

Council Meeting

January 19, 2010 – 5:30 pm

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

Jail Intercom System

Chief Deputy McDurmon and Jail Maintenance Supervisor Higdon discussed a proposal to replace/retrofit the intercom and scream alarm system in the jail. Currently the jail does not comply with state regulations. Every alternative has been explored and repairs can no longer be done. The total cost of the replacement/retrofit would be \$22,437. The commissioners voted to request the funds at the next council meeting from the Cum Cap Fund.

Minutes

12/15/2009 minutes; Ebert made a motion to approve the minutes. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

01/05/2010 minutes; Kroeger requested a clarification on his motion regarding Sceptre Mechanical.

Winsett made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Special Meeting

Spaetti discussed the scheduling of the special meeting regarding the Sceptre Mechanical Tax Phase-in Hearing to be held on February 2 at 7:00 am.

Additional Appropriations

Probation Users' Fee

Secretary/FICA/PERF - Judge Dartt stated the Probation Users' Fee funds are generated through offenders and probationers. Currently the county employs two full-time officers who are responsible for over 500 probationers and no secretary. Dartt requested the council approve the addition of a secretary to be paid for out of the Probation Users' Fee Fund. The amounts requested are \$28,550 for salary, \$2,185 for FICA, and \$2,998 for PERF. After a discussion, Dartt stated he understood the position would be eliminated if the Probation Users' Fee Fund could no longer pay for it. Discussion was also had on money being contributed from the fund if the employee requested health insurance. Ebert made a motion to approve the request with the conditions that the position be funded entirely by the Probation Users' Fee Fund and if the employee requests health insurance, the fund will also contribute to the health insurance costs. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Drug Testing Program – Dartt requested \$10,000 for the set up of the Drug Testing Program. This would be an offender-pay program but it has start-up costs. It should eventually become self-sufficient. After further discussion, Kroeger made a motion to approve \$5,000. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

County General

Prosecutor/Computer for Bad Check Program – Prosecutor Wilkinson requested re-appropriation of \$2,000 for a computer for the Bad Check Program. The money was appropriated in November but the bill was not received to encumber the funds. After discussion it was determined \$1,000 would be sufficient to pay for the computer. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$1,000. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Child Support/Computers - Wilkinson requested re-appropriation of \$5,000 for computers in the Child Support office. The money was appropriated in November but the bill was not received to encumber the funds. After discussion it was determined \$4,300 would be sufficient to pay for the computers. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$4,300. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Pre-Trial Diversion

Prosecutor/Computers – Wilkinson requested \$7,000 for computers in the Prosecutor's office. After discussion it was determined \$5,300 would be sufficient to pay for the computers. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$5,300. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Riverboat

231 Adult Plaza Litigation – The commissioners requested \$20,000 for the litigation of the 231 Adult Plaza. Kress made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

E911 Wireless

Shelton requested \$60,000 for the Installation Contracts for the E911 that had to be taken out of the E911 Landline budget. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Rainy Day

FEMA – The commissioners requested the balance of the FEMA grant funds be appropriated to pay for the disaster relief projects. Kress made a motion to approve the requested \$49,800. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Drainage Projects – The commissioners requested the appropriation of \$50,000 to be used for Drainage Projects. Ebert made a motion to approve \$50,000. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Annual Appropriations

Photo ID	\$40.
Continuing Education	\$700.
Clerk Perpetuation	\$11,000.
Accident and Theft	\$2,000.
Firearms and Training	\$17,000.
County Corrections	\$29,000.
County Inmate Medical	\$1,000.
Prisoner Reimbursement	\$6,000.

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Jury Fee \$25,000.

Kroeger made a motion to approve all annual appropriations. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Transfers

Veteran's Services – Officer Lawson requested a decrease in Office Machines and an increase in Repair of Equipment in the amount of \$120. Winsett made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Luce Township Regional Sewer District

Matt Steinkamp, council appointment to LTRSD board, stated the officers of LTRSD for 2010 are as follows: John Wood, President; Jim Stevenson, Vice President; Matt Steinkamp, Secretary; Nora Yeager, Treasurer.

Indiana Region 15 – Steinkamp reported 67 more surveys need to be returned for the Income Survey to have a good sample. 154 were re-mailed due to incorrect addresses.

Cost Estimate from Umbaugh – Steinkamp gave the council a copy of the new cost estimate by Umbaugh. Kroeger took issue with the inclusion of the column "Less Co. COIT Pledge". Kroeger stated a note should be added that the pledge is subject to new approval by the county council. As of right now, there is no COIT pledge to the project.

Cost to homeowner – John Wood and Steinkamp both discussed the future estimated costs to the individual homeowners. Any excess funds will be used to assist seniors and low-income homeowners. Also, Rural Development offers assistance to seniors and low-income homeowners. Attorney Lindsey stated no official action has been taken to eliminate tap-on fees, but that is a goal of the board. Wood stated the amount of assistance will depend largely on the income survey.

OCRA Grant – Wood briefly discussed the OCRA Grant and how the county would ultimately have to be the ones who apply for the grant if the district qualifies. Ed Ingram stated all easements would have to be in place before the county can apply for the grant.

Wink Trailer Corporation

Wetherill stated a resolution to designate the land to be leased by Wink Trailer Corporation as an Economic Revitalization Area was presented to the council. Wetherill explained that if the resolution is passed then a hearing will be set and the resolution can be modified, if needed, at the hearing.

Jim Wink stated zoning will need to be changed but he is taking the steps to have it changed with the Board of Zoning.

LEDC Director Utter discussed the benefits Wink Trailer will bring to the county in tax revenue and new jobs.

Discussion was had on the number of years to approve for the Tax Phase-In. Wetherill reminded the council that the number can be increased or decreased at the hearing. Kroeger made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-02 designating a portion of Spencer County, Indiana, as an Economic Revitalization Area and approving abatement for Wink Trailer Corporation for five years for personal property for new manufacturing. Winsett seconded. The motion passed with a vote of five to one with Kress opposing. Kress stated he felt five years was too long.

The public hearing will be set for February 16. The notice must be advertised one time ten days prior to the hearing date.

Ebert made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

County Council,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
