

Council Meeting

June 15, 2010 – 5:30 pm

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

Moment of Silence – Will Koch

Spaetti asked for a moment of silence in honor of Will Koch.

Minutes

05/18/2010 minutes; After a correction under COIT, Ebert made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Sheriff/Vehicle Repairs – Chief Deputy McDurmon requested \$5,000 for vehicle repair. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Engineer/Computer Supplies – Engineer Lloyd requested \$5,250 for Auto-CAD software. The council asked her to re-request from Cum Bridge.

Cum Bridge

151 Huffman Mill Bridge – Engineer Lloyd requested \$231,900 for the repairs to Huffman Mill Bridge. The county received an 80% grant, but it is a reimbursable grant. The county will be responsible for 20%, of which, Perry County will pay half. The total project is estimated to cost \$240,000. The commissioners decided to pay \$8,100 out of the Covered Bridge Fund. Bunner made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Pre-Trial

Prosecutor/Computer Access – Prosecutor Wilkinson requested \$2,080 for Computer Access. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Rainy Day

Emergency Communications System – The commissioners requested \$1,500 for the grant writing for the upgrades required in the Emergency Communications System. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Proclamation – Will Koch

The following proclamation was read and presented for approval:

WHEREAS, all of Spencer County has been shocked and saddened by the untimely and unfortunate death of Will Koch, our native son, entrepreneur, and benefactor; and

WHEREAS, one of the premier worthy causes to which Will devoted his time, talent, and resources has been the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association, serving for many years behind the scenes and then as its President from 2007 until his death on June 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, under Will's leadership the Drama Association and its many supporters succeeded in 2007 in persuading the Indiana General Assembly and the Governor's office to fund the extensive renovation of the Outdoor Amphitheatre in Lincoln State Park together with the creation and production of the new and exciting drama "LINCOLN: Upon the Altar of Freedom"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED that the County Council of Spencer County, Indiana, on behalf of the many beneficiaries of the foresight and leadership provided by Will Koch to the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association and all of his other worthy causes throughout our county, state, and nation, expresses our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Will Koch and our sincere appreciation for all the benefits which will be enjoyed by all of us for many years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the members of the Spencer County Council have hereunto set their hands, this 15th day of June, 2010.

Kress made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse Maintenance

Maintenance Supervisor Glenn discussed the tuck-pointing of the courthouse and the replacement of the doors. Glenn also discussed the need for a new roof on the courthouse. He showed samples of the material he

recommends the county use. The council agreed that the commissioners should request the money for the new roof from the Cumulative Capital Fund next month.

Transfer

Engineer Lloyd requested a transfer of \$8,100 from the Covered Bridge Fund to the Huffman Mill Bridge Fund. Winsett made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor. *(After the meeting it was determined the transfer was not necessary and the \$8,100 for the Huffman Mill Bridge repairs can be paid directly out of the Covered Bridge Fund.)*

St. Meinrad Water

Ebert asked the council to reaffirm their commitment and support to the St. Meinrad Water Utilities efforts to receive funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by signing a statement to be presented at the public hearing. Kress made a motion to sign the statement. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Luce Sewer

Nora Yeager presented the estimated operating expenses for the Luce Township Regional Sewer District for the next seven months, with Monthly bills totaling \$3,560.41, Personnel and Operational Expenses totaling \$18,286.88, Insurance totaling \$3,220.00, and Law Suit Defense totaling \$ 10,000.00. After Yeager discussed the estimated expenses she read the following statement:

I am aware that the last item on the spreadsheet is problematical for you. Spending money for legal services to fight a lawsuit is not what you want to do. We agree! We would rather not be spending money on defending this lawsuit, either. We didn't file the lawsuit. We are the victims and we have to defend ourselves. We understand and accept that you probably will not fund legal services. It is our hope you will provide us funds to carry-on with operations so that we may receive the gift of \$9,000,000.00 and provide our people with a sewer system that will raise the value of homes; that will make it possible to sell our homes when the time comes to do so, when we need to move because of a job transfer, when we are ready to move to a bigger house as our children multiply and grow, and when we need the money from our investment in our home for our end of life care in a nursing home.

Winsett asked why the district's liability insurance is not paying for the lawsuit. Yeager explained that the insurance will not get involved because they are not being sued for money. Winsett also discussed the amounts listed in the original 2002-08 ordinance stating the amounts "not to exceed" and said the current project does exceed that amount. Yeager said costs have continued to rise and Umbaugh has updated the numbers on the project several times.

Spaetti stated the discussion at this meeting is to decide whether or not to give LTRSD any money for operating expenses. Discussion was had on whether to give the whole amount, minus the legal fees for the law suit, or divide the money up by month. Winsett suggested making the distribution monthly. Bunner suggested giving half the funds now. Kroeger made a motion to approve three months of operating expenses, minus the fees to defend the lawsuit, in the amount of \$10,750. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Mid America Terminals

Bruce Kanipe, President of Mid America Terminals, Inc, discussed applying for a TIGER Grant and asked for the support of the council. Kroeger asked Kanipe to complete the abatement worksheet. Kanipe stated he will keep the council informed of his progress.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Winsett seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

County Council,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
