

**County Council Reorganizational Meeting
January 2, 2014**

Present: Jim Seiler, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Auditor Jane Lynam

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

President

First order of business was nominations for President. Kress made a motion to nominate Jack Kroeger for President. Knepper seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. The meeting was turned over to President Kroeger.

Vice- President

Spaetti made a motion to nominate Blake Bunner for Vice-President. Seiler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Attorney

Winsett made a motion to nominate Eric Ayer as Attorney. Kress second the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

EMA Advisory Board (Council Member)

Kress made a motion to nominate Jack Kroeger as the council member on the EMA Advisory Board. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

ABC Board

Winsett made a motion to nominate Anthony Bender to the ABC Board. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Indiana Region 15 (Council Member)

Seiler made a motion to nominate Dave Kress as the council member to Indiana Region 15. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

LEDC

Knepper made a motion to nominate Bill Spaetti to the LEDC. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

LEDC Joint Appointment with Commissioners

Bunner made a motion to nominate Larry Harlen to the LEDC as the joint appointment with Commissioners. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

4-H Youth & Community (Council Member)

Spaetti made a motion to nominate Blake Bunner as the council member on the 4-H Youth and Community Board. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Solid Waste (Council Member)

Bunner made a motion to nominate Jim Seiler as the council member on the Solid Waste Board. Knepper seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Advisory Plan Commission (Council Member)

Seiler made a motion to nominate Matt Knepper as the council member on the Advisory Plan Commission. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

LTRSD

Kress made a motion to nominate Kelly Kuchenbrod to the LTRSD. Spaetti seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

PTABOA

Bunner made a motion to nominate Patty Cochenour to the PTABOA. Knepper seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Community Corrections (Council Member)

Spaetti made a motion to nominate Steve Winsett as the council member on the Community Corrections Board. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

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Meeting Days and Times

Knepper made a motion to leave the day and time the same, third Tuesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Roberts Rules of Order Modified

Spaetti made a motion to conduct meetings following Roberts Rules of Order Modified. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 A.M.

President

Attest:

Jane Lynam
Auditor, Jane Lynam

Bill Spaetti

Steve Winsett

[Signature]

Matt Knepper

Dave Kress

**County Council Meeting
January 21, 2014**

Present: Jim Seiler, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Under the discussion of Lieberman Technologies, as to how the internet service was to be paid for, Bunner wanted it specified that he stated "if that particular department, being the Sheriff's department, if they were going to save as much or more than the cost of the internet on an ongoing basis then it should come from that department, it only makes sense." Kress made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17th meeting with that correction. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

\$5,000.

Request was made by Judge Jon Dartt. Commissioner David Gogel was present and explained that the request was for electronic monitoring costs for indigent juveniles to help offset the cost of juvenile detention. Since they would be saving money on the housing by using the electronic monitoring they were just going to transfer money from the housing into a line item for the monitors and would not need to do an additional at this time.

Health Department

\$15,000.

Donna Etienne explained that this money was for a reimbursable grant. They will use the money for a Code Red messaging board to be located in front of the Santa Claus Fire Department building.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$15,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

Annual Appropriations

Misdemeanant Cell Phones	\$14,400.
Misdemeanant Other Expenditures	777.
Firearms Training	7,109.
Photo ID	40.
LEPC	8,404.
Jury Pay	31,341.
EMA Hazmat	1,786.
EMA Search and Rescue	7,019.
Co. Law Enforcement Continuing Education	1,192.
Health Clinic	34,401.
Clerk Perpetuation	17,321.
County User Fee	80,000.
Accident Report	7,389.
Clerk IV-D	10,649.
Prosecutor IV-D	41,905.
Sex & Violent Offender	1,754.
Medical Care for Inmate	2,887.
Prisoner Reimbursement	2,629.
CAL/CASA	15,205.
Santa Claus Water Project	100,000.
Luce Township Sewer Project	150,000.

Kress made a motion to approve the appropriations under the heading of Auditors Office funds that need to be advertised before using, Annual Appropriations as listed. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Corrections-Grant Match

Auditor Lynam explained that the money was appropriated in 2011 and due to an error the money was never moved from Riverboat to the correct line item. Lynam spoke to Charlie Pride

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with the State Board of Accounts and he said all we needed to do was move the money to the appropriate line item and put our documentation with it; there was no need to re-advertise or re-appropriate.

