

**County Council Meeting
July 17, 2018**

Present: Blake Bunner, Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, David Gogel, Steve Winsett, Matt Knepper, Todd Ruxer, Attorney Andrew Foster, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Blake Bunner at 5:09 P.M.

Minutes

Kroeger made a motion to approve the minutes from June 19th as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Riverboat - Surveyor

Contracted Services - \$2,500.00

Faulkenberg is requesting an additional appropriation of \$2,500.00 to finish paying Midwestern Engineers for the watershed delineation. We originally thought the study would cost \$5,000.00 as requested and approved previously, but the actual cost is \$7,500.00. The study is complete and they have done a wonderful job providing numerous maps and information. Benton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$2,500.00 out of Riverboat. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

COIT – County Elected Officials

Plaque - \$10,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that a group of elected officials are requesting an additional appropriation to purchase a commemorative plaque in honor of Spencer County's bicentennial. The request is for \$10,000.00 which is just a random number due to no knowledge on the actual cost. Grandview Aluminum has been contacted and Auditor Winkler presented a rough sketch and stated the estimated cost would be no more than \$4,000.00. The quote is for a 30" diameter aluminum circle that displays the outline of Spencer County and some information about Spier Spencer whom the county was named after. Knepper made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$4,000.00 for a bicentennial plaque. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved with Gogel opposed. Gogel stated he thinks we should ask for donations not use tax dollars.

Transfer

Surveyor

Decrease: Road School	1000-106-4133.00	\$200.00
Decrease: Rental Equipment	1000-106-4365.00	\$50.00
Decrease: Printing	1000-106-4332.00	\$50.00
Increase: Gas, Oil & Lube	1000-106-4225.00	\$300.00

Faulkenberg explained that a transfer is needed for fuel to finish spraying in the fall. Benton made a motion to approve the \$300.00 transfer. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Coroner

Decrease: Coroner	1000-107-4111.00	\$2,769.24
Increase: Deputy Coroner	1000-107-4112.00	\$2,769.24

Auditor Winkler explained that this request was made last month and the council asked their attorney to look into the legal specifics of doing this transfer. Attorney Foster determined it is legal for the coroner to transfer his salary to the deputy coroner. Winsett stated he thought the coroner or deputy were to be present tonight and Auditor Winkler stated they contacted her today and the deputy coroner is in the hospital with kidney stones. Auditor Winkler told the coroner's office that since the coroner was present last month and explained the request she would present the transfer for them. Ruxer made a motion to approve the transfer. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sheriff McDurmon – 457B Deferred Comp

McDurmon returned to discuss the police pension plan amendment presented at the last council meeting. McDurmon again explained they would like to implement a "DROP" program which allows members to take their last 3 years of service and their pension be placed in a separate account that can be drawn out as a lump sum at retirement. If the employee has less than 32 years service he can enroll in the "DROP" program. The max years of credited service are 32 years. A deputy must be vested to enter the "DROP" program which is after 8 years of service.

Benton made a motion to approve the plan amendment. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

School Resource Officer – Sheriff McDurmon/ Superintendent Rutherford

South Spencer Superintendent Richard Rutherford and Sheriff McDurmon came before the council to discuss the need for a School Resource Officer. The school corporation received a grant and is willing to pay the salary for the officer if the county will cover benefits such as FICA, pension and insurance. The grant will pay \$20,000.00 toward the salary and the school corporation will cover the rest. The officer has to be employed under the sheriff to have authority and the school corporation would like to share an officer that would be available to work for the county during school breaks and summer vacation. The officer would work for the school corporation 180 days per year and float between all the schools but mainly be stationed at the high school and middle school. The hope is to have an officer in place on the first day of school, August 2nd. The school is willing to work with the county on a vehicle also. McDurmon stated he would move one of his current deputies into that position, but would have to be given another deputy position to replace the man lost on the road.

Kroeger stated that his issue with this is that the deputy should be a full-time employee of the school not the county. That is just adding to the issue with the sheriff's pension and our unfunded liability. Benton stated that in the near future this is probably something that will be required by the state and maybe we should just be proactive and implement it before we are made to do it. Kroeger feels it should be part-time employment provided by the school corporation. It was determined that a decision could not be made at this time due to lack of funding and the need to add the position to the salary ordinance if approved. Kroeger stated we would have to have an agreement with the school that they will be reimbursing the salary. The council asked Attorney Jeff Lindsey to check into this and the specifics for an agreement, due to a conflict of interest for Attorney Foster. It was discussed holding a special meeting on July 31st to amend the salary ordinance if approved. Knepper made a motion to hold a special meeting on July 31st at 5:00 p.m. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Election Board

Election Board member Jeff Lindsey came before the council to present a request to amend the salary ordinance and increase the pay for poll inspectors based on the number of precincts they oversee. Lindsey explained that with the e-poll pads they have been able to eliminate several inspector positions and feel that inspectors overseeing numerous precincts are deserving of additional compensation.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

One Precinct – remain at \$145.00

Two Precincts - \$145.00 to \$170.00

Three Precincts - \$145.00 to \$190.00

This will be revisited at the meeting on July 31st.

Jane McGinnis – Assessor

McGinnis and Attorney Lindsey presented Resolution 2018-06 A Resolution Approving Expenditures from AK Steel Settlement Funds. Lindsey included signed contracts and statement of services for Tax Management Associates, Inc., Advisio Appraisal Services and Lindsey Law Office. The Redevelopment Commission has met and approved expenditures of the following amounts: Tax Management Associates, Inc. - \$17,200.00

Advisio - \$6,500.00

Lindsey Law Office - \$3,405.00

The board of commissioners approved a resolution in their meeting earlier today for the listed expenditures and final approval comes from the council. Lindsey explained that we received a large bill from Ice Miller also and an executive session is scheduled for September 6th to consider that. Benton made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-06 as presented. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

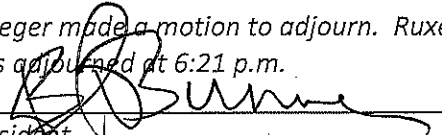
Legal Report

Foster stated that he was asked in the last meeting to look into the bidding process for the coroner and found that anything under \$50,000.00 they do not have to ask for a quote or advertise. Bunner thanked him for checking into that.

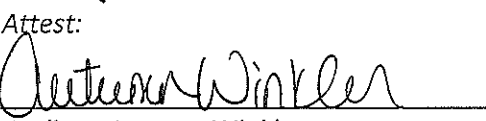
2019 Council Budget

Auditor Winkler included the proposed 2019 budget for council review and for President Bunner to sign. Benton made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 budget as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kroeger made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler

