

**County Council Meeting
July 19, 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 June 21st minutes as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County User Fee

Annual Appropriation \$5,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that this is normally an annual appropriation that was not completed at the beginning of the year. When a ticket is paid a certain portion of money goes into this fund and then city, county, and state police can come claim their portion. We do not currently have money appropriated to pay them when they come in, so Winkler is requesting an additional to have those funds available as needed. Benton made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the County User Fee fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

LOIT

Road Projects \$633,273.00

Auditor Winkler explained that this is 75% of the special distribution received from the state that we are required to use on roads. The money has already been received, we just need to do an additional appropriation to use the funds. Benton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$633,273.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Rainy Day

Road Projects \$1,995,517.00

Auditor Winkler explained that this is the money that was transferred from the CEDIT fund to the Rainy Day fund by ordinance at the June meeting. This money also just needs an additional appropriation to utilize the funds. Kress made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$1,995,517.00. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway

Highway Administrator \$20,467.00

Spaetti explained that Logsdon spoke with him and this is money to train a new employee to work with Cindy Painter until the end of the year. This is enough money to cover salary and benefits from August through December. Ruxer made a motion to approve the \$20,467.00. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Pre-trial Diversion

SWIACC \$5,000.00

Prosecutor Wilkinson came to request an additional appropriation for \$5,000.00 for Southwest Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition. Wilkinson introduced Tammy Lampert, the Executive Director of SWIACC, and explained that Spencer County works with them to provide safe areas for children of abuse cases to be interviewed. We are part of a regional group that is serviced by SWIACC and each county in the region has been asked to contribute something to the organization to assist with funding. Each county has been asked to contribute \$5,000.00 to aide with their budget, some counties are contributing lesser amounts, but they will return the following year to request the remainder. Wilkinson is requesting we contribute the full amount this year. Kress made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 additional appropriation from Pre-trial Diversion. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Drug Free Community

Substance Abuse \$13,556.70

Winkler explained that this is the additional appropriation for the funding that Janice Weber and Kim Litkenhus came and requested last month. Weber explained the breakdown of funds and organizations receiving funds at the June meeting. An additional appropriation is needed to distribute the funds. Benton made a motion to approve the \$13,556.78 from the Drug Free Community fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfer

Plan Commission

Increase: Zoning Board 1000-124-4132.00 \$1,250.00
 Decrease: Advisory Board 1000-124-4131.00 \$1,250.00

Plan Commissioner Administrator Jennifer Adams explained that there have been numerous zoning board meetings so far this year, which has caused her to run low in her zoning board account. The advisory board has only met one time so far this year, so there is a surplus in that fund. Adams is requesting to transfer funds from advisory board to zoning board to cover paying board members. She does not have enough money available for the next meeting if everyone attends, unless she does this transfer and she foresees more meetings in the future. Benton made a motion to approve the \$1,250.00 transfer from advisory board to zoning board. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Corrections – Janice Weber/Dick Hedrick

Weber and Hedrick came to explain that due to losing a field officer that was working 29 hours per week, they have to start paying some overtime hours. The current FT field officer and a few previous PT field officers will start working 4 hours per week, but must be paid an overtime rate, due to them already being county employees. Weber also explained that Linda Kirkland that currently works in the office will start doing the bracelet monitoring 2 hrs. each day 7 days a week. All funding for these hours will come out of project income, which is money they receive from offenders. Kress made a motion to approve the additional hours from project income. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Solid Waste Management – Debbie Steinkamp

Steinkamp came before the council to request a Rainy Day fund be established for the Solid Waste District and explain the reasoning for it. Steinkamp stated that she has been questioned as to why she has such a large sum of money in her general fund, to which she explained she has been saving money to purchase a number of large pieces of equipment and do necessary improvements at drop sites. Benton asked what the balance is in her fund and she stated that at the beginning of 2016 it was \$680,000.00 and it is currently at \$750,000.00-\$800,000.00. State Senator Kinley informed Steinkamp that the funds needed for the equipment and improvements should not be held in the general fund, but that a Rainy Day fund should be established to house those funds. Steinkamp presented a document showing the breakdown of the districts funding and the anticipated purchases and improvements. Kroeger asked Steinkamp why there is a need for a Rainy Day fund and stated that we do not want a fund that will sit and accumulate money. Steinkamp again explained that it is a place to hold money that she anticipates using on equipment and improvements. Steinkamp also stated that there has been discussion at the state level of the possibility of disbanding Solid Waste Districts. In the event that this were to happen Steinkamp would have to come before the council to request the funding needed to run the Solid Waste District if she doesn't have a Rainy Day fund established with money available. This is another reason this fund is needed, we do not know what the future holds for Solid Waste Districts. Kroeger stated he is not in favor of establishing a fund just for in the event of something happening. There is a limit of 10% of the budget allowed to be contributed to the Rainy Day fund each year. The money put into the Rainy Day fund and any expenditure from that fund would have to be approved by the Solid Waste District Board and the County Council. It was discussed that if Steinkamp already has the money needed to complete the purchases, why does she not just go ahead and purchase what she needs? Steinkamp stated that she is very busy and it takes time to research the equipment and ensure she is purchasing the best option for what they need. After much discussion, it was determined to table this discussion until the next meeting. Winsett made a motion to show first reading of Resolution 2016-04 Establishing a Rainy Day Fund for the Spencer County Solid Waste Management District. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved. Auditor Winkler will put Steinkamp on the agenda for the August 16th meeting.

Superior Ag

Dave McGimpsey of Bingham, Greenebaum, and Doll LLP came before the council with members of the Superior Ag board and employees to discuss the possibility of establishing a facility in Spencer County and possibly obtaining a tax abatement. McGimpsey presented a book showing the overview of Superior Ag and the potential reach of establishing a new facility in Spencer County. McGimpsey introduced Barry Day, the CEO of Superior Ag, to explain the details of the proposed facility. Superior Ag has been looking into purchasing the old 231 Truck stop property and building a new state of the art feed mill. What they are proposing is a 2 phase, \$25,000,000.00 project. If this were to happen there is potential for an increase of 32 positions, 23 new hires and 9 possible transfers. There are currently 3 feed mills located in Southern

