

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

Present: Bill Spaetti, Charlie Waninger, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Jane Lynam

The meeting was called to order by the President Bill Spaetti at 4:30 P.M.

***Non-Binding Reviews***

Carter Township, Clay Township, Grass Township, Hammond Township, Harrison Township, Huff Township, Jackson Township, Luce Township, Ohio Township, Chrisney Civil Town, Gentryville Civil Town, Grandview Civil Town, Dale Civil Town, Richland Civil Town, Rockport Civil Town, Santa Claus Civil Town, Carter Fire Protection District, Spencer County Solid Waste, Lincoln Heritage Public Library, Spencer County Public Library, South Spencer School Corp., North Spencer School Corporation  
Each entity was discussed as announced. Questions were raised on Rockport Civil Town because all the information required by the Board for review was not submitted. Kroeger felt the Libraries should have been binding and told the Auditor to check with Robert Norris with the State Board of Accounts to make sure whether they are binding or non-binding. Wetherill will issue letters to each entity with the Council recommendations.

***Binding Reviews***

Motion was made for the first reading of the binding budgets by Kress. Motion was seconded by Kroeger, motion passed.

***Minutes***

A motion was made by Bunner to approve the minutes from the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Motion was seconded by Kroeger, motion passed.

***Additional***

***County General***

Circuit Court/Guardian Ad Litem \$4,000.

Circuit Court/Pauper Attorney \$30,000.

Kress made a motion to approve both the Guardian Ad Litem for \$4,000, and Pauper Attorney for \$30,000. Motion was seconded by Bunner, motion passed.

County Council-Legal Fees \$6,000.

Kroeger made a motion to approve \$5,000 for Legal Fees. Motion was seconded by Kress, motion passed.

Commissioners-2011 SIRS Budgeted Appropriation Not Disbursed \$12,500.

Winsett made a motion to approve the \$12,500. Motion was seconded by Bunner, motion approved.

***Riverboat***

Community Corrections/Local Match Drug Court Grant \$15,188

Winsett made a motion to approve the \$15,188. Motion was seconded by Bunner, motion passed.

***CEDIT***

Remaining 2012 Paving and Striping Projects \$300,000

Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$300,000. Motion was seconded by Knepper, motion passed.

***Transfers***

Jail-Decrease Senior Jailers \$65,000 and Increase Jailers \$65,000

Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer of \$65,000 from Senior Jailers to Jailers. Motion was seconded by Knepper, motion approved.

***Legal Report***

Wetherill reported that the Redevelopment Commission and the Commissioners had approved fees for Ice Miller and Jeff Lindsey from the AK Steel Settlement Funds, and signed Resolutions for such. Kroeger made a motion to go along with the Redevelopment Commission and the Commissioners approving the two claims from the AK Steel Settlement money. Motion was seconded by Kress, motion approved.

Wetherill will prepare the Resolution for the County Council to sign.

Kroeger made a comment concerning the AK Steel Settlement. He said it was important to the county going forward, years to come, that we are successful in this endeavor to get the appropriate amount of property taxes that we have agreed, and that is legal within the State of Indiana to get from AK Steel. It seems like a lot of money, but in the big picture, it was almost imperative, no question, that we had to go through with the legal process to make sure we get what we deserve.

Winsett said he felt we needed to watch what we spend out of that fund because the trial date had been moved up to December, from October and if we spend too much money we won't have enough money to pay the lawyers.

Spaetti thanked Kroeger for all the work he did on the binding and the non-binding reviews.

Waninger made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded the motion; meeting was adjourned at 5:54.

Council reconvened at 5:58 for the purpose of making a decision on keeping the COIT and CEDIT tax rates the same for 2013 as they were in 2012. Motion was made to leave it the same by Kroeger, seconded by Bunner, motion passed.

Kroeger made a motion to not adopt the LOIT tax for 2013. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Motion was made by Bunner to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Kress, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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President

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Auditor

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