

**County Council Reorganization Meeting
January 4, 2016**

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

Absent: Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress

Meeting was called to order by Auditor Winkler at 8:17 A.M.

President

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

Vice-President

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

Council Attorney

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

EMA BOARD

Benton made a motion to retain Kroeger as the representative on the EMA Board. Bunner 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. Bunner made a motion to reappoint Bender to the ABC Board. Benton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Indiana Region 15

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

Insurance Committee

Winsett made a motion to appoint Bunner to the Insurance Committee and to change the meeting to an afternoon meeting if possible. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

LEDC

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

LEDC Joint Appointment with Commissioners

Ruxer made a motion to reappoint Larry Harlen. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

4-H Youth & Community

Bunner made a motion to appoint Benton to the 4-H Youth & Community. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Solid Waste

Winsett made a motion to appoint Ruxer to the Solid Waste Board. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Advisory Plan Commission

Ruxer made a motion to appoint Winsett to the Advisory Plan Commission. Spaetti seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Luce Township Regional Sewer District (LTRSD)

Benton 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 to appoint Valery Kessens to the PTBOA board. Benton made a motion to appoint Kessens. Ruxer 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 and appoint Aaron Benton as the sub. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

Meeting Date and Time

Benton made a motion to set the meeting dates for the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Spaetti stated that Drainage Board President Al Logsdon had requested to be put on the January 19, 2016 agenda to discuss what projects were completed in 2015 and the plans they have for 2016.

Courthouse Security

Judge Dartt came before the council to again discuss the plan for courthouse security. Sheriff McDurmon stated he does have employees willing to cover some of the hours, but they would all be paid at overtime rate. McDurmon needs to know exact hours from the Judge that he needs covered. Winsett asked if Dartt has clarification from the state that the funds can be used for security. Dartt stated as long as we use it for what the statute states, we will be fine. Dartt mentioned that he spoke with the Indiana State Police Alliance and they can have someone here tomorrow covering security. He feels it should be offered to the Sheriff's Dept first, because that's what statute states, but that ISP can fill in whatever the Sheriff can't cover. If it's determined that we need ISP, they will be contracted and bill us a flat rate for the hours worked. Bunner stated he feels we just need to get started, begin with 1 person and evaluate what hours are really needed. Dartt stated he does not want only courtroom security, but courthouse security. His intent is for 2 part-time people, 1 person in the rotunda and 1 in the courtroom at all times during business hours. It would require more than 2 people to cover those shifts or they are not considered part-time. Benton calculated having 2 people in the building during business hours every day for a year and it figures to roughly \$101,000.00 at the \$28.00/hr rate. Winsett asked if it's necessary to have someone here all day every day. Dartt stated they can try to follow the court calendar, but it will be difficult to know exactly when someone is not needed. McDurmon stated again that he needs to know exactly what hours to schedule. Bunner stated we are very close and maybe the Judge needs a very specific plan, so the Sheriff knows what to expect. It will be easier for the council to approve if we know exactly what we're doing. Dartt stated this will start in January, then we can re-evaluate in 6 months.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 A.M.

Bill Spaetti
President

Ann Benton

Autumn Winkler
Attest: Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Steve Winsett

Dave Kuss

Jack Kuss

Todd Ruxer

**County Council Meeting
January 19, 2016**

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 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from December 15th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kress made a motion to approve the minutes from January 5th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill reported that the letters he prepared for Commissioner/Council signature regarding changes to the 1782 Notice were signed and submitted in a timely manner. Auditor Winkler collected everyone's signature and submitted within the 10 day period. Winkler stated that the 1782 Notice distributed prior to the meeting reflects the changes and are the official numbers.

2015 Drainage Report

Drainage Board President Logsdon presented the 2015 Drainage Report and a list of 2016 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. Kress made a motion to request an additional appropriation for \$25,000.00 from Riverboat. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved. Auditor Winkler will advertise an additional for \$25,000.00 to come from the Riverboat fund for the February meeting.