Indiana that are too old to upgrade, this facility would replace them. The locations of the other facilities are St. Meinrad, Jasper, and Princeton. This proposed facility would not affect any of the agronomy locations. They are looking at 3 possible locations for the new feed mill, Spencer, Gibson, and Pike counties. Phase 1 of this project is estimated at \$20,500,000.00, \$18,800,000.00 would be real estate improvements and \$1,200,000.00 would be personal property improvements. Kroeger asked when they anticipate starting the project if Spencer County is chosen, because the SB-1 for the proposed tax abatement must be approved in the same year as work begins. Day explained that site work and preparation will begin in 2016. Kroeger stated there is a rating system used when determining if a company is eligible for a tax abatement. He explained the questions and ratings given to Superior Ag and stated he feels they should be awarded a 10 year tax abatement on real and personal property. All were in agreement and gave full support of the project. Spaetti then opened the floor to audience comments. Local farmers and livestock owners spoke in favor of this facility, stating it's a win/win for everyone. Michael Cochenour, President of the Superior Ag board, thanked the council for their consideration of the project and explained that this has not come for a vote before the board, but that this is a homegrown project and you won't find people more dedicated to this community than Superior Ag. Kroeger stated that is why we want this type of business in Spencer County. David Weber, local livestock owner, praised Superior Ag for their wonderful service and stated that he feels this location is perfect for that facility. Wetherill presented Resolution 2016-05 Preliminary Resolution for Establishment of Economic Revitalization Area and Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement and Resolution 2016-06 Preliminary Resolution for Confirmation of Economic Revitalization Area and Approval of Additional Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement for council approval. Kroeger made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-05 and Resolution 2016-06. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Old Business

Internet

Spaetti reported that Gene Steinkamp called him after the last meeting to see if we were going to continue to discuss the internet issue. Spaetti instructed Steinkamp to contact people and get a committee together to work on a plan, research grant funding, and keep looking for possible solutions. Steinkamp contacted Benton, Seiler, and numerous other interested individuals to work with him on this project. Benton reported they will meet for the first time on August 29th.

Salary Ordinance Amendment

Auditor Winkler explained that the 2016 salary ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the highway administrator training position. The funding was approved tonight, so we need to go ahead and include this salary on the salary ordinance so the new employee can begin working as soon as hired. Kroeger made a motion to approve amending the salary ordinance to reflect the training position for Highway Administrator. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Insurance Renewal

Bunner informed the council that we had a special Insurance meeting on July 5th to review quotes for the insurance renewal. The quote that was recommended by the insurance committee to the commissioners is a quote that minimizes our overall risk. Bunner stated he was not sure if action was taken on the renewal that day or not. Auditor Winkler stated that the quote was approved at the commissioner meeting that day. Bunner stated that Carolyn Beck with SIHO is also working on getting information together on becoming a narrower network and the impact it would have on employees. We receive deeper discounts by using a certain facility and we want to see how much could be saved by making this the only available provider versus what we have now. Bunner will report back after we receive information on that network. Bunner stated that he is committed to the council and taxpayers to keep asking questions and demanding we explore ways to cut costs without comprising the care we provide to our employees.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

Bill Sparto
President

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Attest:

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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

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**Public Hearing
August 16, 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 Council President Bill Spaetti at 5:18 P.M.

Public Hearing – Superior Ag Abatement

Spaetti explained that this is a public hearing to hear any objections or remonstrance against the Superior Ag Abatement. Superior Ag attorney Dave McGimpsey was in attendance and stated he has no objections, but just wanted to thank the council for the consideration of this abatement. This is a great company and this new facility will be a great asset to Spencer County. McGimpsey requests that the final resolutions and SB-1 for Phase 1 and Phase 2 be approved. Spaetti stated that Michael Cochenour, president of the Superior Ag board contacted him and wished to thank every member of the council for their support. Kroeger made a motion to approve the abatement, final resolutions and SB-1 for Phase 1 and 2. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Benton made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**County Council Meeting
August 16, 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 Council President Bill Spaetti at 5:20 P.M.

Minutes

Benton made a motion to approve the July 19th minutes as presented. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Highway

Repair of Equipment \$30,000.00

Dale Kenney came to request an additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 for repairs. We have a John Deere road grader down and the quote for a new motor is \$8,000.00. Monthly repairs have been running about \$10,000.00 per month, so this additional is needed to finish the year. Benton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 for repair of equipment. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Solid Waste District

Equipment \$160,000.00

Debbie Steinkamp came before the council to request an additional appropriation of \$160,000.00 to purchase a new truck. The actual cost of the truck is \$227,000.00, but the SWMD has been awarded an emissions grant of \$68,000.00-\$75,000.00 to pay the remaining portion of the truck. We are guaranteed the \$68,000.00, but there is a possibility it could be more. The life expectancy of the new truck is approximately 10 years and they will use the current truck as a backup. Solid Waste has a 3rd truck that we are required to take off the road to comply with this grant. This grant is a diesel emissions grant and the goal is to remove trucks that do not have efficient diesel emissions. The 3rd truck has no diesel emissions and SWMD must prove that the motor has been destroyed, and then they are allowed to haul the truck off for scrap. Ruxer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$160,000.00 for a new truck. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Spaetti asked Steinkamp about the status of the Rainy Day Fund she was trying to establish and Steinkamp stated that after discussions with her board it was decided that they would look at extending out their equipment plan and determine replacement time and use some funds that way. Steinkamp is working on that plan and will present it to her board for approval before presenting it to the council. She requests that Resolution 2016-04 Establishing a Rainy Day Fund be tabled at this time. Bunner made a motion to table Resolution 2016-04. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Town of Santa Claus – Memorandum of Understanding

John Bowen and Mike Johannes from the Santa Claus Town Board came to discuss the MOU that was approved a year ago, but never signed. The MOU explains that Spencer County previously committed \$100,000.00 for 20 years to the Town of Santa Claus for their water project, but gives authority to the town to use 4 years of those funds for the trail project if not needed for the water project. The number of neither years nor amount has been extended; this is the initial 20 year \$100,000.00 contribution that Spencer County originally pledged. Kress made a motion to sign and approve the MOU between Spencer County and the Town of Santa Claus. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Judge Dartt – Probation Field Officer

