

**County Council Meeting  
November 20, 2018**

**Present:** Blake Bunner, Aaron Benton, Steve Winsett, Jack Kroeger, David Gogel, 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**

Benton made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup> as presented. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**Cum Cap - Commissioners**

**Courthouse Maintenance - \$15,000.00**

Commissioner Seiler and Auditor Winkler explained that the city sent us a letter several years ago stating that we had to reroute our roof drains, so they will no longer run into the city sanitary sewer system. The city is pushing for us to get this done, as we are one of the last ones to not complete the project. We need to hire an engineering firm to determine what our best option for rerouting the drains is. The commissioner's are requesting a \$15,000.00 additional appropriation to pay an engineer to do this work. We have received one quote and are waiting on a second quote from Universal Design. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$15,000.00 additional appropriation request from Cum Cap. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**COIT – County Council**

**Contractual Services - \$239,000.00**

This additional appropriation request was discussed at the last council meeting. Funding in the amount of \$233,000.00 is needed to pay the Ice Miller bill for their work on the AK Steel appeal and \$6,000.00 is needed to pay Patriot Engineering Firm. Patriot was the contractor that went onsite and determined what equipment was eligible for the wastewater deduction. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional appropriation out of COIT. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Misdemeanant – Sheriff**

**Cellular Phones - \$500.00**

Sheriff McDurmon is requesting an additional appropriation of \$500.00 to pay the cell phone bills for the rest of the year. An annual appropriation is done each year out of the misdemeanor fund to pay for deputy cell phones and if it's not enough a request is made for what is needed to finish the year. Benton made a motion to approve the \$500.00 additional appropriation for cell phones. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**County General – Jail**

**Overtime - \$30,000.00**

**PT Cook - \$1,255.00**

**Janitor - \$995.00**

McDurmon is requesting an additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 for jailer overtime, \$1,255.00 for pt cook and \$995.00 for Janitor. McDurmon explained that there have been several hospital stay for inmates that require jailers to sit round the clock at the hospital and this has caused excessive overtime. The additional funding for pt cook and janitor is just a budget shortage that is needed for the rest of the year. Auditor Winkler explained that the overtime account is already in the negative, plus we need funding for the rest of the year. Knepper made a motion to approve the requested additional appropriations. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**County General – Coroner**

**Autopsy Expenses - \$8,675.00**

**Transportation and Storage - \$1,230.00**

**Special Lab Requirements - \$3,475.00**

No one from the Coroner's office was in attendance. Auditor Winkler explained that we already have outstanding bills and anticipate more; we don't need to start the new year with outstanding bills. Auditor Winkler asked that the full request amounts be given and we will only use what we need to pay the bills. Gogel made a motion to approve the additional

appropriations. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed due to no member of the coroner's office being present.

#### **E-911 – Dispatch**

**Maintenance Contract - \$4,000.00**

**Office Supplies - \$1,200.00**

**Travel/Training - \$300.00**

Communications Director Kati Richard explained that after the City of Rockport was hit with ransom ware, dispatch did some investigating and discovered that their routers needed to be updated to a Level 3 for protection. Richard explained that the update to Level 3 cost approximately \$3,900.00 and has already been done. They felt they had to go ahead and do it to protect themselves.

Richard explained that the request for \$1,200.00 for office supplies is for a sit to stand desk. Dispatch purchased a desk riser which allows employees the ability to stand and work to help with circulation, due to their jobs requiring sitting for long periods of time. Richard would like to purchase another desk riser, because the employees like having the capability to stand. The request for \$300.00 for travel and training was for Richard to attend a Director's summit. Benton made a motion to approve all the requested additional appropriations for the E-911 fund. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Transfer**

##### **Circuit Court**

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| Decrease: Pauper Documents | 1000-136-4139.00 | \$5,000.00 |
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| Increase: Pauper Attorney | 1000-136-4133.00 | \$5,000.00 |
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Becky Kramer was in attendance on Judge Dartt's behalf to request a transfer of \$5,000.00 from Pauper Documents to Pauper Attorney. The hope is that this will finish out the year, but it all depends on how many are incarcerated between now and then that can't afford an attorney. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 transfer. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