Judge Dartt

Dartt came before the council to inform them of his plan to pay the county employee that there is no longer funding for. The Probation User Fee Fund no longer can sustain the expense of a full time position, so the Judge has reorganized some positions and come up with a way to fund a secretary position for a year, while the Probation User Fee Fund builds back up. This position will have a change in duties, which will now include all Jury related duties, plus anything IVD Child Support related. There are funds left over from 2015 that are paying the employee's salary for January, but an additional appropriation is needed for the remainder of the year. The additional appropriation will come from the Jury Pay Fund and the IVD fund. This additional will be advertised for the February meeting.

Courthouse Security

After much discussion about what hours of coverage are needed and if full-time or part-time employees are a better option, it was decided that Sheriff McDurmon will attempt to hire 2 part-time people to cover courtroom security. McDurmon was advised to make every effort to find part-time employees that could be paid at straight time, rather than paying current full-time deputies overtime rate. Judge Dartt is requiring full-time coverage during business hours for courtroom security and if no court is in session the individual will patrol the rotunda. The part-time employees will work in 4 hour shifts. An additional appropriation is needed to fund the security positions, so Dartt will request an additional from the County User Fee Fund for the February meeting. We will re-evaluate the need in 3 months. Dartt stated that security will begin on January 25th. Since there is not appropriate funding established at this time, but all are in agreement of what fund will be used and that appropriate funding will be approved in February, it was decided that Judge Dartt will write an order instructing Auditor Winkler to begin paying courtroom security salaries out of the County User Fee Fund effective January 25, 2016.

New Business

Storage Space

McDurmon explained to the council that he has spoke with Bob Arnold about the possibility of renting the basement at the old Integra Bank building to store his documents and evidence that is currently located in the old jail. The rent for this space will be \$250.00/month which McDurmon feels he can fund for the first year. We need to discuss what all options we have after the jail is demolished and what type of space we plan to put there. The council and commissioners agree that we need to get together as a group and determine long term what the best plan is.

Re-Appointments

Benton made a motion to re-appoint Charlie Waninger to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Jerry Embry to the Advisory Plan Commission. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

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Steve Winkler

Jack Kroeger

[Signature]

Dave Kress

Todd Ruxer

**County Council Meeting
February 16, 2016**

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 Spaetti at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Ruxer made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016 as presented. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Annual Appropriations

Plat Book/WTH	\$6,000.00
CEDIT	\$2,000,000.00
Auditor's Ineligible Deductions	\$10,000.00
Misdemeanant	\$17,330.00
Firearms Training	\$9,121.00
LEPC	\$6,221.00
EMA Hazmat	\$4,376.00
EMA Search & Rescue	\$5,917.00
Co. Law Enforcement Continuing Education	\$128.00
Health Clinic	\$39,563.00
Clerk Perpetuation	\$11,054.00
Accident Report	\$12,482.00
Clerk IV-D	\$5,654.00
Sex & Violent Offender	\$3,425.00
Medical Care for Inmate	\$4,129.00
Prisoner Reimbursement	\$5,189.00
GAL/CASA	\$4,566.00
Santa Claus Water Project	\$100,000.00
Luce Township Sewer Project	\$150,000.00

Kroeger made a motion to approve all of the 2016 annual appropriations. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Cap

Grant Match – Jail Clearance Project

\$40,000.00

Gogel explained to the council that this additional is the county match and is part of the grant requirements. We have an invoice from Indiana 15 that we need to pay and other invoices could come in for work done before the actual demolition. Benton made a motion to approve the \$40,000.00 additional appropriation from Cum Cap. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Courthouse Security

Deputy Harold Gogel came before the council to explain his duties as courthouse security officer and to mention different options they are discussing implementing for additional security and training. A safety committee needs to be established that contains members from the council, commissioners, sheriffs dept., and court. This committee will discuss the security needs and ways to fund it.