Extension Office-Larry Dimmett

Dimmett explained that they needed a new phone system; the price for the proposed system would be \$2,885. This is the smallest system they have which will be six lines. This price encompasses equipment, labor, wiring, the whole package. Internet service will have to be installed also, but we don't have the price for that at this time. Brenda Hagedorn had made the initial request for furniture and office equipment, since that request, we have received word that these items will be donated. We just wanted to let you know what we are looking at.

The Way

Ron Conner talked to the Board and said that in September they asked for \$48,000 and were given \$24,000, and told to come back in December. We didn't have all of our figures together in December, we have since gotten all of the figures that you requested together and are here tonight asking for the additional \$24,000.

Kroeger explained that since it hadn't been advertised, they couldn't do anything. Connor said it was his understanding that with the proper documentation all they had to do was ask for the money, didn't realize it would have to be advertised again, so they will take care of that at the next meeting.

Brett Cieslack spoke and let everyone know that on February 1st they will open the door to women in the new facility. They have five women waiting to get into the facility at this time. Cieslack said it is imperative that we get these young ladies out of jail and into a recovery environment.

Randy Voight passed out information to the members and explained that the first page was the 2014 projected budget comparison; they project more income in public support, resident fees, fundraising, grants and donated items. An increase in expenses is also expected in the areas of fundraising, overhead, programming, operations, Insurance and travel.

Second page is a list of future projects at Patronville Women's Facility for a total of \$39,980.

Third page is a 2014 Capital Projects Projection for the Patronville Facility.

Projections show an increase, but we never know when this might change. We are very thankful for what you have done to help us in the past. After much discussion Winsett thanked everyone for all the information they presented.

Judge Dartt-Casa Program

Dartt explained when we started our program Monica Frymiller who is the Casa Director in Warrick County graciously accepted our request to be our Casa Director on a part time basis and get our program started. She works as an independent contractor but our goal is to transition from Monica as our director to our own directors; Monica will do the training for us. To be National Casa our employees must be county employees or we can't get their certification. I explained last month that we aren't asking for any more money, you have already appropriated money in the budget. We have to restructure our program from independent contractor to county employees. No full time employee's only part time employees, we will probably never have full time employees. We need an organizational change so our CASA employees, will be part time county employees, this is what we need to do in order to get our national certification. Dartt explained that there is an immunity statute, IC-31-15-6-9 which says all CASA workers, CASA employees, all volunteers are immune from civil liability unless they commit gross misconduct. If they are proceeding in good faith according to their training there is immunity. Another important issue is the hours worked by volunteers; they have already saved \$17,000 in attorney's fees.

Freimiller talked about the State and National Certification. She said the state holds our program to a very high level of standards by which we must operate to maintain certification. They offer ongoing training to local programs and hold each local program to a code of ethics to ensure confidentiality and a level of advocacy with integrity. They offer ongoing training to local

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program staff directors to ensure that they are operating with a solid understanding of the current welfare laws and are knowledgeable in the current trends. National CASA offers the local program the registered CASA name as well as the highest level of training materials for training solid child advocates. They also offer support in the area of publicity, recruitment and data management.

Attorney Eric Ayer said he felt the CASA program would save money for the county, but the biggest benefit would be to the children of Spencer County.

Kroeger said we would have to amend the salary ordinance in order to make the CASA employees part time county employees. He told Dartt to work out the rate and get with the Auditor's Office to finish out this year and then at budget time bring in a budget for CASA with his other regular court budgets.

Drainage Board

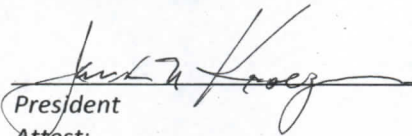
Gogel explained that they were going to ask for \$25,000 for drainage projects set for 2014. Gogel asked which fund they should request the money from. Kroeger said to request it from Riverboat and get it on the agenda for the next meeting.