Dartt explained that they have been trying for years to get probation grants with no success until this year. These types of grants are normally long term grants, not just 1 year grants. Probation was awarded a grant for a Probation Field Officer. Community Corrections currently has a full time field officer and part time field officers, but probation has never received funding for one until now. Dartt sent a letter to the council explaining the need for a full time Probation field officer based on the large number of individuals on probation and hoped to put an officer from the Sheriff's Dept. in that position. Spaetti stated the big question is would they be a court employee or sheriff's dept. employee? Dartt stated that they would work for the court, but be a Sheriff's Dept. employee just like Kevin Harvey at Community Corrections and Harold Gogel for Courthouse security. You don't want a merit officer to lose their seniority or pension, which is what would happen if they were no longer serving as a merit officer. Kroeger stated that no we would not want a merit officer to lose their seniority or pension, but the question arises if it's legal to have an officer that doesn't work for the sheriff as a merit employee. Dartt stated it would be just like Harvey and Gogel and we would have an MOU making it clear. Spaetti asked what will happen with a car. Will the county still be required to provide a car when the deputy is working for the court? Dartt stated that we will have to look at the hours and determine if the deputy is working full time for the court or still assisting the sheriff. If it's determined that it is full time for the court Dartt stated they may have to look into funding for a car. Spaetti stated that it seemed the Judge and Sheriff would have to come to an agreement on a deputy coming over and signing an MOU. Sheriff McDurmon stated that he would prefer that if a deputy comes over to the court that they be a court employee not sheriff employee. And, if he were to lose a deputy he would then need to replace that deputy and it would need to be discussed if they were a merit deputy or special deputy. A special deputy still has arrest powers and can serve in a deputy position, but is not protected by the merit board and not eligible for pension. If an agreement is reached and a deputy begins working for the court, the sheriff will need to replace that person as soon as possible, due to already being short on the road. Kroeger again stated that we need a clear answer as to if a deputy can be covered under the pension plan if they do not work for the sheriff. McDurmon stated that he thinks they can still be covered as long as there is a MOU, but he is not sure. Wetherill stated that he called Umbaugh and Associates twice trying to seek a clear answer to this question with no reply. All were in agreement that if a sheriff deputy moves over to that position, they approve of a replacement being hired immediately. Kroeger made a motion to approve the full time Probation Field Officer position and grant funding of \$61,500.00. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill stated that it's time to send out recommendation letters to all entities on their 2017 proposed budgets. The letter has changed from previous years and are less detailed, superficial, non-binding recommendation letters. In the past we were required to review the entity budgets before sending out recommendation letters, but that is no longer the case. This is a requirement from the DLGF as part of the budget process. Benton made a motion to approve the recommendation letters for each entity. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Dale Kenney announced that Gina Mullen was hired as the new Highway Administrator. She will begin on September 1st and train with current Highway Administrator Cindy Painter through December.

Bunner stated he met with a lady who is working on a partnership with Pro Rehab and Progressive to provide an offsite clinic for South Spencer School Corporation at Deaconess Clinic in Reo. The clinic will be staffed with a nurse practitioner and made available to school corporation employees and families 2 days/week for 5 hrs. /day. Bunner explained that the clinic will provide non-emergency, preventative care. The hope is always to catch things early before an ER visit is needed, which will drive up costs. Bunner contacted her to gather more information

on how the partnership works. We spoke with Benefits 7 before about a possible clinic option for the county and the cost was very high. This sounds like a less cost prohibitive plan. Bunner suggested that we have her come meet with the insurance committee to gather some information on how she may be able to work with our current plan to drive down our costs. Kathy Reinke with the Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and asked if it was Tammy Feldpausch and Bunner stated yes that was who he spoke with. Reinke explained that North Spencer has started a clinic similar to that and it's working very well.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

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Dave Kress

Steve Winslett

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**County Council Meeting
September 20, 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 Council President Bill Spaetti at 5:00 P.M

Minutes

Winsett stated that he had a question about the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Santa Claus. The minutes state that it was a 4 year commitment for the water project when it was actually a 10 or 20 year commitment. Auditor Winkler was in agreement that it was not worded correctly. After discussion, it was determined that it was a 20 year commitment to the Town of Santa Claus for the water project, but the county gave the town authority to use 4 years of those funds on the trail project if they wished. Neither the dollar amount nor the length of commitment has changed. Auditor Winkler will correct the minutes to state a 20 year commitment. Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from August 16th with the correction. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Country General - Sheriff

Inmate Catastrophic Insurance \$5,000.00

Spaetti asked Sheriff McDurmon what the reason was for the request and McDurmon explained that we have found out that we will be short for the December billing. The premium has increased, but this insurance saves us a lot of money, because they pay anything over \$10,000.00 on inmate medical expenses. Kress made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 additional appropriation. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jailer Overtime \$12,000.00

Sheriff McDurmon explained that we are short in the overtime funding due to turnover of employees and also inmates being in the hospital. When an inmate is in the hospital we are required to have 24 hour supervision of the inmate until released. This causes many overtime hours, due to someone being at the hospital and someone having to cover shifts in their absence. Bunner made a motion to approve the request for \$12,000.00 in Jailer overtime. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General – Treasurer

Contractual Service \$8,250.00

Treasurer Susan Harris came before the council to request an additional appropriation for accounting software with Harris Financial Services. Harris is the same accounting software that the Auditor's office uses, which will make bookkeeping much more secure and timely. Currently the Auditor's office pulls reports to give the treasurer's office and they are manually input in excel spreadsheets, which leaves room for human error and security concerns. With the new software it would enable the treasurer's office to go in and see all the transactions that the Auditor's office completes, such as receipting and payments. Current Deputy Treasurer Linda Sturgeon is a CPA and already has a good understanding of this type of software. Included in the quote is 4 days of onsite training, which Harris feels that many days will not be needed. Harris expressed that she feels the added security of this program and being backed up on the server is very beneficial as well. After discussion, it was determined that it would be best to pay for this out of Cum Cap. All were in favor of it coming out of Cum Cap. Bunner made a motion to re-advertise the \$8,250.00 additional appropriation out of Cumulative Capital. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General – Circuit Court

Pauper Attorney \$75,000.00

Judge Dartt explained that this request is hopefully enough to finish out the year, so we don't start next year in the red. What happens sometimes is that the end of year claims come off the beginning of year budget and runs us short. We do get reimbursed 40% of pauper attorney claims. Judge Dartt stated that the amount could be cut if the council feels it's necessary, but he was just trying to prevent running out of funding. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$75,000.00 for pauper attorney. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Law Books \$2,500.00

Dartt stated that every time a new law happens we have to get an updated book. We are required to keep those books updated. Kroeger suggested that since these are permanent records we should pay for them from cum cap also. We will re-advertise.

Computer Supply **\$5,000.00**

Dartt stated that this request is for equipment for the computers to go with some new software and can probably come from cum cap also if the council approves. All were in agreement that this should be re-advertised from cum cap, due to it being equipment for the computers.

Office Supplies **\$2,500.00**

Dartt explained how busy the court system is and the need for additional office supplies due to this. They have started using Quill instead of their previous vendor and should save some money doing that. Ruxer made a motion to approve the \$2,500.00 for office supplies. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Interpreter **\$2,000.00**

Dartt explained that we have cases that need an interpreter and we are required to provide it. Winsett asked if we can pay to get someone certified and have our own and Dartt stated that yes we can do that, but most people don't want to go through the process of getting certified. Ruxer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for interpreter. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Salary **\$13,000.00**

Auditor Winkler stated that the additional appropriation sheet shows the \$13,000.00 salary funding coming out of county general and that is not correct. Judge Dartt turned the paper into the Auditor's office correctly reflecting the salary coming from the County User Fee fund, but it appears the Auditor's office advertised it incorrectly out of the County General fund. This additional appropriation will need to be re-advertised for next month out of the County User Fee fund.

