

**County Council Meeting
June 21, 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

Ruxer made a motion to approve the May 17th minutes as presented. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Maximus IV-D \$7,500.00

Judge Dartt explained that there was no money budgeted for Maximus due to us not having a referee or magistrate and being unable to claim IV-D. We now have a referee handling IV-D cases and can begin claiming for IV-D funds again. Maximus handles filing the claims for us, so we need funding to pay them.

Computer Supplies \$1,000.00

Dartt explained that he had requested more money at budget time than what he actually received, so they are already down to \$173.00 in this account. This will not be enough money to finish the year, so he is requesting \$1,000.00, but feels they can probably get by with \$500.00

Interpreter \$1,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that the request for the Interpreter was advertised incorrectly at the May meeting, which only allowed them to receive \$1,000.00 when they had requested \$2,000.00. This is the additional \$1,000.00 that was requested at the May meeting.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$7,500.00 for Maximus, \$500.00 for Computer Supplies, and \$1,000.00 for Interpreter for a total of \$9,000.00. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Cap

Courtroom Security \$30,532.00

Dartt explained that the courtroom reporting equipment needs to be upgraded. It is critical that the reporting equipment is working correctly at all times and we have had this equipment since 2009 and cannot get repairs or service for it any longer. We are out of warranty, our computers are old and they cannot get replacement parts for them, and we were instructed that we have to upgrade this equipment. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$30,532.00 out of Cum Cap. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General

Legal Services \$2,500.00

Auditor Winkler explained that we have already depleted the Legal Services line in the commissioner's budget, because we received a bill from Kent Irwin, a legal counsel from Indy, at the beginning of the year for services rendered last year and it pretty well wiped out the account. Irwin has been contacted recently by Attorney Lindsey and we should be receiving another bill. This amount will hopefully get us through the remainder of the year. Benton made a motion to approve the \$2,500.00 for Legal Services. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Riverboat

Voting Software \$59,500.00

Sara Arnold explained that our voting machines need a software upgrade. We had a few issues in the primary and do not want to have machines go down during the general election. The cost to purchase 72 new machines is around \$280,000.00 versus just upgrading the software at \$59,500.00. We will receive a 4 year warranty and they anticipate it extending the life of the machines by 10 years. Kress made a motion to approve the \$59,500.00 out of Riverboat for voting machine software. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill presented Ordinance 2016-08 to transfer \$1,995,517.63 from the CEDIT fund to the Rainy Day fund to be used for the Community Crossings Grant. INDOT has stated specific funds that may be used for the grant match with Rainy Day being one of them, so it is necessary to move all intended match dollars to that fund. Bunner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-08 transferring \$1,995,517.63 from the CEDIT fund to the Rainy Day fund. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Administrator

Logsdon explained that Cindy Painter, current Highway Administrator will be retiring effective December 15th and we need to work on hiring her replacement. The commissioner's are seeking permission to request an additional appropriation for funding to get someone hired as soon as possible for training. Logsdon explained the importance of this position and stated that they feel the salary should be at a minimum of \$30,000.00. All were in agreement that they need to request an additional appropriation and hire someone as soon as possible.

Jim Dauby – PSCI

Spaetti stated that something the county always hears in meetings is the need for high speed internet countywide. Dauby explained the process of how PSC has been able to provide broadband internet to certain areas and not others. PSC has been dependent on government funding to assist in expanding their area, by using Universal Service Funds which can only be used on their regulated cooperative territory. The corridor from Dale down US 231 is not part of their regulated cooperative territory therefore they cannot use USF to reach that area. This area is completely market driven with other providers. There has to be a return for PSC to be willing to invest dollars in that area. In 2009 when the economy collapsed there were stimulus grants awarded and one was for providing broadband internet to rural areas. PSC created a plan, invested dollars in preparing this plan and was awarded the grant. Within 24 – 36 hours of receiving the award it was retracted without a formal explanation of why. The cost for this project would have been 21 million dollars. PSC is doing everything they can to try and get service here, but it just does not make good business sense for them to fully invest in this project. The county is willing to look into the possibility of contributing funds to get internet here, but we need a plan laid out of what to expect before pledging funds.

Janice Weber – Community Corrections

Weber came before the council to explain some additional grant funding she received. Community Corrections was awarded an additional \$33,700.00 which they will use for salaries. This extra funding has provided them the opportunity to hire another PT Case Manager. It was also discussed that Probation received additional funding for a FT Field Officer. Judge Dartt explained that this would be like another FT Deputy that the Sheriff would be required to hire. This person will go to residence and check on individuals on probation. Dartt stated that the individual will work for Probation and the Sheriff. Kroeger expressed his concern with this being a new full time merit employee with pension. The amount awarded will possibly cover the salary, FICA, and pension contribution, but will not cover any unfunded liability.

Elaine Beatty

Beatty came to present some information on Public Safety Tax and informed the council that you can get on the states website and see other counties that have implemented this tax. Kroeger expressed that he doesn't feel we need to implement a new tax without first determining the cost of security.

New Business

Ethics Policy

An ethics policy that goes along with the new internal controls process was presented for council approval. State Board of Accounts is now requiring all counties to establish internal controls and this policy is another part of that process. Benton made a motion to approve the ethics policy. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bunner stated that at the insurance meeting earlier in the day it was discussed that renewal is coming up and where we are currently with claims and cost. Another meeting was scheduled for July 5th at 8:00 a.m. to review renewal quotes. It was also discussed that Carolyn Beck with SIHO will work on a study to tell how much can be saved if we go to an even narrower network than we currently have.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President

Steve Winkler

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Jane King

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Todd Ruxer

David Kress