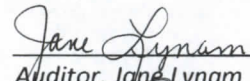
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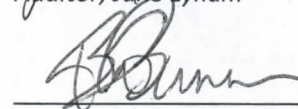
Gogel said he was a little concerned about the monthly internet fees connected with the video teleconferencing. He said that at the meeting in December the council had requested the two departments, Sheriff and Judge, figure out where the money would come from, but, he was concerned that a bill would be presented and there would be no provision set up for payment. Kroeger asked the Auditor to work on a letter for him to sign letting the Sheriff and Judge know they needed to get something worked out for payment prior to the first billing cycle.

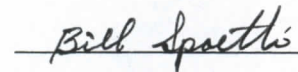
Kress made a motion to adjourn. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion approved.

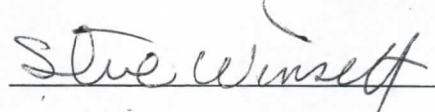
Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

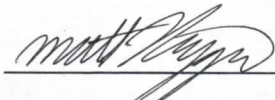

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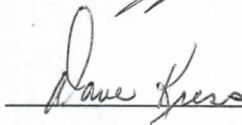

Auditor, Jane Lynam











County Council Meeting
February 18, 2014

Present: Jim Seiler, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21st. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2nd organizational meeting as presented. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

\$7,385.00

Kroeger explained that this had been advertised out of county general and since it was actually capital improvements it needed to be re-advertised and taken from Cum Cap and the on going expenses should come from county general and they would act on it next month.

Request was made by the Extension Office for telephone service.

CEDIT Construction

\$2,000,000.

The request was made by Engineer Tara Lloyd. Commissioner Gogel spoke to the Board and explained this was an annual appropriation for road improvements. We will have a work/planning session and get the 2014 CEDIT plan together and get a copy to you.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,000,000. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Riverboat

Drainage Plan

\$25,000.

Logsdon made the request. Gogel spoke to the Board and explained that the handout had specific areas listed for drainage work; the Advisory Board made recommendations of ditches in their area that were of concern and they were then put on the list. Kress made a motion to approve the \$25,000. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

The Way

\$24,000.

Request was made by Brett Cieslack on behalf of The Way and was present to speak to the Board. They are asking for the money to help fund different projects they have going in the county. Spaetti asked how many women they were now housing at the Patronville location. Cieslack responded that they currently have 4 and were expecting another one the next day. Winsett asked if these women came straight from jail to the facility and the answer was yes. Seiler asked how much money this saved the county since they weren't being detained in jail. Cieslack said it saved the county approximately \$126,000 a year for 10 men to be housed in The Ways' facilities rather than in jail. Kress asked if they were going to come before the Council just when they needed money or was this going to be an every year thing. Cieslack said he hoped it would not have to be an every year thing, their goal is to become self sufficient. Kroeger said he was happy that we could do this, but that the county wouldn't be able to do this on a yearly basis.

Bunner said in light of all the positive that we get through giving a little bit of money to this organization, just that alone, just the good results of getting people back to work and not being incarcerated is a good reason to do it, but for the taxpayer out there to know that the money is being leveraged to save our county significant dollars I would move to go ahead and approve this request in full for \$24,000. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Francis Lueken-Automated Routing Inc.

Luken introduced Barry Schaefer and Barry then introduced his brothers George, Scott, Evan and Dave. Barry explained that he and his brothers own and operate Automated Routing. They

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have all been involved and are still involved in the community in different organizations. Lueken presented an SB-1 form, request for abatement for Automated Routing Inc. They plan to construct 2 new warehouses to expand their current operation. Automated Routing Inc needs to keep growing but has to choose whether to use warehouse and manufacturing space it already owns in Perry County and transfer 34 of its employees there, or build 2 new warehouses at its current home base of Fulda. Automated Routing is asking the Council to grant a significant phase-in of property taxes on its 2 new warehouse as an incentive to expand their investment in Spencer County. With abatement Automated Routing could stay in Spencer County and bring dollars in. The new investment would almost double Automated's assessed value and personal property assessed value will also increase as more and newer equipment is added. Lueken explained that In 2011 the General Assemble changed the phase in Statutes and allowed for an alternative schedule to be adopted. On July 1, 2013 all the various schedules were wiped off, the only limitation that was kept was 10 years; the abatement schedule cannot exceed 10 years. How many years and the level of deduction over whatever number of years you decide is totally open, that is the new State Law.