County User Fee Fund
Courthouse/Courtroom Security

\$38,808.00

Judge Dartt requested an additional appropriation for courthouse/courtroom security funding. In the request presented, Dartt listed a few options for security coverage and expense. The first option was for courtroom security 9 hours a day, 5 days a week. Option 2 added security to the courthouse for 9 hours a day, 5 days a week. The last option included evening security for after hours meeting for 27 hours a month. If approved this request would cover full security of the courtroom, courthouse rotunda, and after hour's meetings for February 17, 2016 – May 31, 2016. We currently have Deputy Harold Gogel covering courthouse/courtroom security from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday. Gogel is in the courtroom when court is in session and patrolling the courthouse or in the rotunda when court is not taking place. After much discussion, all were in agreement that we need to re-visit this after 3 months to review the needs and to try to hold with what we are doing for 2016 and implement changes for 2017, if the additional funding is found to cover it. After making that decision, it was decided to only approve \$18,144.00 of the \$38,808.00 requested, which will cover courtroom security until May 31, 2016. Benton made a motion to approve \$18,144.00 from the County User Fee Fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jury Pay Fund
County IVD Fund
Court Secretary

\$28,000.00
\$2,915.00

Dartt explained that this additional appropriation is needed to pay the salary of the secretary that was previously paid from Probation User Fees. They are actively working on collecting fees to build the Probation User Fee Fund back up, in hopes of moving the full-time position back to that fund. Benton made a motion to approve the \$28,000.00 from the Jury Pay Fund and the \$2,915.00 from the County IVD Fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill explained to the council that he has been contacted by a local farmer about a Monsanto Grant that the individual received for \$2,500.00. The individual wishes to donate the money from the grant to the Midway Cemetery, but needs an entity to receive and distribute the funds for them, because the grant money cannot be given directly to the individual. Wetherill has been in contact with someone involved with the Monsanto Grant about how the funds can be received. He was told the funds can go through the county and be redistributed, but Auditor Winkler stated she spoke with State Board of Accounts and they do not feel that is the best way to handle the money. The funds are supposed to go through a 501c3, which Spencer County is not. Winkler contacted Laura Harmon at the Spencer County Community Foundation about the possibility of them receiving and distributing the funds for the individual and is waiting for a response from Harmon. Wetherill stated he would contact Harmon the next day to see what she found out. Wetherill suggested a motion be made authorizing Bill Spaetti to sign for the grant funds in the event that the Community Foundation could not receive the funds and that it did not cause any issues with State Board of Accounts. Ruxer made the above stated motion. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kroeger asked Wetherill if there have been any developments on the agreement with the Town of Santa Claus. Wetherill stated he spoke with Santa Claus Attorney Kevin Patmore late last week and hopefully that will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

New Business
Salary Ordinance 2016

Auditor Winkler presented the 2016 salary ordinance for council approval. Bunner made a motion to approve the 2016 salary ordinance with the revision of the courthouse security line to state the lower amount of \$18,144.00. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sheriff's Pension Plan

Spaetti mentioned that he and Kroeger have been discussing the sheriff's pension plan and the great expense to the county. We need to do some research on different pension plans and the possibility of making a change to a less expensive plan that would allow for an increase in compensation for newly hired deputies. All current deputies could retain the pension plan we have in place. Sheriff McDurmon was in attendance and agreed to discuss a possible change. We will do research on different options and schedule a meeting for the council and the merit board.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Bill Spaeth

President

Attest:

Ann Beth

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David Kress

Steve Wensitt

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Autumn Winkler

**County Council Meeting
March 15, 2016**

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

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

Minutes

Ruxer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting as presented. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Circuit Court - Interpreter \$1,000.00

Judge Dartt explained that the amount budgeted has already been used and we have a case right now going through the system that will require a certified interpreter. We have access to an interpreter call in line that we use whenever possible, but this case will require a certified interpreter in the courtroom. Benton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$1,000.00 from the county general fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Courthouse Security