##### **Election Board**

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| Decrease: Absentee Voter Board | 1000-121-4113.00 | \$204.00 |
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| Increase: Clerical Assistants | 1000-121-4112.00 | \$204.00 |
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Election Board Member Jeff Lindsey explained that due to the satellite voting center in Santa Claus we used a little additional funding in clerical assistants and need to transfer \$204.00. The satellite center was a huge success and we plan to use it more in upcoming elections. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$204.00 transfer into clerical assistants. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

##### **Sheriff**

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| Decrease: Freight | 1000-105-4323.00 | \$50.00 |
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| Decrease: Publications | 1000-105-4331.00 | \$200.00 |
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| Decrease: Radio Repair | 1000-105-4364.00 | \$750.00 |
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| Increase: Office Supplies | 1000-105-4212.00 | \$1,000.00 |
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McDurmon is requesting a transfer from freight, publications and radio repair into office supplies in the amount of \$1,000.00 to purchase paper, ink cartridges, etc.

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| Decrease: Deputy Sheriff | 1000-105-4114.04 | \$18,621.93 |
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| Decrease: Deputy Senior | 1000-105-4114.03 | \$21,571.85 |
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| Increase: Deputy Probationary | 1000-105-4114.05 | \$40,193.78 |
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This request is to move funding from deputy and senior deputy into probationary deputy to correct the budget, due to turnover.

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| Decrease: Deputy Sgt. | 1000-105-4114.02 | \$15,341.42 |
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| Increase: School Resource Officer | 1000-105-4114.06 | \$15,341.42 |
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The current school resource officer is currently budgeted as a deputy sgt so his salary needs to be transferred into the school resource officer account for the time period that he served in that capacity.

Knepper made a motion to approve all the transfers requested by the sheriff as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Jail/Dispatch**

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| Decrease: Sr. Dispatcher | 1000-132-4115.50 | \$18,000.00 |
| Increase: Dispatcher     | 1000-132-4115.00 | \$18,000.00 |

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| Decrease: Sr. Jailer | 1000-132-4113.10 | \$92,000.00 |
| Increase: Jailer     | 1000-132-4113.00 | \$92,000.00 |

The requested transfer in dispatch and jail is to correct the budget due to turnover.

Benton made a motion to approve the requested transfers for dispatchers and jailers as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Animal Control**

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| Decrease: Shelter Worker   | 1000-142-4114.00 | \$3,140.85 |
| Increase: Building Repairs | 1000-142-4232.00 | \$3,140.85 |

Zook explained that they are requesting the salary for shelter workers be transferred into building repairs, because with the shelter currently closed they want to do some repairs to the building. For example, they are still struggling with water pipes freezing and want to have another layer of insulation blown in, along with other repairs.

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| Decrease: Animal Control Officer | 1106-000-4111.00 | \$8,229.86 |
| Increase: Other Expenditures     | 1106-000-4010.00 | \$8,229.86 |

This transfer request is also for doing repairs on the building. They will only use what funding is necessary for the repairs.

Kroeger made a motion to approve the presented transfers for Animal Control. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Probation**

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| Decrease: Equipment            | 2000-000-4451.00 | \$400.00 |
| Increase: Program Contribution | 2000-000-4310.00 | \$400.00 |

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| Decrease: Equipment              | 2000-000-4451.00 | \$175.00 |
| Increase: Drug/Polygraph Testing | 2000-000-4311.00 | \$175.00 |

Becky Kramer explained that they are requesting a transfer from equipment into program contribution to pay the remaining bill from Stir-N-Up Hope for juveniles sent to participate in the program. The second transfer request into polygraph testing is to pay a bill for a polygraph test on a juvenile that was ordered by the juvenile probation officer.

Benton made a motion to approve the probation requests as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Circuit Court**

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| Decrease: Psychiatric Services | 1000-136-4311.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Increase: Computer Supplies    | 1000-136-4242.00 | \$3,000.00 |

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| Decrease: Petit Jurors              | 1000-136-4137.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Increase: Computer Warranties, etc. | 1000-136-4363.00 | \$5,000.00 |

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| Decrease: Interpreter     | 1000-136-4140.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Increase: Office Supplies | 1000-136-4211.00 | \$3,000.00 |

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| Decrease: Petit Jurors    | 1000-136-4137.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Increase: Office Supplies | 1000-136-4211.00 | \$2,000.00 |

Kramer explained that with e-filing they are using a lot more office supplies, because they have to print out the files to take to the clerk's office. Kroeger asked why we have to print all of them out instead of just printing one when it's requested to be seen and Kramer explained that it is the agreement between the clerk and the judge to print them all and take them to the clerk's office.