Lueken presented various handouts for the Council to read through concerning different phase ins for different businesses, tax phase in application scoring sheets used in Evansville and Spencer Counties proposed criteria for tax phase ins and a copy of the Statute that has changed concerning phase ins. After much discussion Kroeger explained that the Council would have to figure out a schedule, making it as rich as we can, after looking at some other counties to see what they are doing. Winsett said to make sure we are all on the same page, this abatement is for the new buildings only; they will go ahead and pay taxes like they normally pay.

The Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday March 3rd at 7:30 A.M.

Melissa Brockman-Visitors Bureau-Innkeepers Tax Increase

Brockman introduced Eric Snow, President, Dave Lovell Vice-President and Kendal Thompson Treasurer from the Visitors Bureau who are in favor of raising the Innkeepers tax from 4% to 5%. The Tourism Commission is requesting an increase of the Innkeepers tax from 4% to 5% effective January 1, 2015. This would give everyone time to get their rates in line for 2015; rates are already set for 2014. The rates have not been changed since 2006 when they went from 3% to 4%, this would increase our budget \$80,000; the county also gets a share of the Innkeepers tax. Brockman passed out a pamphlet showing actual expenses; Bunner had requested wages in comparison to actual expenses and Commissioner Gogel had asked to see the difference in taxable rooms in Spencer County and how they had changed over the years.

Bunner explained that he requested wages because if we move forward and decide to increase the rate I want to be able to show that the money is not going toward wages, but rather to promote the tourism of the county. Brockman explained that the priority for increasing the fee was to continue to enhance the seasonal campaigns. Our long term goal is to make Spencer County a year round tourism destination.

Winsett made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2014-⁰²~~3~~ to raise the Innkeepers tax from 4% to 5% on the first reading. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Attorney Ayer presented a Resolution Opposing Proposal to Eliminate All Or Any Portion Of The Business Personal Property Tax for the Councils consideration. Kroeger explained that we intend to hand deliver a copy of the Ordinance to the Governor on Thursday morning to let him know that we strongly oppose eliminating the Business Personal Property Tax.

Ayer explained that the Commissioners had signed a similar Resolution earlier at their meeting. Spaetti made a motion to approve Resolution No 2014-2. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

President

Attest:

Jane Lyman

[Signature]

Bill Spaeck

Steve Winsett

Matt [Signature]

Dave [Signature]

Jan A. King

**Special County Council Meeting
March 3, 2014**

Present: Jim Seiler, Jack Kroeger, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Absent: Blake Bunner (Participated by Telephone)

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 7:30 A.M. Kroeger asked for a moment of silence for the Ayer Family in their loss.

Minutes

Winsett asked that the minutes reflect under **Additional Appropriations, County General in the amount of \$7,385.00 that the request was made by the Purdue Extension Office for telephone installation and monthly service and withdrawn from consideration due to being advertised from the wrong fund.** Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction.

Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Economic Revitalization Area-Automated Routing Abatement

Kroeger explained that we have never given any abatement greater than 50% of the assessed value for the ten year period.

Lueken responded that Kroeger was correct, up to now the County Council has in fact been restricted to not being able to give more than 50% of the tax that would have been paid had there been no abatement granted. Lueken pointed out that they had presented scenarios of both a nine year plan and a ten year plan. Statute restricted before that you could only give a certain amount of years, not a certain percentage. That has been completely wiped out; you now have discretion to do what you want.

Lueken stated that in trying to find out what other counties have done they found that in Dubois County on March 25, 2013 Superior Insulation was granted seven year abatement on a \$350,000 building investment. Four years at 100%, then stepped down to one at 75%, one at 50%, one at 25%, saving Superior Insulation \$30,167 that was 78.6% savings of total taxes they would have been paying and they only hired two new employees.