E-911

Computer Service Maintenance **\$7,000.00**

Kati Richard explained that when the server went down we used additional money that was not anticipated. We had to pay someone to run all the new wiring with the change over and used all of our paid hours we had with Heath Therber for him to install and setup the new system. We will be short on funding, due to this unexpected situation. Benton made a motion to approve the \$7,000.00 additional appropriation from E-911. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Rainy Day

Contractual Services **\$10,000.00**

Commissioner Gogel explained that this funding is needed to pay Cash Wagner for their work on assisting us with becoming ADA/Title VI compliant. We will also pay Phil Brown for his work with any additional funding that is left over after paying Cash Wagner. Ruxer made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 for contractual services from the Rainy Day fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Sheriff

Decrease: Senior Deputy	1000-105-4114.03	\$22,465.83
Increase: Deputy	1000-105-4114.04	\$22,465.83

Auditor Winkler explained that at budget time there were too many budgeted in senior deputy and we just need to transfer the money to regular deputy. Kroeger made a motion to approve the transfer from senior deputy to deputy. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Clerk

Decrease: Repair of Equipment	1000-101-4362.00	\$87.01
Increase: Law Books	1000-101-4441.00	\$87.01

Spaetti explained that Clerk Sara Arnold had contacted him explaining that she was short \$87.01 in purchasing law books and needed to transfer money from repair of equipment to finish paying the bill. Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer of \$87.01. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Treasurer

Decrease: Deputy	1000-103-4113.00	\$750.00
Increase: Extra Help	1000-103-4114.00	\$750.00

Treasurer Susan Harris explained that a longtime part-time help employee is no longer working for us and the new part-time employee is doing a great job, but is still learning and is a little slower. Extra help is used during tax time when accepting multiple tax payments. Benton made a motion to approve the transfer from deputy to extra help. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Old Business

Kroeger expressed to Auditor Winkler that he would like the cash flow statements to show the breakdown of what money in the LOIT fund and Rainy Day fund are dedicated to roads. Winkler will start writing the road money amounts on the Cash Flow statement or will include a budgetary status for each fund, so they can see the dedicated money separated out.

Legal Report

Wetherill informed the council that Superior Ag has come before the Plan Commission and all variances have been approved. We are right in line where we need to be in the process.

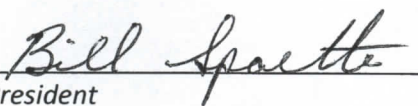
Brian Schulte

Schulte came before the council to discuss the old Peerless Pottery property. The current owners of the property have paid all the back taxes and are working with the current tenant to make improvements to the property and buildings. To move forward with improving and renovating the property the owners need a survey done to combine parcels. Schulte presented a quote from Chamness Surveying to survey and prepare a plat to combine parcels. The property owners are requesting that the county pay for the survey. The request has already been made to the City of Rockport and they declined to pay for the survey. The survey is important to move forward with renovations, but will also help the current tenant proceed with a deal that could employ several local people. Spaetti stated that if we would start something like this it would probably open a door to many more. The council stated that they are in favor of helping companies that are bringing business and jobs to our community by giving tax abatements and if they were to come back with a plan like that there would be more of a possibility. Schulte stated that they will come back when they get some ideas and figures together.

Old Business**Internet**

Benton explained that the broadband committee is doing research and has possibly found another internet source that is substantially less cost than anything previously discussed. It would probably still require help with funding, due to us not being as densely populated in the areas that need service, but a drop in the bucket compared to the 20 million figure that was discussed earlier. They think they could service 75-80% of people that do not currently have service. The word is out and we are being contacted by other companies with different options. Hopefully in the next 2-3 months the committee can report back with proposals that are feasible for the county and its taxpayers.

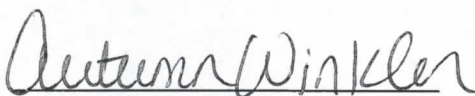
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Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 P.M.



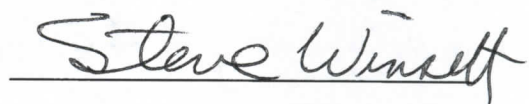
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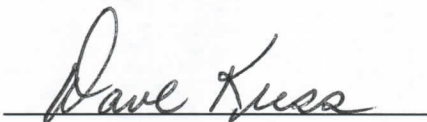


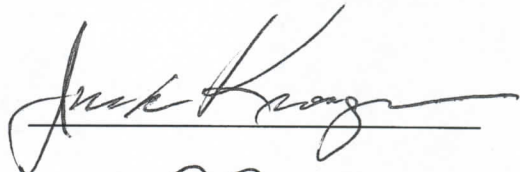
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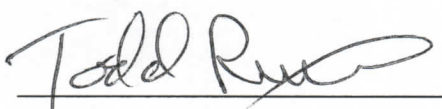


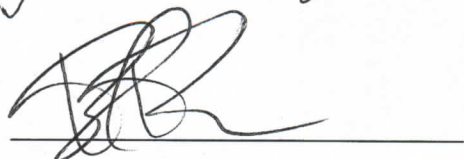
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**County Council Meeting
October 18, 2016**

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 Council President Bill Spaetti at 5:14 P.M

Minutes

Ruxer made a motion to approve the Non-Binding Review minutes as presented. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Benton made a motion to approve the September 20th minutes as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

Cumulative Capital - Coroner

Body Refrigerator \$7,500.00

Coroner Robert Fuller presented a quote for a 3 body refrigerator that he feels would be a great benefit to the county. Currently if we need to store a body for any period of time we have to transport it to Evansville and pay storage. Fuller has spoken with Boultinghouse Funeral Home and they have agreed to store the refrigerator for us and pay for the electricity to operate it if we agree to allow them to use it as needed also. It will be stored at Youngblood Chapel in Chrisney, which is great it being in the center of the county. Fuller explained that this item is on sale right now and we can get it shipped to the funeral home for \$6,595.00 and he spoke with the Highway Dept. about unloading it for us. Bunner made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$6,595.00 for the body refrigerator. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General - Coroner

Autopsy \$6,000.00

Fuller explained that we began the year owing for 2 autopsies and have now run short on money to finish the year. He is unsure on how much we could need, but wanted to ensure we had some. Winsett thanked Fuller for saving the county money, because in years past we spent \$30,000.00-\$40,000.00 per year on autopsies. Benton made a motion to approve the \$6,000.00 for autopsies and lab services. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CEDIT \$300,000.00

Superintendent Dale Kenney explained that additional CEDIT funding is needed to cover invoices for things not covered in the Community Crossings Grant, such as road striping. The work has already been done and when we transferred the CEDIT money to the Rainy Day fund for the Community Crossings grant we did not take into account some invoices that would need paid. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$300,000.00 in the CEDIT fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Cap – Treasurer