Spaetti asked Dartt if everything was still going ok with Harold Gogel serving as the security officer and Dartt stated, "Yes, everything was going well." A meeting has been scheduled for April 19th at 11:15 a.m. to further discuss security. After discussion it was decided that the council had not formally appointed anyone to the courthouse security committee, but Winsett had attended the previous meeting. Kroeger made a motion to appoint Winsett to the committee as the county council representative. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Logsdon reported to the council that the commissioner's and highway dept. are looking into the purchase of new tandem trucks and a road grader. We have many issues with our current trucks which require a lot of maintenance and at times will not even start. Logsdon also reported that the commissioner's approved the purchase of a used roller for chip and seal. A new roller would cost us over \$100,000.00, but we were contacted by J.H. Rudolph about a roller they were wanting to sell that was in great condition with no issues, just not acceptable to be run on new pavement. The purchase price for the used roller was \$32,000.00, which the board approved. Logsdon reported he received an email from David Botorff with the AIC that stated House Bill 1001 and Senate Bill 333 were passed, which will increase our road funding. The 2015 MVH amount is \$2,523,507.00 and the LR&S amount is \$202,800.00. In 2017, we will receive an increase of \$714,166.00 in MVH funds and \$45,705.00 in LR&S funds. In 2018, we will receive \$735,060.00 increase in MVH and \$45,671.00 increase in LR&S. Logsdon and Kroeger will report back with more information after the next AIC meeting.

Visitor's Bureau – Melissa Brockman

Melissa Brockman and Dave Lovell came before the board to present the 2015 Annual Report. Brockman explained the data included in the report and informed the council that 2015 was another great year for tourism. There are many exciting things happening for 2016 that should continue to increase our tourism.

Public Safety Request

Jane Stout and Stephanie Melton came before the council to explain some law enforcement training they are working towards. Melton explained that all the different branches of law enforcement have been trained differently and that in the event of a large disaster there could be issues with all units working together. Stout and Melton have found out about an elite training center in Cypress Creek, Texas that will give the training needed were a tragedy to occur. The cost for this program is \$1,900.00 per person, which they have found a way to cover. The Judge and Prosecutor are strongly on board with this training program and have pledged to assist with paying for the training. A deputy from the Sheriff's Dept, a deputy from Santa Claus Police Dept, and 2 Indiana State Police deputies have been chosen to go. In order to attend the training the student must be trained as an EMT or higher. Spaetti asked if the deputies would be able to come back and train the other officers and Stout explained that they hope to bring a training session here to train the other officers at no cost. The only issue is that we don't have a facility large enough to use for training, but she was told we can probably use the training center in Evansville. They are actively working on other options. The end goal is to have everyone from each law enforcement unit trained the same. Wages for all 4 deputies will be covered by their employers. Stout explained that the reason the deputies were chosen instead of EMS is because they already have all the protective gear needed to go into a dangerous situation. EMS has no protective equipment and would not enter until cleared by law enforcement. All training cost is covered and they are actively seeking donations from area business and organizations to cover airfare. There are changes in protocols all the time to accommodate all the changes happening in the world. We have to do everything we can to protect our police officers and community. Stout explained that she has spoke with Auditor Winkler about setting up an account for all money that is donated to go into. This account would be controlled by the Public Safety Assessment Committee and the county council. The Public Safety Assessment Committee will make recommendations for when and how the money is spent, but all expenditures will require council approval.

Ordinance Amendment

Wetherill presented Ordinance 2016-04 for council review. This ordinance will amend the current mileage reimbursement rate to follow the rate established by the state. This change would go into effect immediately. The ordinance can be amended by the council at any time, but if not amended will be equal with the rate of reimbursement from the state. Kress made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-04. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Old Business

Kroeger explained that he has spoken to Umbaugh and Associates about a projection of cost for the sheriff's pension plan. They are getting together a list of questions for us to assist them with providing the projection. Umbaugh stated that the projection may not turn out the way we predict, but Kroeger stated it is definitely something we need to look into. This would only change the pension plan for new employees, not make changes to the current deputy's plan. The Merit Board would make a decision on this, but Kroeger stated that according to McDurmon's reaction when discussed previously it might be something they would approve for new employees and provide a way to pay them a little more compensation.

Winsett asked what the status is on the raising of the old jail. Commissioner Gogel explained that we are doing a pre-bid meeting with contractors on March 21st and bids will be opened on March 29th.

Spaetti reported that himself, Winsett, Benton, Kress and Commissioner's Gogel and Logsdon attended the Fulda Sewer Project Annual meeting. The project is going well and they are doing well financially. The county contributes funding to this project and all were pleased with how the project is going.

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

Malcolm Gaetz
President

Jan Behr

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Steve Winsell

David Gero

James D. King
AKB

Todd Ruen

Legal Report

Wetherill presented ordinance 2016-06 for council approval. This ordinance is to establish a Local Public Training Fund that will be used to assist in training expenses for law enforcement officers. Donations received will go into this fund and all expenditures will come before the county council as an additional appropriation for final approval. Ruxer made a motion to approve ordinance 2016-06 establishing the Local Public Training Fund. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Nick Held – Purdue Extension

Held came to update the council on the extension office and to introduce 2 new employees. Erin Meyer has recently joined the extension office as the Community Wellness Coordinator and Jennifer Allen as the Junior 4-H Development Educator. Meyer and Allen explained some of their job duties and what programs they are working on getting started. Allen has been active working in schools giving low income students the opportunity to get involved in 4-H. They are such an asset to our community and at no cost to the county; both positions are funded through Purdue.

New Business

Kroeger explained that he and Commissioner Gogel had recently attended a meeting put on by Purdue extension that gave lots of good information about local government budgets and taxes. Kroeger expressed strong encouragement that everyone tries to attend budget workshops and study how the budget process works. This is such a large critical part of county government and we all need to understand the process. Kroeger distributed handouts that gave specific numbers for Spencer County. There have been some changes made for budget year 2017 and the DLGF will now be required to give us the assessed value and the levy increase limit before budget season begins.

Kroeger informed everyone that the County Council Association had scheduled the state called meeting for June 18th in Shelbyville, Indiana. This meeting will provide lots of good information about the budget and changes that are taking place. This is not a mandatory meeting, but one that everyone should try and attend.

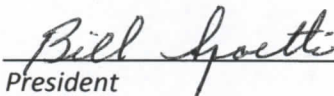
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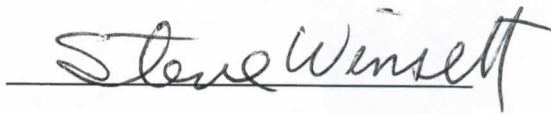
Attorney Lindsey explained a few details on the report about the bond payments still due and stated that the assessed value for AK Steel will need to be added in for the 2017 budget. There has been confusion that we will have additional funds when the TIF ends, but what will happen is that the assessed value for AK Steel will now be added back in.

Budget Hearings

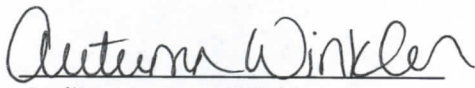
Bunner wanted to work on scheduling budget hearings for August and suggested August 24th, 25th, and 26th. All were in agreement that those dates would work. Bunner made a motion to set the budget hearing dates. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

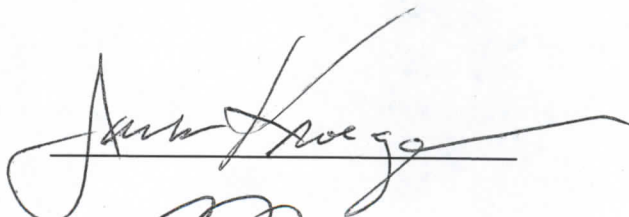
Benton made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