The scenario presented at the last meeting of a nine (9) year plan with 5 years at 100%, one year at 80%, one year at 60%, one year at 40%, and one year at 20% would figure to just under the \$200,000 number, savings that Schaefer's indicated they would feel comfortable with being able to get 10% of their total investment returned in savings out of taxes that otherwise would have been over \$256,000 which figures to 77.8%. If you would go with the ten (10) year plan it of course adds another year on of taxes and savings and that would figure to an even 80%. Those were the numbers I was able to try to meet Kroeger's objective to try to look at the savings that wouldn't be realized against no savings what so ever. Lueken reminded the Council that Automated Routing owns property in Perry County and can go there, but they would like to stay in Spencer County.

Kroeger said the Governor and legislators are fighting to cut property taxes; some of the proposals have been whittled down, but would cut property taxes considerably for Spencer County. If they do away with Business Personal Property Tax we would lose about 44% of our assessed value, that is not new property, that is existing property. We would lose 2 million due to property tax caps. We can do whatever we want concerning abatements, but we have to look ahead. We want this company in our county, we want to do whatever we can for you, but we have to be fair to everyone, in the future can we afford to give 80% to everyone who comes in and asks for it. There is an argument out there that abatements hurt the economy.

Winsett said he agreed with Kroeger's comments, but he felt if we didn't give them what they wanted we would lose this company. They have been here 20 years and he wanted to keep them here, so he was going to go ahead and make the motion to go with the nine (9) year abatement. Kress said he felt the same way and seconded the motion.

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Spaetti asked if they needed the 100% abatement up front a little longer, what is your cash flow situation.

Schaefer answered that 2012 was not a very good year for them, they are still in recovery mode and the savings up front would definitely help them out.

Spaetti then said you are projecting hiring 4 additional and retaining the 34 that would move to Perry County; if the economy picks up do you see additional, more than the 4 you projected. I'm just throwing out ideas, would you feel comfortable plugging in 6 additional jobs instead of 4, we tie our abatements to the number of new hires.

Schaefer said he felt comfortable with that figure.

Kroeger said his point is simply to try to be fair to everyone who comes in here and do the best we can for everyone.

Winsett said he disagreed because it was impossible; you can't give a home grown company X percentage and a multimillion dollar company the same, because it won't work, it is different.

Winsett said he spoke to the general public and out of 5 people, 3 cut him off and just said give them what they want, the 4th one thought about it awhile and said yes I think they deserve it and the 5th person said well I believe they need an abatement, I'm just not sure about how much.

Bunner said he felt we needed to be very cautious in the decisions we make in granting abatements for future business growth in our county. The decisions we make today can affect other people that come before us in the future. In order to be consistent, my opinion is I would sure like to give this company a year or two up front where they wouldn't have to pay new taxes on the property that they are constructing there, but I would like to see it phased in as quickly as possible, the AK Steel thing we did kind of bit us because it wasn't phased in quick enough. The quicker we can get something phased in to full tax value the more it benefits us financially as a county. I would like to see maybe a couple of years up front where we could let them pay no taxes and then maybe phase it in over a five or six year period. I know that's not going to be near the 80% they are looking for but perhaps it would come somewhere around 60% doing rough math. That's my stance on it, based on recent organizations we have granted abatements to and then considering the future for our county so we don't put ourselves in a corner so to speak when other people use it as leverage against us to try to get what they want.

Lueken said what is coming down the road from the State we don't know, but what we have to keep in mind is that everything that is being talked about is Business Personal Property, the application before you is for improvements to the real estate, these men are talking about adding 2 million dollars to the assessed value of Spencer County, by a building, those depreciations go down real, real slow compared to personal property.

Kroeger said you are making our argument because if we abate the real property, taxes that are lost on personal property are shifted to real property and if we don't have assessed value in the real property the rates go even higher.

Lueken said you have two choices as it stands before you now. Either help them out to put up these buildings that are going to be here for a long long time, are going to be assed at a pretty durn high rate for well beyond what we put forward to you at 5 years at 100%. This whole thing, even at the 10 year rate will be gone long before those buildings are ever going to drop in assessed value, whereas personal property even if the state does nothing you hit that 30% floor within 5,6 or 7 years you are way down there.