Computer Software \$8,250.00

Cum Cap – Circuit Court

Law Books \$2,500.00

Courthouse Equipment \$5,000.00

Spaetti explained that the additional appropriation for law books and courthouse equipment for Circuit Court and the computer software for the Treasurer were explained last month and they were told they didn't need to come again tonight. It was advertised out of county general last month and all were in agreement that it should come from cum cap, so this is just addressing it being advertised from cum cap. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$2,500.00 for law books, \$5,000.00 for courthouse equipment, and \$8,250.00 for computer software out of Cum Cap. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County User Fee – Circuit Court

Courthouse Security \$13,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that this is the funding that was requested last month to pay courthouse security that was advertised incorrectly. This money is used to cover shifts if the full time security officer is off work. Last month it was advertised from county general instead of the county user fee fund. Benton made a motion to approve the \$13,000.00 for courthouse security out of the county user fee fund. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Riverboat - Commissioners

ADA/Title VI \$2,000.00

Commissioner Gogel explained that an additional for \$10,000.00 has already been approved to pay Cash Wagner for their work on ADA/Title VI and the hope is to have enough money left out of the \$10,000.00 to also pay Phil Brown for his services. This additional appropriation is being

requested just in case there is not enough funding left over. If the \$10,000.00 covers everything this money will not be used. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00 additional appropriation for ADA/Title VI expenses. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Highway Dept.

Decrease: Hwy Project Manager	1176-001-1115.00	\$1,000.00
Increase: Superintendent Expenses	1176-001-1131.00	\$1,000.00

Kenney explained that this transfer is needed to pay for training for himself, Jason Chapman, Gina Mullen and the 2 Leadmen. They have an instructor scheduled to come to the highway department to perform the training. Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Mayor Gay Ann Harney – City of Rockport

Harney presented pictures of a proposed apartment building that the city is discussing building on the bluff. Harney stated that she came because she just wanted the council to be aware of what they are discussing and answer any questions. These are not section 8 housing, they are 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments with the possibility of built to suit apartments on the 4th floor. There will also be a rooftop terrace available to all tenants. The proposed spot is on the current Southern Hills location. Harney stated they have found another very nice location for Southern Hills and have been in discussion with them about the possibility of moving. This has been in the works for a little while and is now to the point of getting the word out. The apartments would be for age 55 and over, some would be market rate apartments and some would be income based. Harney has been working with Andy Myszak on all the planning and showed pictures of other buildings they have built. Myszak's company currently has apartment buildings in Mt. Vernon, Vincennes, Petersburg, and also Tell City. The company would work on getting all the grants and funding lined up, the city is not responsible for that and would not be the owner of the building. Harney explained that what the developer asks is that the county allows use of the parking lot where the old jail used to be. If they are willing to invest here we need to show that we can put something in also. The county will still own the lot, but the developer will blacktop and maintain the lot. The developer has until November to get everything together for the grant application and this was one of the final steps. We should hopefully hear something about the grant application by March 2017. All were in agreement that the possibility of some development downtown would be good for the city and county.

Old Business

It was discussed that the committee working on bringing internet to the county is still actively looking at options and meeting with providers. No one wants to jump in without researching every possible option and ensuring it is the most affordable and best service for the county. They will continue to work on this and report back with progress.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President

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Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Todd Ruxer

Steve Wansell

Paul Kress

Jack Hays

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**County Council Meeting
Budget Adoption
October 18, 2016**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 4:30 P.M.

Kroeger explained that the numbers shown are the budget, levy, and rate, that will be submitted to the DLGF. We are adopting a higher tax levy which we will lower after we receive the 1782 notice. There is a 10 day window after receiving the 1782 notice to make changes.

	Adopted Budget	Adopted Levy	Tax Rate
General	7,238,271.00	8,178,882.00	0.6730
Reassessment	130,255.00	300,000.00	0.0247
Highway	3,194,088.00	0	0
Local Road & Street	205,000.00	0	0
Cumulative Bridge	649,090.00	1,429,794.00	0.1000
Health	261,548.00	300,000.00	0.0247
County 4-H	0	70,963.00	0.0058
<u>Cumulative Capital Development</u>	<u>215,312.00</u>	<u>214,469.00</u>	<u>0.0150</u>
Total	11,893,564.00	10,494,108.00	0.8432

Plat Book Update	9,800.00
Probation User Fee	40,515.00
E911	658,705.00
Local Health Maintenance Grant	33,139.00
Pre-Trial Diversion	49,466.00
Tobacco Settlement Local Health	16,722.00
Cornerstone Perp	10,250.00
<u>Law Enforcement Fund</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	823,597.00

	Adopted Budget	Adopted Levy	Tax Rate
Solid Waste District	831,134.00	392,259.00	0.0323
Carter Fire District	212,000.00	117,469.00	0.1054
Carter Fire Rainy Day	3,569.00	0	0

Benton made a motion to approve all the listed budgets, levies and rates. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kroeger made a motion to adjourn the Budget Adoption hearing. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 P.M.

Bill Spaetti
President

Attest:
Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Steve Winsett

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Jack Kroeger

Dave Kress

Todd Ruxer

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**County Council Meeting
October 21, 2014**

Present: Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Deputy Auditor Autumn Winkler

Absent: Aaron Benton, Auditor Jane Lynam

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

Minutes

Binding Reviews from September 16th. Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Non-Binding Reviews from September 16th needed a correction under Huff Township. It should have been 2.70 instead of 2.79. With that correction, Spaetti made a motion to approve the Non-Binding Reviews. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Regular Council minutes needed a few corrections. Kroeger wanted the Reassessment amount set out so it would be recognized as coming out of COIT and correct the spelling of Jon Dartt's name. With those corrections Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16th meeting. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Meals \$20,000.00

Request was made by Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey who was present and spoke to the Council. Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$20,000.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gas, Oil, & Lube \$10,000.00

Request was made by Sheriff Kermitt Lindsey who was present and spoke to the Council. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Circuit Court

Pauper Attorney \$24,839.15

Judge Jon Dartt made the request and was present to speak to the Council. Dartt explained that this was money that is reimbursed by the State. Kress made a motion to approve the \$24,840.00. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Law Books \$2,000.00

Judge Jon Dartt made the request and was present to speak to the Council. Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Community Corrections

Richard Hedrick made the request and spoke to the Council.

