

County Council Meeting
August 20th, 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

None presented.

Additional Appropriations

County General/Sheriff

1000/Uniforms - \$2,500.00

Sheriff Reinke states that with several new employees and bills left unpaid from last year that carried over and also having 3 going to the academy later this year. She states there are several deputies that need new uniforms. Gogel asked if the \$6,500.00 in uniforms had been depleted and Reinke states it has been depleted. Benton made a motion to approve the **\$2,500.00** for uniforms. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

County General/Jail

1000/Prescriptions - \$23,000.00

1000/Overtime - \$25,000.00

Sheriff Reinke states that there had been a couple of people that had a prescription for HIV which is approximately \$3,500.00 - \$5,000.00 a month each. She states that with the jail being to capacity the prescriptions have been elevated. Grundhoefer made a motion to approve the **\$23,000.00** for prescriptions. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Sheriff Reinke states that they are fully staffed at the moment but they have to cover days off and vacation days. She states she needs additional help and feels that would cut down on overtime. Benton made a motion to approve the **\$25,000.00**. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

County General/Spencer Circuit Court

1000/Travel-\$2,000.00

Becky from the judge's office explains that there have been three additional conferences this year in Indianapolis and this has been mandatory. Grundhoefer made a motion to approve the **\$2,000.00** for travel. Haaff seconded the motion, motion approved.

Riverboat/Commissioners

1191/Contractual Services - \$2,500.00

Commissioner Brown states he is going to have the surveyor speak on the Commissioners behalf. Faulkenburg explains about the three watersheds: Hoopepole, Huffman and Baker. He states that Mid-Western Engineer completed a study on the three watersheds. This showed all the parcels that touched this watershed and how the water is distributed. The plan is to have five more watersheds in the county. The **\$2,500.00** will cover the cost of Mid-Western Engineer services. Benton made a motion to approve the **\$2,500.00** out of Riverboat. Grundhoefer seconded motion, motion approved.

STATEWIDE 911/Sheriff

1222/PERF -\$2,769.00

1222/FICA - \$1,492.00

Sheriff Reinke explains this was not added to a previous additional for overtime. Benton made a motion to approve the **\$2,769.00** for PERF and **\$1,492.00** FICA. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Plat Book/Auditor

1181/Training - \$8,000.00

Greene explains that the money requested is to be used on training with Thomson Reuters for the MVP program and with Harris, the financial program. She explains that with her taking the auditors position and having two new ladies in the office she feel this would be a huge asset for

everyone. Grundhoefer made a motion to approve the training for **\$8,000.00**. Benton seconded the motion, motion approved.

Local Public Safety Training

4909/Other Expenditures - \$700.00

Greene states this is a donation to EMA from the "Friends of Richland" to be used for tourniquets. Ruxer made a motion to approve the **\$700.00**. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

Adult Probation Administration

2000/Mentoring - \$5,000.00

Becky from Circuit Court explains that the probation officer is head of this program. She takes the kids to Stir-n-Up-Hope 2 times a year. This program has been put in place to try and get the kids involved with the horses such as cleaning stalls, grooming the horses and to help teach responsibilities. Benton made a motion to approve the **\$5,000.00** for the mentoring program. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Pre-Trial Diversion/Prosecutor

1182/Part Time Assistant - \$7,300.00

1182/Clerical Assistants Extra Hours - \$4,900.00

Prosecutor Ippoliti states he has had an employee out three months because of an illness and also an employee left to go to a private practice. He is requesting a part-time assistant and for his employees to have extra hours because of being short-handed. This would only be until the end of the year. The one part-time person will be until the end of the year. The extra hours is also only until the end of the year. Haaff made a motion to approve the **\$7,300.00** for a part-time assistant and the **\$4,900.00** for clerical extra hours. Grundhoefer seconded motion, motion approved.

TRANSFERS

Spencer County Sheriff/Jail

Decrease Account #1000-132-4313.00 \$6,500.00

Maintenance Supervisor

Increase Account #1000-132-4223.00 \$6,500.00

Inmate Supplies

Sheriff Reinke explains that at the moment she believes there is plenty of money in the maintenance supervisor account. She states that with the increase of inmates there has been an increase in supplies that are needed. Benton made a motion to approve the **\$6,500.00** for inmate supplies. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Spencer Circuit Court

Decrease Account #1000-136-4321.00 \$700.00

Postage

Increase Account #1000-136-4211.00 \$700.00

Office Supplies

Becky with Circuit Court states they need to transfer the money for office supplies. Haaff made a motion to approve the transfer of **\$700.00**. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Animal Control

Decrease Account #1000-142-4111.00 \$5,000.00

Animal Control Officer

Increase Account #1000-142-4311.00 \$5,000.00

Decrease Account #1000-142-4111.00 \$24,000.00

Animal Control Officer

Increase Account #1000-142-4392.00 \$24,000.00

Other Services: It Takes a Village

Brown explains "It takes a Village" will take over the animal control shelter starting in September. He states it is contracted for \$6000.00 to be paid to "It Takes a Village" monthly starting September 2019. He states this **\$24,000.00** will pay for the rest of 2019.

Brown states the **\$5,000.00** is for attorney fees to Jeff Lindsey regarding the Alley Cats Alleys suit against the county and this said suit has been settled. Ruxer made a motion to approve the **\$5,000.00** and **\$24,000.00** as requested. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Wayne Blake/PSC

Mr. Blake presents a map of Spencer County showing the amount of areas that are underserved for internet. He states it is a very complex funding program. He states he is hoping for a two year plan from the state and grant money. The priority sections will be the most underserved and be completed first. This could be up to a 6 year program. Mr. Blake states the designing plans will be in stages and this takes time to lease real estate. Benton asks if the areas on the map are correct, because he sees areas on the map that show coverage and he knows there is not any. Mr. Blake states that if there is any coverage the map will show. The hope is for the first customer to be on-line in 2021.

Steve Bartels

Mr. Bartels congratulates the county on the grant money for the broadband project. He states that so many groups and organizations came together to make this happen. Haaff states everyone got on board to make this happen with many hours of dedication.

**Justin Wolf/Grandview Solar Project
Orion Renewable Energy Group**

Wolf presents the Council with a map that outlines the area for the Grandview Solar Project. He states this is just a preliminary meeting to look at the economic revitalization area. The projected acreage is about 1500 but only 1/3 of that acreage would be covered with panels. The power that would be produced from this site would stay local. This is a 50 million dollar investment over a 5 year plan. He states the plan is to start in 2022.

A representative from Bakertilly discussed the estimated assessed value for the proposed investment with the total investment estimated at \$75,000,000. The company assumes 95% of the investment as taxable utility distributed property and 5% of the investment is real property. He discussed the proposed abatement over a 10 year period. He presented the Council with a summary of estimated property tax rates for South Hammond Township. He states this analysis does not assume any changes to the maximum levy limitation of the overlapping taxing units. Wolf speaks and explains that the property tax would be the property owner's responsibility but the property stays classified as agriculture.

Wolf is just requesting the passing of the preliminary Resolution 2019-08. Wolf states that this is a state requirement.

Bunner read aloud the Resolution 2019-08. Haaff made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-08 as presented. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn, Haaff seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.



President

Attest



Auditor, Heidi Greene