Kroeger said one of the bills in the house was going to do away with the 30% floor altogether. The bottom line here is how much cash are we going to give to them. I feel it would be fair to do as good as we've done for anybody else we've ever given this to and that would be 50%, if the consensus is more, than I'm only one voice. I'm trying to be fair to the taxpayers of Spencer County. We feel that everybody that comes in before us is important, can we afford to give everybody 80%, and we will have that pressure.

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Spaetti asked if the majority of us could come to an agreement on 77.8% is it possible you could live with three years at 100% and then phase in starting on the 4th year, you would still have the same savings, but the county would generate some tax dollars.

Schaefer said they could live with that.

Spaetti asked if they were willing to raise the number of new employees from 4 to 8 that would generate tax dollars for Spencer County.

Schaefer replied that would be fine, he felt comfortable with that number.

Seiler said he had no problem with setting this up so our home grown companies get a little more, but what are we going to do if somebody else comes in and throws a fit because we only gave them 50%.

Winsett said at the time that was mandatory and it no longer is.

Kroeger said he was not in favor of the 77.8%, but would go along with the majority.

Spaetti said he wanted to clarify, the motion on the table is for 77.8% and they are willing to put in for 8 new employees, can we add or change the numbers.

Kroeger said you would need to amend the motion to include the employee changes.

Ayer said you have a motion and a second on the floor they would have to change the SB-1 and they need to make the decision if they want to amend the form to 8 employees, then you have the option to say lets vote on your original motion or you can amend your motion to comply with their new form.

Kroeger said if we are going to give them 80% I can figure a schedule. Lueken said he would figure the schedule on 9 years and spread the percentage out to come up with the \$200,000 ballpark figure.

Spaetti then asked if we passed something today how soon did they anticipate starting.

Ayer said let me clarify; this Resolution has to go to a Public Hearing, we have the notice at both papers waiting on your decision today to run so the hearing can be at your next scheduled hearing on March 18th.

Lueken and Schaefer will work on a schedule for the Council's approval so something can be resolved today.

Old Business

Ayer presented a Resolution for the Council's consideration approving expenditures from AK Steel Settlement Funds. Spaetti made a motion to approve all three expenditures as presented. Kress seconded the motion. Winsett wanted it stated in the minutes that during the Executive Session they talked to Mark Richards with Ice Miller and he told them that it would not cost any more than \$120,000 in additional legal fees, but he couldn't guarantee that. Motion was voted on and approved.

Spaetti said he wanted to thank all of the Council members for helping with the 4-H Building by contributing money from the AK Steel Settlement Funds.

Lueken came back with a schedule for ten (10) years to keep it where we can achieve the \$200,000. 3 years at 100%, 5 years at 80%, 2 years at 20%, the objective is to end up with a tax payment that will come in the neighborhood of \$74,000 over a ten year time period because they would be paying in \$274,000. It would appear that if we use 3 years at 100%, then 5 years at 80% then in the 9th and 10th year 20% each it will come close.

Kroeger also did some figuring and came up with a schedule that included 100% for 3 years, 90% for 2 years, 80% for 1 year, 70% for two years, 60% for 1 year, and 40% for 1 year.

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After more discussion Winsett made a motion to amend his original motion to 10 years and consist of 100% for the first three years, 90% for 2 years, 80% for 1 year, 70% for 2 years, 60% for 1 year, and the last year at 38%. Kress amended his first second to second the current motion, motion was approved.

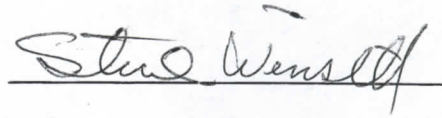
Ayer and Lueken will make sure that all the exhibits are correct, and get the notice published in the papers.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

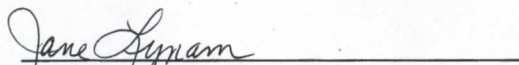


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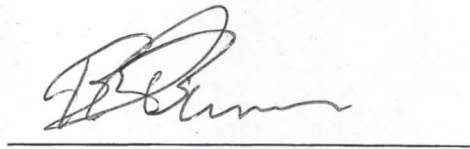


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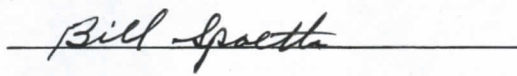
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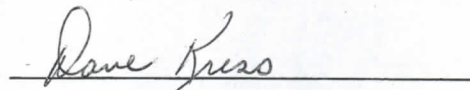
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**County Council Meeting
March 18, 2014**