Decrease: Drug Testing \$250.00

Increase: Director Salary \$250.00

Decrease: Drug Testing \$36.33

Increase: FICA \$36.33

Decrease: Drug Testing \$67.45

Increase: PERF \$67.45

Spaetti made a motion to approve all transfers as advertised. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

EMA Vehicle- Stephanie Melton

Melton explained they were taking bids on the Bronco. She presented three bids for a new vehicle for the Council to look over. Melton has discussed money that she can put toward the vehicle of the Council approves the purchase. They are also contemplating the sale of the Expedition, Bread truck and the Cert trailer, but have no idea how much money those vehicles might bring. Kroeger requested talking to the Auditor and coming up with a bottom number to be advertised from Cum Cap and we can take care of this at the next meeting.

Visitor's Bureau-Melissa Brockman

Brockman presented copies of the budget for the Tourism Commission; the Innkeepers Tax has been increased for 2015 from 4% to 5%. After discussing the budget the Council commended Brockman on a job well done. Kress made a motion to approve the budget. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

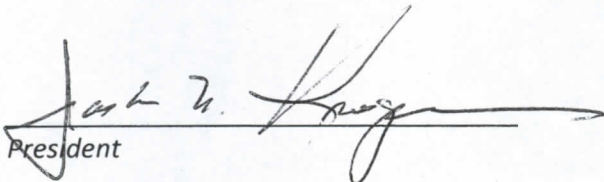
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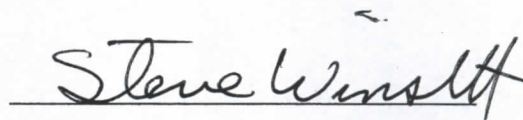
Winsett said he wanted to thank the Auditor's Office for coming up with information for expenditures on rental properties. There was discussion on getting a grant to tear down the old jail and keeping all this information at the forefront.

Legal Report

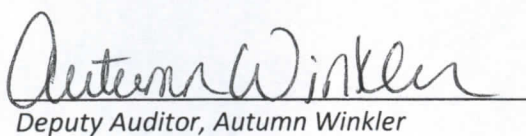
Ayer explained that the Redevelopment Commission and the Commissioners have approved a Resolution and he had one prepared for the Council to sign. The Resolution is to approve expenditures from the AK Steel Settlement Fund in the amount of \$108,926.91 to Ice Miller, LLP and Lindsey Law Office in the amount of \$2,505.43. Spaetti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-06 for these expenditures. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

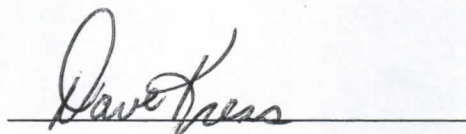
Kress made a motion to adjourn. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

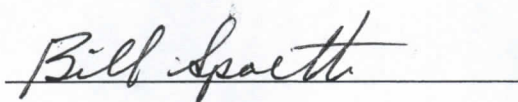

President



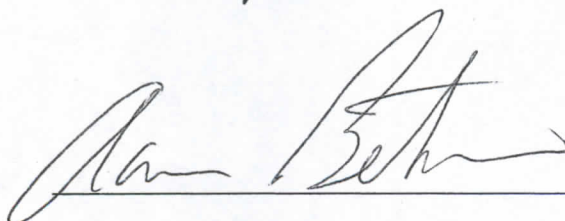
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Deputy Auditor, Autumn Winkler











**County Council Meeting
November 15, 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 Council President Bill Spaetti at 5:00 P.M

Minutes

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

Benton made a motion to approve the October 18th minutes as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General - Commissioners

Official Bonds \$2,500.00

Gogel explained that this is funding needed to pay for the official bonds of the elected officials. We have always been paying them behind and now need to get it current and pay before the year end. Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,500.00 for official bonds. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General – Circuit Court

Postage \$564.00

Judge Dartt explained that they are requesting additional money for postage for jurors. In the past we have sent letters and pulled 200 jurors quarterly and now have decided to pull 500 jurors for the year all at once. We need to send those letters out in December, so they are ready for any possible trials in January. An additional is needed this one time and then it will come from the annual budget. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$564.00 additional appropriation for postage. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County User Fee – Circuit Court

Courthouse Security \$5,000.00

Dartt explained that Auditor Winkler informed him that it still looks like we could run out of money for courthouse security, so he is requesting \$5,000.00 to finish out the year. This money is used to cover Harold Gogel's position when he is off work. The employee that covers that shift normally gets paid overtime pay, because it's over and above their 40 hour week. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 additional for courthouse security out of the county user fee fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County IV-D Incentive – Circuit Court

Salary /Benefits \$3,173.00

County General – Circuit Court

Salary/Benefits \$1,670.00

Judge Dartt explained that Auditor Winkler contacted him and informed him that when he budgeted the salary for an employee there was not money budgeted for benefits. There was only money put in the budget for the salary itself, not FICA or PERF. Auditor Winkler figured up the shortfall and Dartt contacted Maximus to find out what percentage of the employee's pay could come from IV-D funding and the rest would have to come from county general. The total shortfall amount is \$4,843.00 with \$3,173.00 being requested from the County IV-D Incentive fund and \$1,670.00 to come from county general. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$3,173.00 from the County IV-D Incentive fund and the \$1,670.00 from the County General fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General – Sheriff

Utilities \$5,000.00

Chief Deputy Taggart explained that an additional appropriation is needed to pay the utilities the rest of the year. Benton made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 additional appropriation for utilities. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Rainy Day – Commissioners

Blighted Property \$7,500.00

Gogel explained that there has been discussion about some of the blighted properties in the county and the need to get them cleaned up, so the commissioners are requesting an additional appropriation in case the county wishes to contribute to these projects. There is money in the 2017 budget, but nothing if we wish to contribute right now. Building Commissioner Phil Brown was in attendance and stated that it would be a fairly long process to get to the point of tearing down or cleaning up one of these properties and funding probably would not be needed this year. All were in agreement that there needs to be some time of plan before we contribute funds

to this type of project. Kroeger made a motion to deny the request for an additional appropriation of \$7,500.00 for blighted properties. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Health Insurance **\$100,000.00**

Gogel stated that this additional is being requested to ensure we have enough money to finish the year. Auditor Winkler stated that we currently still have around \$200,000.00, but there is no way of knowing what claims will be coming in. If the money is not needed it will not be used and will just roll back into the Rainy Day fund balance. Winsett stated that he is opposed to approving this and encourages his fellow councilmen to deny it also, because no one has given him an answer as to why we haven't bid it out. Bunner stated that he is on the health insurance committee and they are actively looking at ways to cut cost and bid it out. Winsett was pleased to hear that this is being discussed. Auditor Winkler again stressed that this money will not be spent unless there are claims to pay. Kress made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$100,000.00 from the Rainy Day fund for health insurance. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

Immunization Grant

Salary/Fringe	\$34,546.20
Supplies	\$5,409.30
Travel/Contracts/Flu Awareness	\$9356.50
Equipment	\$2,000.00

Donna Etienne and Kim Hay came before the council to request an additional appropriation of \$51,312.00 for their immunization grant. This is the same grant we received last year, but this year we only received 25% of what we received last year. All the counties that received this grant last year automatically received it again this year. We have seen an approximate 23% increase in immunizations with this grant. It has been a great benefit to the county and we're thankful to have received it again. Benton made a motion to approve the \$51,312.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Sheriff Dept.