Kroeger made a motion to approve the requested transfers, but directed Kramer to ask the judge why we need to print them all. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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### **Janice Weber – Community Corrections**

Weber came to inform the board that she is turning in a bill for juvenile electronic monitoring that comes out of the commissioner's budget. Auditor Winkler asked the council if the name on the account could be changed from juvenile electronic monitoring to just electronic monitoring to include adults as well. Community Corrections does not request funding from the county and it would help them out if the money could be used for anyone on bracelets, not just juveniles.

Gogel stated that if we can put people on bracelets and not in jail, it's saving the county a lot of money. Kroeger made a motion to change the account name to electronic monitoring. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Weber discussed with the council the need to increase the parking reimbursement rate of \$25.00, because you cannot find parking in downtown Indy for that amount of money, which causes employees to pay for part of their parking themselves. The council will discuss amending the ordinance to increase the rate in at least certain areas.

### **Melissa Arnold – Tourism Commission**

Arnold came before the council to present the 2019 budget. She informed them of upcoming events and attention that Santa Claus is getting from national media. Benton made a motion to approve the 2019 budget as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Ameresco – Energy Savings**

Mark Heirbrandt and Garrin Evans presented an Energy Savings Project proposal for council review. The proposal outlined the scope of work and the anticipated cost and savings. A majority of the work would be at the Detention Center, but the proposal does include a lighting retrofit at the courthouse as well. The work listed for the detention center includes a lighting retrofit, retrofit of plumbing fixtures, removal of HVAC controls from Johnson Controls to a new system and recommissioning the HVAC units. The total project cost is listed at \$264,700.00. Heirbrandt informed the council that the commissioner's approved the project today contingent on legal review and funding. Heirbrandt explained some of the savings and benefits the county received from the last project they did. The commissioners will request an additional appropriation for January 2019 to fund the project.

### **Insurance Committee**

Bunner stated he wants to keep the discussion of insurance going and suggested a joint insurance committee meeting be scheduled in January.

### **Riverview Energy**

Mary Hess spoke against the project and explained the concerns she and others have with pollution and health concerns from this project. The concerned citizens requested that the council take no action on this project until after the public hearing with IDEM on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Bunner explained that the council has limited say on this project, because it is in Dale city limits, but the council has always been supportive of new business and growing businesses inside our county. But, the council does expect all businesses to follow the rules, not pollute the environment and protect the residents of Spencer County. Bunner read aloud the resolution approved by the commissioners. Gogel asked that the council attorney draft a resolution for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Legal Report**

Attorney Foster further researched the Troy Solar abatement and found that Vectren would have to re-apply for the deduction, but change in ownership would not prevent them from getting it, change in ownership and use could.

### **New Business**

Lindsey presented Resolution 2018-09 a Resolution Approving Expenditures from AK Steel Settlement Funds. The proposed resolution is to pay a bill from Ice Miller for legal services on the AK Steel appeal, the amount to be considered is \$70,960.98. Kroeger made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09 as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

The 2019 re-organization meeting was scheduled for January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

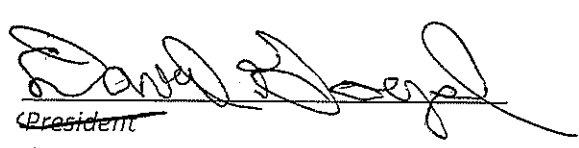
### **1782 Notice**

Kroeger mentioned that everyone needs to review the 1782 notice and make sure they are ok with the cash balances in each fund. We have until November 29<sup>th</sup> to make any changes, but he feels the balances are good and no changes are needed. Auditor Winkler will email everyone the 1782 Notice and if all agree with it, she will sign and send it to DLGF.

**Spencer County Library Board Appointments**

The Spencer County Library Board is requesting the re-appointments of Pat Arteberry and Becky Harmon to the board for a 4 year term, beginning January 1, 2019 ending on December 31, 2022. Gogel made a motion to appoint Pat Arteberry and Becky Harmon to the Spencer County Library Board for a 4 year term. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

  
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Attest:

  
Auditor, Autumn Winkler