Present: Jim Seiler, Steve Winsett, Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Bill Spaetti, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Absent: Blake Bunner

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3rd. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Temporary Closing of Meeting

Kress made a motion to temporarily close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for Automated Routing. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was granted.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing was called to order by the President Jack Kroeger at 5:03 P.M. Francis Lueken and four of the five Schaefer Bothers were present. Lueken spoke to the Council and explained that all notices had been published; all requirements by Statute have been completed. Lueken asked that the Council confirm the action taken at the March 3rd meeting in the adoption of the Resolution, We have refined the SB-1 form, second page that calls for signatures to give detail consistent with the action you are taking. On page 2, item C, the amount of the deduction applicable is limited to and then a dollar sign, this is a new form, the conclusion we came to was that given the decision of the Council to adopt a 10 year tax phase- in with a certain percentage each year down through the tenth year that that is what defines the phase in that you have adopted; that you did not ever intend to create a certain dollar limit in your action. Winsett responded so what you're saying is that that can be left blank. Lueken said he and Kroeger decided to put in Not Applicable. Kroeger said we are taking the opinion that it won't apply in this situation so put Not Applicable on that line.

Spaetti asked if the new employee number had been changed from 4 to 8. Lueken said it had been changed. Spaetti said that at the LEDC meeting this expansion project was brought up and everyone was happy with what the Council did to keep this company, Automated Routing, in Spencer County.

Public Comment was asked for and there was no public comment.

Kress made a motion to approve as adopted at the last meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Council thanked Automated Routing for staying in Spencer County and expanding.

Spaetti made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Reopening Regular Meeting

Additional Appropriations

County General \$2,000.

Purdue Extension request was made by Larry Dimmett and he spoke to the Council. This money is for the phone bill for the rest of the year.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,000. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Cap \$2,885

Communications System

Purdue Extension request was made by Larry Dimmett and he spoke to the Council explaining this was for the communications system.

Spaetti made the motion to approve the \$2,885. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Internet Wiring \$2,500.

Purdue Extension request was made by Larry Dimmett and he spoke to the Council to explain this money was for internet wiring. If the cost goes over this amount the building fund will take care of it.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,500. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Office Furniture \$11,164.

Purdue Extension request was made by Larry Dimmett and he spoke to the Council explaining that the desks they are using now will not fit in the space they have now. There were questions asked as to how many desks were really needed and who the desks would belong to once they were purchased. Commissioner Gogel said we are obligated to provide the office space per our agreement with Purdue, so the desks will belong to the County.

Winsett made a motion to approve the \$11,164. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved. Winsett said since the Extension Office is moving out this leaves us with office space that can help reduce some of the rent we now pay, possibly.

County General

Circuit Court \$5,000.

Request was made by Judge Dartt and he spoke to the Council. He explained that they had to have a Psychological Evaluation done on a defendant in a murder case and that's where the cost came from.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$5,000. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Interpreter \$1,000.

Request was made by Judge Dartt and he spoke to the Council. He explained that they have two defendants that can't speak or understand English; they had to have a Supreme Court appointed interpreter.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$1,000. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Judge Dartt explained to the Council that he was working on ways to pay for the internet cost associated with the video conferencing and will present it at budget time.

Surveyors Corner Stone Perpetuation \$5,000.

Request was made by Surveyor Stanley Herron and he spoke to the Council. He explained that he is out of money to pay for the location of corner stones and needs more money appropriated to that line item.

Winsett made a motion to approve the \$5,000. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Reassessment \$129,320.

Request was made by the Auditor. Kroeger addressed the Council and explained that due to the fact that the Council didn't review cities and towns we were taken back to 2013 budgets and last year there was no budget for reassessment until we did an additional so we have to do the same thing this year to fund her budget.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$129,320. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved.

COIT \$450,000.