Decrease: Sr. Deputy	1000-105-4114.03	\$5,000.00
Increase: Probationary Deputy	1000-105-4114.05	\$5,000.00
Decrease: Sr. Jailer	1000-132-4113.10	\$20,000.00
Increase: Jailer	1000-132-4113.00	\$20,000.00

These transfers are needed to correct the payroll accounts. There has been some turnover and employees transfer to other departments throughout the year, so money needs to be transferred to the correct accounts. Benton made a motion to approve the transfers. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Community Corrections

Decrease: GED Equipment	1122-000-4446.50	\$2,000.00
Increase: GED Supplies	1122-000-4210.50	\$2,000.00
Decrease: GED Equipment	1122-000-4446.50	\$1,500.00
Increase: GED Services	1122-000-4310.50	\$1,500.00

Richard Hedrick explained that we had received a grant for \$4,000.00 for GED expenses and when we received the grant the full amount was put in the GED equipment line. We have expenses for service and supplies that need to be paid, so they are requesting a transfer from GED equipment into GED supplies and GED services. Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer request of \$3,500.00. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Building Inspector

Decrease: Office Supply	1000-133-4211.00	\$100.00
Decrease: Film and Batteries	1000-133-4221.00	\$75.00
Decrease: Code Books	1000-133-4324.00	\$54.00
Decrease: Printing	1000-133-4332.00	\$105.00
Decrease: Seminars	1000-133-4333.00	\$8.00
Decrease: Travel	1000-133-4322.00	\$8.00
Increase: Building Inspector	1000-133-4111.00	\$350.00

Phil Brown explained that he has done more inspections this year than normal and is running short on payroll money to finish the year. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$350.00 transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyor

Decrease: Repair of Equipment	1000-106-4362.00	\$200.00
Decrease: Field Help	1000-106-4393.00	\$635.00
Decrease: Computer Supplies	1000-106-4242.00	\$120.00
Increase: Office Equipment	1000-106-4421.00	\$955.00

Commissioner Gogel explained that the computer being used by the current surveyor is his personal computer and the transfer requested is for the county to purchase a computer for the surveyor's office. The county has a quote of \$835.00 for the new computer and the remaining transfer is to pay for a printer/copier/fax machine that Herron recently purchased. Benton made a motion to approve the transfer. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Commissioners

Decrease: Spencer County Ambulance Service	1000-130-4392.00	\$47,100.00
Increase: Equipment Ambulance	1000-130-4441.00	\$47,100.00

Commissioner Gogel informed the council that in 2014 we were made aware of a program that helps get us reimbursements for Medicaid runs for the ambulance service. We were told at the time that a percentage of all ambulance expenses and county expenses that were related to the ambulance service could be used towards this reimbursement. We have now been told that the ambulance service expenses cannot be used only county expenses for the ambulance service. A transfer is being requested from the budgeted Spencer County Ambulance Service line in the commissioner's budget to a separate account called Equipment Ambulance. This is money that has already been budgeted to the ambulance service. The ambulance service wants to purchase new CPR machines, but the county needs to pay for them for us to be eligible for the reimbursement. Gogel is requesting \$47,100.00 be transferred from the Spencer County Ambulance Service account to the Equipment Ambulance account in the commissioner's budget. Gogel stated that in the future when working on budgets we may just want to separate a portion of the ambulance service money for purchases such as this. Kress made a motion to approve transferring \$47,100.00. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill reported that he sent out the letters to all depts. about not requesting additional appropriations or doing transfers.

New Business

Spaetti mentioned that he was contacted by Nathan Helms the President of the Advisory Board stating that he felt Jennifer Adams, Plan Commission Director should receive extra pay for the duties she has picked up doing ADA and Title VI work. This was discussed at budget time and all agreed that extra compensation was not needed. Many employees in the county have had to take over additional duties with their position over the years without additional compensation. Employees are paid by the position, not by piece work. Spaetti stated he just wanted to make the council aware that he was contacted with this request.

Benton reported that the broadband committee is still actively working on internet options. It was decided that a request for information would be sent out to see what companies were interested in providing service to the county. Then we will have someone help us go through possible proposals and try to find a feasible option. Spaetti requested that the council not let this project fall to the back burner, it is something the county really needs. There will be lots of research done before any commitment is made to a project or how to fund it.

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

Bill Spaetti
President

Attest:
Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Steve Winkler

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David Kress

Todd Ruxer

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**County Council Meeting
December 20, 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 Council President Bill Spaetti at 5:00 P.M

Minutes

Winsett made a motion to approve the November 15th minutes as presented. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfers

Clerk

Decrease: Clerical Assistant	1000-121-4112.00	\$736.75
Decrease: Poll Workers	1000-121-4117.00	\$455.00
Decrease: Poll Workers Training	1000-121-4119.01	\$101.20
Increase: Absent Voter Board	1000-121-4113.00	\$1,292.95

Clerk Sara Arnold came before the council to request a transfer to Absent Voter Board for \$1,292.95. There was such a huge turnout this year and so many absentee ballots it required more hours than anticipated. Benton made a motion to approve the \$1,292.95 transfer. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Decrease: Election Supplies	1000-121-4211.00	\$1,660.00
Decrease: Computer Supplies	1000-121-4222.00	\$750.00
Decrease: Freight	1000-121-4243.00	\$150.00
Decrease: Travel	1000-121-4324.00	\$1,068.00
Decrease: Election Coding	1000-121-4362.00	\$2,025.00
Decrease: Postage	1000-121-4321.00	\$2,147.00
Increase: Equipment	1000-121-4441.00	\$7,800.00

Arnold stated they are requesting a transfer to purchase 2 more voting machines. The long range plan is to hopefully startup a satellite to alleviate lines at the courthouse and that would require 2 additional machines. We currently only have 2 backup machines and in the Spring we had to use them. There was additional money left in the budget this year, so they are requesting to transfer it to make the purchase. Lindsey stated that there is not an election next year so the need is not immediate, but they figured since there was money left in the budget they would go ahead and request it. They understand if the board wishes to wait on this purchase until next year and fund from cum cap or another fund. After discussion it was decided that since there is not an immediate need, we should conserve the county general funds and request out of cum cap next year. Benton made a motion to deny the request. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway

Decrease: Social Security	1176-004-4121.00	\$197.00
Increase: Mechanics	1176-004-4112.00	\$197.00

Gogel stated that they payroll line for mechanics was a little short, maybe they worked a little overtime and we need to transfer to finish the last payroll. Auditor Winkler stated that we came up a little short on the budget amount and there was a little cushion in social security to make up the difference for their final pay. Ruxer made a motion to approve the transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved. Winsett opposed due to no one from the Highway Dept. being present. Auditor Winkler stated that in their defense she told them she would handle it, because it was payroll and she told them exactly what needed to be transferred. Commissioner Gogel stated that he is a part of the Highway Dept. and he is present. Winsett did not wish to approve the transfer.