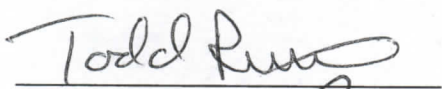

President



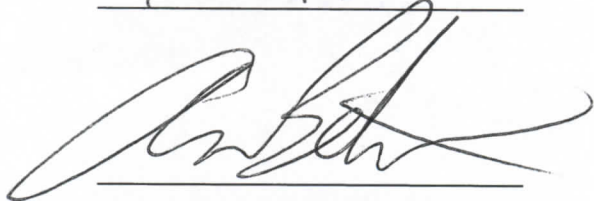
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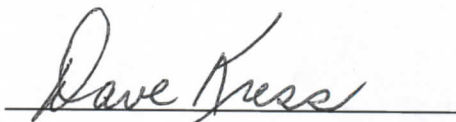

Auditor, Autumn Winkler











**County Council Meeting
May 17, 2016**

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

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

Minutes

Benton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

State Road Relinquishment \$207,600.00

Commissioner Seiler was in attendance with the Highway Superintendent's to request the additional appropriation for the purchase of a Road Grader. Seiler explained that we are in desperate need of a new grader and the one we want to purchase is large enough to handle two rippers which will save us time on how many passes we have to make on a road. Chapman stated it's a 2014 Case 865B with no hours except training hours. Case setup the warranty as a 3 year/3,000 hours full warranty plus 3 year/3,000 hours filters and fluids. We call them and they bring us the filters and fluids, plus they put \$20,000.00 worth of radial tires on it, because we weren't happy with the tires that were on it. Spaetti asked if they needed the full amount requested and they stated, No the purchase price is \$177,000.00. Winsett asked about the cost for shipping and they stated there is no shipping cost. Spaetti stated with the balance left sitting in this fund are they anticipating using it for something else. Chapman stated that Kenney is in desperate need of a new pickup truck. He has seen some nice used ¾ ton pickups on auction that were county owned with low mileage for around \$9,800.00. Spaetti asked Seiler if he would like to see them approve a little extra money to try and purchase Kenney a new pickup and Seiler stated he would. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$190,000.00 to purchase a road grader and funding to look for a pickup truck. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General

Circuit Court \$75,715.00

Judge Dartt came before the council to request the list of additional appropriations and to explain the need for the additional funding.

Law Books \$2,500.00

Bunner made a motion to approve the \$2,500.00 additional appropriation for Law Books. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Psychiatric Services \$5,000.00

Benton made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 additional appropriation for Psychiatric Services. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Pauper Attorney \$55,215.00

Dartt explained that this is not additional dollars, but the 40% reimbursement we receive back from the state for pauper attorneys.

Ruxer made a motion to approve the \$55,215.00 additional appropriation for Pauper Attorney. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Office Supplies \$2,000.00

Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00 additional appropriation for Office Supplies. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Interpreter \$1,000.00

Benton made a motion to approve the \$1,000.00 additional appropriation for Interpreter. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Court Referee \$10,000.00

Ruxer made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 additional appropriation for Court Referee. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Law Enforcement \$3,800.00

Prosecutor Dan Wilkinson explained he is requesting this additional appropriation to contribute to the law enforcement training that was presented and discussed at previous meetings with Jane Stout. He has pledged \$3,800.00 to assist with the cost of sending the officers. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$3,800.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Substance Abuse Council

Kim Litkenhus and Janice Weber presented the Local Drug Free Communities Fund information for calendar year 2015. Fees are collected when arrests are made and put into a user fee fund. There is \$13,556.78 in fees to be distributed from 2015. Administrative costs are \$3,100.00 leaving a balance of \$10,456.78 to be distributed for programming. Weber explained the breakdown of dollars granted for each program.

Prevention/Education

Rockport Housing Authority -	\$300.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters -	\$500.00
Crisis Connection -	\$1,778.40
Spencer Co. Tobacco -	\$500.00
HHHS SADD -	\$500.00

Treatment/Intervention

The Way -	\$2,354.19
Spencer Co. Community Corrections -	\$1,035.00

Criminal Justice Services

Spencer Co. Community Corrections -	\$1319.19
Spencer Co. Narcan Program -	\$2,070.00

Kress made a motion to approve the request. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CASA