Request was made by Assessor Sara Arnold and she spoke to the Council. Arnold explained that the money was needed for a contract. On July 1 cyclical reassessment begins, that means that 25% of parcels have to be reviewed every year, instead of doing reassessment once every 10 years it is broken down to 4 years at 25% each year. In order for the Commissioners to open the bids at the April 1st meeting I have to have the money appropriated before they can sign the contract. You can set the levy at whatever amount you decide at budget time. In a couple of years depending on where you set the levy I may be able in the last two years of the contract to put the amount of that contract that's left back in the reassessment budget and I'll do that if I have the cash to do it.

Seiler made a motion to approve the \$475,000 out of the COIT Fund for the purpose of signing the reassessment contract for the next four years. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Stephanie Melton-LEPC Annual Financial Report

Melton presented copies of the LEPC spending plan and the chemical data report. She explained that this was just a courtesy to let the Council know that this money is in the county. It changes every year, but ranges approximately \$4,000 per year.

Melissa Brockman-2013 Annual Report

Brockman explained that this material was the same material we have discussed before, but you have the whole year's information together. This report is just to keep you updated and informed as to what the Visitors Bureau does.

Carter Fire District \$22,905. Appropriation Only

Ken Schaaf made the request. Dan Reinke was present and spoke to the Council. Reinke explained that Vectren had paid them \$22,905 for an easement. We want to use that money to build a parking lot on the south side of the existing fire department. With the new transmission line in front we aren't allowed to set up the truck in front, so to keep from going off site we want to build the parking lot in the back, we aren't asking for any money it just has to be appropriated.

Kress made the motion to approve the appropriation for \$22,905. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Ayer explained that the 2014 contract between Sheriff Kermit Lindsey and the county had been signed by the Sheriff and the Commissioners and needed to be signed by the Council.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the compensation agreement with Sheriff Lindsey. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Tara Lloyd presented the 2014 CEDIT Plan to the Council. She wanted to let everyone know that she had resigned, but still intends to work with the County in a different capacity. Council members thanked her for her service and wished her well in her new job.

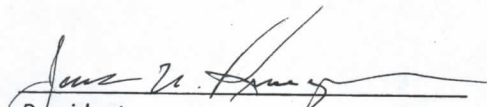
Kevin Patmore-Town of Santa Claus

Kevin Patmore and Ron Smith President of Santa Claus Towns Council were present. Patmore spoke to the Council and explained that transportation was a huge problem for the town of Santa Claus to keep growth occurring in the area. Long term, one of the big things we looked at was we have a lot of campers and the demographic of the area lends itself to bicycles. We have no infrastructure for that, so we started talking to INDOT and developing a trail plan around Santa Claus. Major routes that we hit on as necessary to start on was a north, south route from Yellig Park to Christmas Lake Village, and east, west route through the middle of town to the National Park. We received \$340,000 in 2011 to do the design and engineering for this trail project. Another project that INDOT told us to do was to open Kasper Drive back up, so in 2012 using \$300,000 of local funding we reconstructed Kasper Drive, paved it and put in a bike, pedestrian lane next to it, that was our first bike, pedestrian project in Santa Claus. Patmore showed their plans for trails in and around Santa Claus; total projects will be 7.5 million dollars. Patmore said we would like to see county support, no money now because we can't bid anything until July Of 2015. Patmore said he had talked to Vectren Corporation about financing but they want to wait and see what local support we have before they commit. We are also asking the Governor and Lilly for money toward this project. We would like to see a multiple year commitment say for the years of 2015, 2016 and 2017 from the county toward completion of these projects.

Spaetti asked how wide the bike trail would be and Patmore responded 10 feet wide. They will be 60 to 70 feet off of the highway, because that's how INDOT wants it, a buffer zone between vehicles and bicycles. Spaetti said he could see people who camp at Lake Rudolph and surrounding areas using the bike paths.

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Kroeger asked if financing could be specific to a project. Spaetti said if we commit COIT money we would need to be specific about what we are using if for, because other communities will be coming in and asking for help also. Kroeger then said we need to figure out how the county can participate and be a little specific about what we are supporting; you are going to have to get more specific about what project and what amount of money you are looking for before we can make a decision. Kroger then asked Patmore to email the Economic Development Impact Studies concerning bike and pedestrian trails he has to the Council so they could read through them. Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.


President



Attest:


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