Coroner

Decrease: Deputy	1000-107-4112.00	\$174.00
Increase: Lead Investigator	1000-107-4113.00	\$174.00
Decrease: Deputy	1000-107-4112.00	\$650.00
Increase: Emergency Special Deputy	1000-107-4132.00	\$650.00

Auditor Winkler explained that two accounts would come up short for payroll and a transfer is needed. Kroeger asked what would happen if the transfer is not approved and Auditor Winkler stated there will be employees that do not get paid. Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved. Winsett opposed due to the coroner not being present.

Building Inspector

Decrease: Seminars	1000-133-4333.00	\$25.00
Increase: Building Inspector	1000-133-4111.00	\$25.00

Benton made a motion to approve the \$25.00 transfer. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved. Winsett opposed due to building inspector not being present.

Circuit Court

Decrease: Referee	1000-136-4143.00	\$304.73
Increase: GAL Services	1000-136-4141.00	\$304.73
Decrease: Referee	1000-136-4143.00	\$4,160.09
Increase: Pauper Attorney	1000-136-4133.00	\$4,160.09
Decrease: Pauper Documents	1000-136-4139.00	\$33.56
Increase: Pauper Attorney	1000-136-4133.00	\$33.56
Decrease: Referee	1000-136-4143.00	\$195.18
Increase: Interpreter	1000-136-4140.00	\$195.18

Auditor Winkler stated that we have bills already turned in for these 4 transfers. Kroeger stated that if we do not approve the transfer and pay the bills it will come out of next year and distort that budget. Kroeger made a motion to approve the requested transfers. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved. Winsett opposed due to circuit court not being present.

Jury Pay

Decrease: Employee	1164-000-4111.00	\$4,053.71
Increase: Other Expenditures	1164-000-4010.00	\$4,053.71

Auditor Winkler explained that she is requesting this transfer to correct the books for year end. There was an additional \$5,000.00 requested at the beginning of the year in the employee line that was actually not supposed to be paid to the employee. There was an employee being paid from this fund and 2 other funds. Only a portion of the salary was to come from this fund, but when the additional was done the full amount was requested. This left \$5,000.00 unused in the employee account. There were claims turned in to pay jurors for a jury trial and not enough money in the account to cover all the jurors. Paying those claims left the account \$4,053.71 in the negative, due to paying jurors. Auditor Winkler is requesting that \$4,053.71 be transferred from the employee account to the other expenditures account to zero out the negative in that account for year end. This is necessary bookkeeping cleanup. Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer of \$4,053.71. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved. Winsett opposed.

County User Fee

Decrease: Employee	2500-000-4111.00	\$495.00
Increase: Other Expenditures	2500-000-4010.00	\$495.00

Auditor Winkler explained that the County User Fee Fund receives a certain amount of money from tickets and that different law enforcement agencies can come and request that portion of the tickets they issued. It was caught at year end that \$495.00 more than was appropriated had been paid out to law enforcement agencies and this account was in the negative. The transfer is requested to zero out the negative in the other expenditures account for year end. Benton made a motion to approve the transfer of \$495.00 from the employee account to the other expenditures account. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved. Winsett opposed.

2017 Salary Ordinance

Auditor Winkler presented the 2017 salary ordinance for council approval. Bunner made a motion to approve the 2017 salary ordinance. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Jeff Lindsey – AK Steel Settlement Fund

Lindsey presented Resolution 2016-13 for council approval. This resolution will approve paying Attorney Lindsey \$3,158.82 for work done on the AK Steel settlement. Lindsey reported that we won with the IBTR and Tax Court, but AK Steel has now appealed with the Indiana Supreme Court. We have until February to produce our evidence and argument. Spaetti asked how much we have in the AK Steel settlement fund and Lindsey stated right around \$213,000.00. Kress made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Re-organization Meeting

Spaetti asked what date and time would work for everyone to re-organize, Bunner stated Jan. 3rd at 7:45 a.m. Benton suggested 8:00 a.m. and Ruxer stated he couldn't be anywhere until 8:30. Bunner made a motion to schedule the re-organization meeting for Jan. 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved with Spaetti and Kress abstaining.

Melissa Brockman – Spencer County Tourism

Brockman came to present the 2017 tourism commission budget. At the end of 2016 their income is up just over 0.5% and their expenses are down 9%. There is a slight increase in income projected for 2017 at around possibly 3%. The budget is pretty basic, they have shaved back a few areas to try and save money for a new visitor's center. Something new for 2017 is destination kiosks that will be placed throughout the county. The Tourism Commission received a grant for 3 kiosks, which they are thinking may be located at Lincoln Commerce Center, one outside Holiday Foods in Santa Claus, and one in Holiday World. Brockman stated they plan to send out an events mailer to every Spencer County resident again that shows all the holiday events happening in the county. Spaetti asked about the tourism commission office space and Brockman stated they are still currently rent free, which was an agreement setup by Philip Koch. That will be available for possibly 2.5 more years, but the issue is that the office is not accessible to anyone with disabilities, because it's located in a basement. The plan is to build a new visitor's center in Santa Claus and then move their office there. They are hoping to apply for a state grant that could possibly be \$150,000.00, but they have to have a plan in place and be able to match the grant. Benton asked Brockman if she felt that internet advertising wasn't profitable, because he noticed they cut \$30,000.00 out of their budget for 2017. Brockman stated that they redesigned their website in 2016 and that was the \$30,000.00 expense. All are in agreement that the tourism commission does a great job. Kroeger made a motion to approve the Tourism Commission budget. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

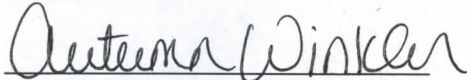
Spaetti introduced his family in attendance and Kroeger thanked them for sharing him with us for so many years. Spaetti shared with the board some of his fondest memories through the last 28 years of service to Spencer County. Spaetti stated that Spencer County has always worked together regardless of politics to do the best for the taxpayers and he hopes it stays that way. Attorney Wetherill stated that he would also be leaving at year end and has greatly enjoyed working with everyone. Everyone expressed great gratitude to all those leaving, they will be missed.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler

