

**County Council Reorganizational Meeting
January 2, 2015**

Present: Jack Kroeger, Bill Spaetti, Blake Bunner, Steve Winsett, Aaron Benton, Dave Kress, Todd Ruxer, Auditor Winkler

Meeting was called to order by Auditor Winkler at 7:30 A.M.

President

First order of business was nominations for President. Kress made a motion to nominate Bill Spaetti as President. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. The meeting was then turned over to President Spaetti. Spaetti thanked Kroeger for his work as President and Bunner as Vice-President.

Vice-President

Kroeger made a motion to nominate Steve Winsett as Vice-President. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Council Attorney

Kroeger made a motion to appoint John Wetherill as Council Attorney. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

EMA BOARD

Winsett made a motion to retain Kroeger as the representative on the EMA Board. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

ABC Board

Anthony Bender is the current appointee. Spaetti said he had spoken to Bender and he would like to be reappointed if the Council so chose. Benton made a motion to reappoint Bender to the ABC Board. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Indiana Region 15

Kroeger made a motion to retain Kress as the Council representative for Indiana Region 15. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

LEDC

Spaetti is currently serving and wishes to retain his seat. Bunner made a motion to reappoint Spaetti to the LEDC. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

LEDC Joint Appointment with Commissioners

Winsett made a motion to appoint Larry Harlen for another term. Benton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

4-H Youth & Community

Benton made a motion to retain Bunner for another term. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Solid Waste

Bunner made a motion to appoint Benton as the Council representative. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Advisory Plan Commission

Bunner made a request to be appointed to the Advisory Plan Commission. Spaetti stated he had already spoke to Ruxer about this position. Winsett made a motion to appoint Todd Ruxer to the Advisory Plan Commission. Kress seconded the motion. Spaetti then ask if there were any other nominations. Benton made a motion to nominate Blake Bunner to the Advisory Plan Commission. Kroeger seconded the motion. Attorney Wetherill then instructed Spaetti to make the determining vote. Spaetti voted in favor of Ruxer. Ruxer was appointed to the Advisory Plan Commission with a 4-3 majority vote.

Luce Township Regional Sewer District (LTRSD)

Kroeger made a motion to retain current appointee Kelly Kuchenbrod. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

PTABOA

Sara Arnold made a request that current appointee Patty Cochenour be retained in this position. Kroeger made a motion to reappoint Cochenour. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Redevelopment Commission

Steinkamp made a request to retain his position on the Redevelopment Commission. Spaetti stated he had also spoke to Mike Schriefer and Schriefer had expressed an interest in being appointed to the second seat. Kress made a motion to reappoint Steinkamp and appoint Schriefer to the Redevelopment Commission. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Community Corrections

Ruxer made a motion to reappoint Winsett as the Council representative for Community Corrections. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Meeting Date and Time

Kress made a motion to set the meeting dates for the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Other Business

Spaetti stated that Drainage Board President Al Logsdon had requested to be put on the January 20, 2015 agenda to discuss what projects were completed in 2014 and the plans they have for 2015.

The 2015 Compensation Agreement for the Sheriff was presented for signature. Kroeger made a motion to sign the agreement. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Roberts Rules of Order Modified

Winsett made a motion that we retain Roberts Rules of Order Modified. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

Bill Spaetti
President

Arvan Benton

Autumn Winkler
Attest:

Steve Winsett

Blake Bunner

Dave Kress

Todd Ruxer

**County Council Meeting
January 20, 2015**

Present: Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Todd Ruxer, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Additional

Annual Appropriations

Highway-Gas, Oil, Lube	\$30,000.00
CEDIT	\$2,000,000.00
Health Dept.-Emergency Preparedness Grant	\$14,327.00
Auditor's Office-Ineligible Deductions	\$10,000.00
Misdemeanant Cell Phones	\$17,302.00
Firearms Training	\$11,107.00
Photo ID	\$40.00
LEPC	\$6,479.00
Jury Pay	\$31,064.00
EMA Hazmat	\$4,376.00
EMA Search and Rescue	\$6,038.00
Co. Law Enforcement Continuing Education	\$916.00
Health Clinic	\$34,305.00
Clerk Perpetuation	\$7,512.00
County User Fee	\$80,000.00
Accident Report	\$10,279.00
Clerk IV-D	\$7,978.00
Prosecutor IV-D	\$51,951.00
Sex & Violent Offender	\$2,882.00
Medical Care for Inmate	\$892.00
Prisoner Reimbursement	\$3,559.00
GAL/CASA	\$4,154.00
Santa Claus Water Project	\$100,000.00
Luce Township Sewer Project	\$150,000.00

