

Council Meeting
July 17, 2007 - 5:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Spaetti, Councilmen Spaetti, Bunner, Ebert, Winsett, Kress, Cochenour, and Attorney Wetherill were present.

Minutes

June 19, 2007 minutes. Winsett made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriations

Reassessment Assessor Arnold explained that bids were accepted for a 2 year contract to handle the trending for the county. After reviewing the proposals and interviews with the bidders, the low bid submitted by Reller was accepted. Arnold requested an additional for \$69,700 to cover the two year contract. Cochenour made a motion to accept. Ebert seconded. All in favor. Spaetti asked Arnold if she has heard back from the North Spencer School Corporation regarding the Kimball assessment appeal. Arnold stated that it will be going before the board this week.

County General

Computers – Auditor Shelton requested an additional of \$7,320 to pay for a contractual increase in the fee paid to a software provider. Ebert made the motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Legal Services – Council – Spaetti explained that the money budgeted for the council legal fees is in the negative and the county is required to appropriate the money before work is done. Spaetti requested an additional of \$5,000. Wetherill stated he does no work for the council unless it is specifically requested by the council. Ebert made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff Equipment – Sheriff Lindsey stated the request can be disregarded.

Jail – Lindsey requested \$30,000 to pay for utilities for the rest of the year at the jail. Bunner made a motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Jail/Medical, Hospital, & Dental – Lindsey stated that the jail has had an inmate who had a heart attack and also one with cancer, plus the pharmaceuticals, and the amount budgeted has been used up faster than expected. He requested an additional of \$25,000. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Capital Trial Expense – Spaetti reminded the council that Judge Roell told them last month that he would need to request more money and that he would not be able to attend the meeting. The Judge's office called before the meeting and stated they already have bills totaling \$122,000. The request submitted was for \$100,000. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Riverboat

Legal Services/231 Plaza – Wetherill stated that currently the attorneys are working on a reply to a brief submitted by the defense for the 231 Plaza. He projected that \$30,000 will be needed in legal fees. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Transfers

Building Commissioner – Inspector Jerry Bender was not present. Spaetti stated that Bender has requested \$241.98 be transferred from Building Commissioner to Office Supplies to purchase 6 receipt books. Ebert made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. Six in favor. Winsett opposed because Bender did not attend the meeting. The motion passed.

EMA – Director Perdue stated that several special meetings were called for the Advisory Board and the budgeted money is low. He requested a transfer of \$1,000 from Meeting Allowance to Advisory Meeting Allowance. Kress made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Salary Ordinances

Prosecutor Dartt and Auditor Shelton explained that with the prior additional to the Community Drug Court Program, the salary ordinance needs to be amended because now salary is all being taken out of Community Drug Court. The pay received will be the same. Ebert made a motion to sign the ordinance. Bunner seconded. All in favor. Dartt also discussed a meeting he attended regarding the Community Corrections Board and the potential he sees for the county.

Shelton also gave the council the salary ordinance to change the pay for the Recorder's Part Time Help which was approved in the last meeting but was not signed. The ordinance was signed.

Drainage Ordinance

Spaetti discussed the Drainage Ordinance which was included in the councilmen's packet. He encouraged the council to look over the ordinance and it will be on the next agenda. Commissioner Logsdon is available for questions on the ordinance.

Chrisney Library

Wetherill stated that a grant was applied for by the Town of Chrisney for a library and was denied the first time. Wetherill asked the council if he could draft a letter of support from the council to be included in the reapplication of the grant. Winsett stated that Chrisney raised over \$70,000 on their own for the library. Winsett made a motion for Wetherill to draft a letter of support from the council. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

LOIT

Discussion was had on the options for income based taxes which counties can adopt. No action was taken.

CF-1

Kress made a motion to sign the CF-1 for AK Steel. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Bunner made a motion to sign the CF-1 for Rockport Roll. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Cochenour made a motion to adjourn. Ebert seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm.

County Council,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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