to the community. Arnold will return in the fall for another update on the Visitors Bureau.

Substance Abuse-Jeannie Thomas
Jeannie Thomas is the new Substance Abuse Coordinator and requesting the release of the drug free community money in account #1148 in the amount of $12,245.75 for the substance abuse program. Knepper made a motion to approve the lease of the funds, Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved.

2020 Budget Hearing Schedule
The dates of the schedule are August 21st,22nd and 23rd. Non-Binding and Binding Reviews are set for September 17,2019 at 4:30p.m. and Adoption Hearing is set for October 15th, 2019 at 4:30p.m.
Request was made to move the Judge to 8:00a.m. on August 21st and Highway to be at 8:45a.m. Grundhoefer made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Schedule with the change of the time for the Judge and Highway, Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Resolution 2019-07
The Drainage Board approved the Resolution of 2019-07. The resolution of forgiveness of debt owing by the Spencer County drainage board for the Baker Creek Drain to the Spencer County General Fund. Bunner read aloud the Resolution 2019-07. Haaff made a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-07, Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

Broadband Grant
Lori Peter introduced the broadband grant program along with Jim Dauby and Alan Muenier. They are requesting the support of the County Council to move forward in applying for the state and federal grants that are rapidly approaching. The grant should be accepted because Spencer County is severely under served. The Next level grant is to be applied for by May 3rd and May 29th for the Federal region. Haaff asked, if the deadline could be met and Dauby said, yes. Benton made a motion in general support of the application of grants, subject to future legal review. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Dollar Store
Ruxer is requesting a letter of support from the Council to bring a Dollar Store to St. Meinrad. Attorney Foster stated he would review and make changes to the form letter and get Bunner's signature and forward to the council in St. Meinrad. Ruxer made a motion to approve the letter, Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

Loan for Solid Waste, EMA and Coroner Building
Attorney Lindsey stated that Freedom Bank was the successful bidder on the $300,000.00 for the Solid Waste, EMA and Coroner building in Chrisney. The rates are 3 years at 2.7%, 4 years at

2.9% and 5 years at 3.1% . Haaff made a motion for the 4 year at 2.9% for the Chrisney building, Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Joint Insurance Meeting

Joint Insurance meeting is scheduled for May 21st, 2019 at 6:00p.m. following the County Council meeting.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn, Benton seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Heidi Greene