Judge Dartt, Tina Gehlhausen, and Cindy Parsley came to present the staff numbers and hours versus the case numbers to explain the desperate need for an additional staff member. They explained that CASA is funded mostly by donations and fundraisers. There are currently 2 employees and 41 volunteers. Seven more will be sworn in this week and they anticipate being at 60-70 volunteers by year end. Each volunteer is assigned a case and a few volunteers that have been there awhile have 2 cases. Even with all those volunteers having a case we still have 48 children on the waiting list. Gehlhausen and Parsley also volunteer as advocates in their free time. With the growing number of children in need another employee is needed to assist with necessary paperwork and other duties. The new position would be funded by CASA, they are not requesting any funding, just informing the council of future plans. They have also begun the process with a local attorney of becoming a 501c3. They are under the direction of the state and there has been confusion with the way bookkeeping and things should be handled, because they are not actually county employees. Becoming a 501c3 will make things more clearly for everyone; they will be an independent stand alone agency. Dartt expressed their great appreciation for the county assisting with this program. Kroeger stated that the county is happy they are taking this step, it will work best for everyone.

New Business

CF-1

There are four CF-1 forms that require action. A CF-1 is to be submitted annually to ensure that the company is staying in compliance with the guidelines listed in the abatement. A CF-1 form has been submitted for council approval from Automated Routing, M&DH Enterprises, Thermwood Corporation, and Sceptre Mechanical. After review of the forms and discussion with Attorney Wetherill it was determined that all the companies were in compliance. Kress made a motion to approve the CF-1 forms for all four companies. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

High Speed Internet

Spaetti stated that himself and Kroeger met with the Catalyst Group and some other individuals at Santa's Lodge recently and Jim Dauby, the President of PSCI was there. Spaetti spoke with Dauby and asked him to get a quote together on what the cost would be to get high speed internet to the sections of Spencer County that do not currently have any service. Bunner stated that he feels this is a little antiquated, because there is internet available on cell phones or other devices for areas that do not have service. Kroeger stated this service is like infrastructure and some parts of the county don't have as good of infrastructure as others. If we can get an estimate on the cost maybe we can help contribute something to it. Spaetti stated this is something that could possibly come out of COIT. Dauby is just going to get a rough estimate together and we can discuss if this is something we want to look into down the road.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

Wilhelm Spaeth
President

[Signature]

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Steve Wensett

David Kress

Jack Hoeger

Todd Ruxer

[Signature]

**County Council Meeting
June 21, 2016**

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

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

Minutes

Ruxer made a motion to approve the May 17th minutes as presented. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Maximus IV-D \$7,500.00

Judge Dartt explained that there was no money budgeted for Maximus due to us not having a referee or magistrate and being unable to claim IV-D. We now have a referee handling IV-D cases and can begin claiming for IV-D funds again. Maximus handles filing the claims for us, so we need funding to pay them.

Computer Supplies \$1,000.00

Dartt explained that he had requested more money at budget time than what he actually received, so they are already down to \$173.00 in this account. This will not be enough money to finish the year, so he is requesting \$1,000.00, but feels they can probably get by with \$500.00

Interpreter \$1,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that the request for the Interpreter was advertised incorrectly at the May meeting, which only allowed them to receive \$1,000.00 when they had requested \$2,000.00. This is the additional \$1,000.00 that was requested at the May meeting.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$7,500.00 for Maximus, \$500.00 for Computer Supplies, and \$1,000.00 for Interpreter for a total of \$9,000.00. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Cap

Courtroom Security \$30,532.00

Dartt explained that the courtroom reporting equipment needs to be upgraded. It is critical that the reporting equipment is working correctly at all times and we have had this equipment since 2009 and cannot get repairs or service for it any longer. We are out of warranty, our computers are old and they cannot get replacement parts for them, and we were instructed that we have to upgrade this equipment. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$30,532.00 out of Cum Cap. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General

Legal Services \$2,500.00

Auditor Winkler explained that we have already depleted the Legal Services line in the commissioner's budget, because we received a bill from Kent Irwin, a legal counsel from Indy, at the beginning of the year for services rendered last year and it pretty well wiped out the account. Irwin has been contacted recently by Attorney Lindsey and we should be receiving another bill. This amount will hopefully get us through the remainder of the year. Benton made a motion to approve the \$2,500.00 for Legal Services. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Riverboat

Voting Software \$59,500.00

Sara Arnold explained that our voting machines need a software upgrade. We had a few issues in the primary and do not want to have machines go down during the general election. The cost to purchase 72 new machines is around \$280,000.00 versus just upgrading the software at \$59,500.00. We will receive a 4 year warranty and they anticipate it extending the life of the machines by 10 years. Kress made a motion to approve the \$59,500.00 out of Riverboat for voting machine software. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill presented Ordinance 2016-08 to transfer \$1,995,517.63 from the CEDIT fund to the Rainy Day fund to be used for the Community Crossings Grant. INDOT has stated specific funds that may be used for the grant match with Rainy Day being one of them, so it is necessary to move all intended match dollars to that fund. Bunner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-08 transferring \$1,995,517.63 from the CEDIT fund to the Rainy Day fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Administrator

Logsdon explained that Cindy Painter, current Highway Administrator will be retiring effective December 15th and we need to work on hiring her replacement. The commissioner's are seeking permission to request an additional appropriation for funding to get someone hired as soon as possible for training. Logsdon explained the importance of this position and stated that they feel the salary should be at a minimum of \$30,000.00. All were in agreement that they need to request an additional appropriation and hire someone as soon as possible.

Jim Dauby – PSCI

Spaetti stated that something the county always hears in meetings is the need for high speed internet countywide. Dauby explained the process of how PSC has been able to provide broadband internet to certain areas and not others. PSC has been dependent on government funding to assist in expanding their area, by using Universal Service Funds which can only be used on their regulated cooperative territory. The corridor from Dale down US 231 is not part of their regulated cooperative territory therefore they cannot use USF to reach that area. This area is completely market driven with other providers. There has to be a return for PSC to be willing to invest dollars in that area. In 2009 when the economy collapsed there were stimulus grants awarded and one was for providing broadband internet to rural areas. PSC created a plan, invested dollars in preparing this plan and was awarded the grant. Within 24 – 36 hours of receiving the award it was retracted without a formal explanation of why. The cost for this project would have been 21 million dollars. PSC is doing everything they can to try and get service here, but it just does not make good business sense for them to fully invest in this project. The county is willing to look into the possibility of contributing funds to get internet here, but we need a plan laid out of what to expect before pledging funds.

Janice Weber – Community Corrections

Weber came before the council to explain some additional grant funding she received. Community Corrections was awarded an additional \$33,700.00 which they will use for salaries. This extra funding has provided them the opportunity to hire another PT Case Manager. It was also discussed that Probation received additional funding for a FT Field Officer. Judge Dartt explained that this would be like another FT Deputy that the Sheriff would be required to hire. This person will go to residence and check on individuals on probation. Dartt stated that the individual will work for Probation and the Sheriff. Kroeger expressed his concern with this being a new full time merit employee with pension. The amount awarded will possibly cover the salary, FICA, and pension contribution, but will not cover any unfunded liability.

Elaine Beatty

Beatty came to present some information on Public Safety Tax and informed the council that you can get on the states website and see other counties that have implemented this tax. Kroeger expressed that he doesn't feel we need to implement a new tax without first determining the cost of security.

New Business

Ethics Policy

An ethics policy that goes along with the new internal controls process was presented for council approval. State Board of Accounts is now requiring all counties to establish internal controls and this policy is another part of that process. Benton made a motion to approve the ethics policy. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bunner stated that at the insurance meeting earlier in the day it was discussed that renewal is coming up and where we are currently with claims and cost. Another meeting was scheduled for July 5th at 8:00 a.m. to review renewal quotes. It was also discussed that Carolyn Beck with SIHO will work on a study to tell how much can be saved if we go to an even narrower network than we currently have.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President

Steve Winsett

Attest:

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James H. Hays

Chris Behr

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Todd Ruxer

David Kress