

**County Council Meeting
April 19, 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 minutes from March 15th as presented. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

New Business

Logsdon came before the council to explain all the details of the new grant funding program for roads. This program is being put in place by the state and Logsdon wanted to explain to the council what steps we have to take to be eligible to apply for the grant.

Additional Appropriations

Soil & Water \$1,250.00

Burke Sibrel and Courtney Hall came to request an additional appropriation of \$1,250.00 to fund keeping their part-time seasonal employee a little longer. She is graduating from college this spring after studying soil and water conservation and is a great asset to their department. They feel they will be short on funding to complete the summer months. She plays a large part in activities for 4-H fair week, plus additional summer events and they hope to keep her until the end of summer. Kress made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$1,250.00. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Voter Registration \$950.00

Clerk Sara Arnold requested an additional appropriation of \$950.00 to purchase a new computer for Voter Registration. Arnold stated the computer is 5-6 years old and has started freezing up and this is not a good year for that to happen. Voter Registration Clerk, John Rudisill received a new quote from Hewlett Packard for \$608.75, so Arnold is only requesting that amount. We were able to receive a better quote, due to the State of Indiana having a purchase agreement with HP. Bunner made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$608.75. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Law Enforcement \$1,000.00

Prosecutor Dan Wilkinson came to request an additional appropriation of \$1,000.00 to contribute to the Medicine Cabinet clean out day sponsored by the Spencer County Substance Abuse Council. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$1,000.00 additional appropriation from the Law Enforcement Fund. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Cum Cap \$50,000.00

Commissioner Gogel explained that the board requested the additional appropriation in the event that the bid for the jail clearance project was high and the county would need to contribute additional funding. But, the bid came in lower than anticipated and the additional appropriation is not needed.

Transfers

Community Corrections

Decrease: 9103-000-4114.00	Education Coordinator	\$13,132.42
Increase: 9103-000-4115.00	Clerical	\$7,700.00
Increase: 9103-000-4118.00	Grant Coordinator	\$5,432.42

Benton made a motion to approve the requested transfer. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill presented ordinance 2016-06 for council approval. This ordinance is to establish a Local Public Training Fund that will be used to assist in training expenses for law enforcement officers. Donations received will go into this fund and all expenditures will come before the county council as an additional appropriation for final approval. Ruxer made a motion to approve ordinance 2016-06 establishing the Local Public Training Fund. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Nick Held – Purdue Extension

Held came to update the council on the extension office and to introduce 2 new employees. Erin Meyer has recently joined the extension office as the Community Wellness Coordinator and Jennifer Allen as the Junior 4-H Development Educator. Meyer and Allen explained some of their job duties and what programs they are working on getting started. Allen has been active working in schools giving low income students the opportunity to get involved in 4-H. They are such an asset to our community and at no cost to the county; both positions are funded through Purdue.

New Business

Kroeger explained that he and Commissioner Gogel had recently attended a meeting put on by Purdue extension that gave lots of good information about local government budgets and taxes. Kroeger expressed strong encouragement that everyone tries to attend budget workshops and study how the budget process works. This is such a large critical part of county government and we all need to understand the process. Kroeger distributed handouts that gave specific numbers for Spencer County. There have been some changes made for budget year 2017 and the DLGF will now be required to give us the assessed value and the levy increase limit before budget season begins.

Kroeger informed everyone that the County Council Association had scheduled the state called meeting for June 18th in Shelbyville, Indiana. This meeting will provide lots of good information about the budget and changes that are taking place. This is not a mandatory meeting, but one that everyone should try and attend.

Redevelopment Report

Attorney Lindsey explained a few details on the report about the bond payments still due and stated that the assessed value for AK Steel will need to be added in for the 2017 budget. There has been confusion that we will have additional funds when the TIF ends, but what will happen is that the assessed value for AK Steel will now be added back in.

Budget Hearings

Bunner wanted to work on scheduling budget hearings for August and suggested August 24th, 25th, and 26th. All were in agreement that those dates would work. Bunner made a motion to set the budget hearing dates. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Benton made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler










