County Council Meeting
August 15, 2017

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

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

Minutes
Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from June 20th as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved. Benton made a motion to approve the minutes from July 18th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations
County General – Circuit Court
Petit Jurors - $10,000.00
Travel - $1,000.00
Judge Dartt could not be in attendance at the meeting, but provided a letter stating the reason for his absence and the need for his requests. There are currently 3 jury trials scheduled, one for August and two for September and we have no more money to compensate jurors. There are several others scheduled for the remainder of the year, but we do not know at this time if they will take place. Benton made a motion to approve the $10,000.00 for Petit Jurors. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed due to the Judge not being present.
Judge Dartt requested $1,000.00 in travel for himself and the probation department to attend their fall conference to receive the required credit hours. There is currently $254.00 in their travel account and that is not enough. Benton made a motion to approve the $1,000.00 for travel. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

County General – Soil and Water
Audit - $1,200.00
Courtney Hall and Board President, Brian Rahman came before the board to request $1,200.00 to pay for their SBOA audit for 2012-2015. The council does not put money in the budget each year for the audit and has always instructed Soil and Water to come request an additional when needed. Benton made a motion to approve the $1,200.00 additional appropriation. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers
Plan Commission

Decrease: Advisory Board	*1000-124-4131.00*	*$50.00*
Increase: Zoning Board	*1000-124-4132.00*	*$50.00*

Kay Erwin explained that she needs to transfer $50.00 from the Advisory Board to the Zoning Board to pay meeting allowances for their upcoming meeting. They have had a Zoning Board meeting every month so far this year. Benton made a motion to approve the transfer. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sheriff - Dispatch

Decrease: Sr. Dispatcher	*1222-000-4115.00*	*$70,000.00*
Increase: Dispatcher	*1222-000-4116.00*	*$70,000.00*

Chief Deputy Jim Taggart explained that a transfer is needed from Sr. Dispatcher to Dispatcher. There has been some turnover and the money is not budgeted in the right account. Ruxer made a motion to approve the transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sheriff

Decrease: Sr. Deputies	*1000-105-4114.03*	*$73,246.70*
Increase: Probation Deputies	*1000-105-4114.05*	*$73,246.70*

Chief Deputy Jim Taggart again explained that some money within their budget is not budgeted to the correct pay line and is requesting $73,246.70 be transferred from Sr. Deputies to Probation Deputies. Winsett made a motion to approve the transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

2018 Budget Recommendation Letters

Auditor Winkler prepared the 2018 budget recommendation letters for each taxing unit listing their maximum levy and estimated property tax cap loss. It is no longer required that the council review each budget, but we are required to send them a recommendation letter requesting they remain fiscally conservative and remain within their maximum levy. All taxing units will receive a signed letter and a copy of the letters will be sent to the DLGF. Benton made a motion to approve the recommendation letters. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Commissioner Brown requested the newly structured insurance committee that includes both commissioners and council schedule an initial meeting to begin looking at all the insurance needs and costs. A meeting was scheduled for September 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Brown informed the council that the commissioners would be requesting an additional appropriation for overtime pay for the Maintenance Supervisor. He has begun refinishing the floors in the courthouse and is doing a wonderful job at it, so the board has decided to compensate him with overtime instead of contracting out the work. This is a hard and time consuming task that cannot be done during regular business hours. Brown asked the council to please go look at the office that has already been stripped to see the drastic difference in the floor.

Eric Schue - Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP

Schue came before the council to present a proposed ordinance requesting that Spencer County participate in the establishment of the Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority. This ordinance is being addressed because Dubois County wants to proceed with building a highway to connect US 231 in Spencer County to I-69 to Indianapolis. Schue stated that Spencer County did their part in getting 231 complete and then Dubois County dropped the ball. They have been in contact with INDOT about moving forward with this project and INDOT informed them that they would need to put some skin in the game. A Regional Development Authority needs to be established with adjacent counties and qualified cities that hold interest in the project, but Dubois County is fully aware that the financial burden of the project would be mainly on them. The RDA would be comprised of a 5 member board that could not be elected officials, but Spencer County would have a representative on their behalf. Any decisions made about projects or funding would have to go through the board and all financial decisions would still have to go before the council for approval. Attorney Foster will review the ordinance closer and research all aspects of an RDA. A special meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. for the council to address the ordinance.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Autumn Winkler