

Council Meeting
August 19, 2008 – 5:00 pm

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

Drainage Advisory Board

Drainage Board President Al Logsdon discussed the progress the Drainage Advisory Board and the Drainage Board have made in the past year. Surveyor Sublett documented the progress made by several before and after photos of the projects. Logsdon detailed how the money was spent and what projects were completed. Currently there is just over \$11,000 left in the money allotted for 2008. Logsdon requested an additional \$19,000

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advance on the 2009 allotment to continue doing work as long as the weather permits this year. The council was complimentary of the work done.

Minutes

07/02/2008 minutes; Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

07/15/2008 minutes; Winsett asked that a name be corrected on page 3, mistakenly listed as Jim Ingram instead of Ed Ingram. Cochenour made a motion to approve the minutes after the correction. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Spencer County Police Retirement Plan

Sheriff Lindsey stated that the Federal Internal Revenue Code required changes be made to the Police Retirement Plan. Lindsey explained that it will not change the way that the plan is administered or with the benefits because the Indiana state code is more restrictive than the federal code. Elaine Beaty of McCready and Keene will be meeting with the merit board to explain the change and answer any questions.

Longevity Pay

There was a brief discussion with the Sheriff on longevity pay. It was decided to discuss it further at the budget hearings.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Surveyor/Vehicle Maintenance – Surveyor Sublett requested \$550 for maintenance on the pickup truck and the off road vehicle. Kress made a motion to approve the additional. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Hammond Township Trustee Level II – Betty Jane Lynam requested \$500 for the unpaid half of her level II training. Only half of the \$1,000 was budgeted. Ebert made a motion to approve the additional. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Auditor/Postage – Auditor Shelton explained that tax sale notices are being sent out. Winsett made a motion to approve the request for \$2,800 for postage. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Auditor/Law Books – Shelton asked for an additional \$1,000 to pay for law book updates which have been unusually high this year due to all of the legislative changes. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse/phone – Shelton asked for an additional \$5,000 to pay the courthouse phone bill. She explained that each office pays for their own long distance but the main service bill is paid out of the courthouse bill. An additional was also needed last year. Discussion was had on why the bill was higher than the council felt it should be. Cochenour made a motion to table the request. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse/Maintenance – The commissioners requested an additional \$10,000 to pay for Maintenance Supervisor Joe King through the end of the year, working five hours per day five days a week. Discussion was had on prior agreements with the maintenance supervisor. Shelton stated that King was recently put on as a part-time employee instead of a contract employee. The council decided that the prior agreement of three hours per day five days a week was sufficient. Bunner made a motion to approve \$4,500. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

County Council/Legal Fees – Ebert made a motion to approve the requested \$5,000 for legal fees. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Highway

Gas, Oil and Lube – Highway Superintendent Painter explained that the fuel prices have risen at a rate much faster than expected. Discussion was had on how to better track how much fuel each department is using. Winsett made a motion to approve the \$70,000 requested. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

COIT

Public Safety Building Plans/Universal Design – The commissioners requested an additional of \$2,080 to pay for the Universal Design bill for working on the proposed public safety building plans. Discussion was had on where the bill should be paid from. Ebert made a motion to approve the additional. Kress seconded. All in favor.

LTRSD/Good Faith Payment – Last month the council signed an ordinance agreeing to pay LTRSD a good faith payment of \$150,000 with no obligation to make any other payments. Kroeger made a motion to

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approve the additional. Ebert seconded. The motion passed by a vote of five to two, with Cochenour and Winsett opposing.

CEDIT

Highway Paving Projects – Engineer Tara Lloyd explained that due to the high price of petroleum, the bids for the paving projects have come in higher than expected. Bunner made a motion to approve the requested additional \$500,000. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Pre-Trial Diversion

Victim Advocate Salary Balance and PERF – Prosecutor Jon Dartt explained the majority of the salary of the Victim Advocate is paid for by a grant and that each year he comes back to request the money needed to bring her salary level with the other county deputies and to fund PERF. Kress made a motion to approve the request. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Anderson River Fund

T.E. Grant Application – The commissioners requested an additional of \$1,000 to pay the application fee for a grant to raise the Huffman Mill Bridge to protect it from being washed away in a flood. Discussion was had on what fund the application fee should be taken out of. Commissioner Gogel stated that he thought it was going to be taken out of the Covered Bridge Fund. Shelton stated that Commissioner Rininger told her the Anderson River Fund. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional from the Anderson River Fund, and if the money needs to come out of Covered Bridge Fund it will be corrected later. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Family and Children

Family and Children services requested a total additional of \$262,000, for Child Welfare, Miscellaneous costs of Wards, Care of Wards in Institutions, and Probation. Kroeger made a motion to approve the request. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Rainy Day Fund

EMA / Equipment – EMA Director Al Perdue requested \$5,700 to pay for two generators. Discussion was had on whether both were needed. Ebert made a motion to approve the request. Kress seconded. The motion passed with a vote of six to one, with Winsett opposing.

Transfer

Sheriff - Sheriff Lindsey requested a transfer from Senior Deputy to Probation Deputy in the amount of \$10,200. Winsett made a motion to approve the transfer. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

County Engineer – Lloyd requested a transfer from Mileage to Equipment and Furnishing in the amount of \$300. The money will be used for the deductible resulting from a deer hitting her truck. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

County Engineer – Lloyd requested a transfer from Training to Equipment and Furnishing in the amount of \$300. The money will be put toward the purchase of a new traffic counter. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

County Engineer – Lloyd requested a transfer from Expenses to Equipment and Furnishing in the amount of \$300. The money will be put toward the purchase of a new traffic counter. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

EMA – Perdue requested a transfer from repair of equipment to pagers in the amount of \$689.58. Bunner made a motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

EMA – Perdue requested a transfer from Communications and Warnings to Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$400. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

EMA – Personnel

Perdue stated that his assistant director left for a better paying job in Warrick County. He would like for the council to consider funding both an assistant director and a full time secretary. The council will discuss during budget hearings.

Mileage Rate

Shelton gave the council information on the mileage rate and how the price of gasoline at the time the rate was set was only \$2.92 per gallon. The mileage rate will be discussed at budget time.

LTRSD

Matt Steinkamp, the council appointed board member for the LTRSD, reported that the board is looking into hiring a person to get easements. The board is also recruiting volunteers. Steinkamp is also personally working on getting easements and working on building a website with frequently asked questions.

Salary Ordinance

Shelton explained that since the maintenance supervisor position has now been made a part-time position an amendment to the salary ordinance must be signed. He will be paid \$15 per hour. Bunner made a motion to sign the amendment. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

AK Steel CF-1

Kroeger stated that he has examined the CF-1 which was completed by AK Steel and he spoke with their accountant. Kroeger recommended approval of the CF-1. Kroeger made a motion to approve the CF-1. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Tax Rate

Shelton asked if the council wanted to approve the current tax rates for the COIT and CEDIT tax. The discussion was tabled.

Community Corrections Salaries

Shelton explained that Community Corrections works on the state's budget timeline and their salaries need to be re-approved by the council. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Consultant Proposal

Kroeger discussed the proposal from Umbaugh and Associates to help the council with the changes in the tax laws and how they will impact the county. Discussion was had on asking other taxing units to help pay the expense.

Bunner made a motion to adjourn. Ebert seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

County Council,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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