Bunner made a motion to approve all of the annual additional appropriations. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Sheriff

Decrease Account # 1000-105-4114.03 Senior Deputy \$32,990.00

Increase Account # 1000-105-4114.05 Probationary Deputy \$32,990.00

Benton made a motion to approve the transfer. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion approved.

Spencer County Tourism Commission-2015 Appointments

Kress made a motion to reappoint Eric Snow and Sharon Raven to the Tourism Commission.

Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

AT&T Lease Agreement

AT&T Capital has come back with a lowered interest rate of 5.9%. We have been informed that we cannot get a tax-exempt rate, because it is not a lease-purchase agreement. Lindsey will continue to work on the financing option, while the Council researches the possibility of paying a portion of the agreement in a lump sum. All members are in agreement that they would like to put some type of payment down, if possible. The Commissioners have approved the lease agreement contingent on the Council funding.

2014 Drainage Report

Drainage Board President Logsdon presented the 2014 Drainage Report and a list of 2015 proposed projects. He made a request for \$25,000.00 on behalf of the Drainage Board to go towards new projects. Logsdon explained to the Council what a wonderful program the county has in place working with local farmers and adjoining property owners. Many projects are being completed with only small amounts of funding from the county, due to property owner donations and in-kind work. Logsdon has also been working closely with the Soil and Water District to apply for an LARE grant. This grant would assist with removing log jams and obstructions from lakes, ditches, and drains. Auditor Winkler will advertise an additional for \$25,000.00 to come from the Riverboat fund for the February meeting.

Health Insurance

The Health Insurance Committee has been having in depth discussions about ways to lower insurance cost and the expense to the county. Carolyn Beck with SIHO, Insurance Services presented a cost sharing analysis that would increase employee deductible and out of pocket maximum. It is at the counties discretion what deductible amounts and out of pocket amounts they choose. Higher deductibles would result in greater savings for the county. Beck also proposed a Health Reimbursement Account that the employees could utilize to help lower their deductible amount. The cost of the insurance is not the biggest concern; it is the cost of claims. Pete Franzman with Franzman Insurance Agency came to present quotes on fully insured plans. The quotes presented show higher deductibles and the expense to the county would be about the same as our current maximum liability with the self insured policy. Winsett stated that he is highly in favor of bidding out the insurance to outside parties to explore what the cost would be for a fully insured plan. His fellow council members are not opposed to this process. Kroeger made a motion to show the Council's support of the Commissioners' raising the deductible ASAP. Bunner seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Winsett abstaining.

Kroeger made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Ann Berth

Steve Winsett

Beck Bunner

Dave Drees

Todd Rye

Present: Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Todd Ruxer, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Minutes

Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Benton made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20th meeting. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Riverboat

Logsdon came before the Council in January to present the 2014 Drainage Report and the 2015 Drainage Plan. It was discussed at that time that he would be requesting \$25,000.00 from the Riverboat Fund for the 2015 Plan. Logsdon was not in attendance at the February Council meeting, but the Drainage Board was represented by Commissioner's Gogel and Seiler.

COIT

Kress made a motion to deny the \$300,000.00 additional appropriation from the COIT Fund, due to the opportunity of funding in other ways. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Attorney Lindsey presented 2 options for funding this agreement. The Commissioner's have approved the agreement and the county will be billed at completion of installation if payment is not received at an earlier date.

Option A: There is pending legislation that states you can pay for the agreement from any fund you choose and reimburse that fund from the E-911 fund.

Option B: We can finance with AT&T Capital with a rate of 4.43% for 7 years or 5.57% for 5 years.

Spaetti stated that he had spoke to a local bank who would be interested in possibly financing for us, but we would need to bond it. Lindsey does not feel bonding this would be a good option. We will revisit this at the April meeting and there should be more certain answers on the pending legislation at that time.

Ruxer made a motion to re-appoint Pat Arterberry and Becky Harmon to the Spencer County Public Library Board for a 4 year term, expiring on December 31, 2018. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Winsett informed the Council that at the Health Insurance Committee meeting there was a 4-2 vote to bid out the insurance. He stated that he was aware Logsdon had mentioned this at the Commissioner meeting, but was unsure if any action had been taken. Gogel stated this was discussed in the meeting, but no action was taken at that time.

Ruxer mentioned to Spaetti buying new chairs for the Commissioner's room. After discussion it was agreed on that Auditor Winkler would check on prices.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President
Attest:

Ann Peter

Steve Winsett

Jan R. Krey

Steve Gorman

Dave Gress

Todd Rye

Autumn Winkler
Attest:

**County Council Meeting
March 17, 2015**

Present: Aaron Benton, Steve Winsett, Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress, Todd Ruxer, Bill Spaetti, Blake Bunner, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Additional Appropriations

County General-Insurance \$11,275.00

There was not enough money budgeted in 2015 to cover all insurance. The insurance company requested a more detailed inventory list and a tort claim was filed against the county which increased the amount owed.

Benton made a motion to approve the \$11,275.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Park Board – Nicholas Held

The Park Board has been working with the Spencer County Community Foundation on getting a Park and Recreation Master Plan created. Held presented a proposed scope of work from the Lochmueller Group. They have been awarded a \$10,000.00 grant from the Welborn Foundation with a county requirement of \$1.70 match per dollar. Kroeger suggested we contact the DNR about what the requirements are for a Master Plan and then decide if it's in our best interest to pursue with a professional or establish our own group to create the plan. It was discussed that the Park Board investigate other options before we commit to accepting the grant. Held stated they have a meeting scheduled for March 31st and each town park will present their proposal for 2015. They will report back in April after speaking to all individuals involved.

Melissa Brockman-Visitor's Bureau

Brockman presented the 2014 Annual Report and stated that 2014 was a great year for Spencer County. There has been an amazing increase in traffic on all media relations. 2015 is expected to be another wonderful year for Spencer County Tourism.

Legal Report

Police Retirement Plan

The plan document is the same as previous years, except a few required changes in the wording. Ruxer made a motion to approve the Police Retirement Plan. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Old Business

New Chairs

Ruxer requested Auditor Winkler get quotes on new chairs for the Commissioner's Room. Kress made a motion that employees that were here all day required a nice chair, but felt that the council only being here a few hours a month did not justify buying new chairs. If an individual wants a different chair, they can purchase their own. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Robert Fuller

Fuller requested additional funds for new office equipment and other office supplies.

Copy Machine - \$1000.00

Magnifying Light - \$200.00

Shredder - \$300.00

Flags - \$360.00

Radios - \$1600.00

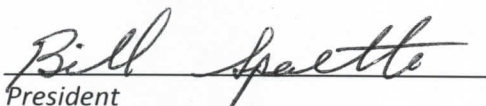
Pagers - \$1200.00

Kroeger informed Fuller that he would need to come back and all requests would need to be advertised. Wetherill stated that Fuller needed to produce quotes for all items. Fuller then stated he had utilities money in his budget that he would not need due to moving from the Chrisney office to the Courthouse and requested the approval to transfer this money. He was told he could do a letterhead transfer within the same series. Fuller will request an additional if other items are needed.

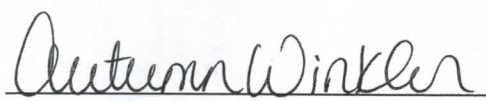
Kevin Patmore – Luce Sewer District

Luce Sewer District has been looking into refunding the bonds they have through Indiana Finance Authority due to conditions on the loan. The sewer district has made the decision to refund the bonds through Old National Bank with a 2.64% rate without restrictions. Patmore wanted to address the Council to discuss Ordinance 2010-10 that states the counties commitment on the bond for another 10 years. The county pledge of \$150,000.00 from COIT funds until 2024 still applies. Wetherill will put on letterhead the counties agreement to the commitment and give to Patmore.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.


President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler

