

Council Meeting  
October 16, 2007 – 5:09 pm

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

Minutes

9/18/2007 minutes - Winsett and Spaetti discussed statements made regarding the LTRSD and a revision was made. Bunner made a motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriations

Cumulative Capital - Ambulance – Murray and Jane Stout discussed the request for the first payment for a new ambulance. Cochenour asked why they were only looking at Fords. Stout explained that they want to have all of the ambulances the same and only Ford will fit into the Rockport Ambulance Station. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$31,500. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Probation Users Fee – Judge Roell explained that a community service worker was hurt while serving and he was not covered by the liability insurance because he was not properly signed up for the program. The problem has now been remedied. The medical bills amount to approximately \$12,500. Ebert made a motion to approve the \$12,500. Kress seconded. All in favor.

County General – Auditor – Shelton explained that \$14,100 is needed to pay for the printing and supplies for the rebate checks mandated by the state. The mandate is unfunded. Ebert made a motion to approve the \$14,100. Cochenour seconded. All in favor. Kroeger made a motion to send a copy of the bill to the legislature and the Governor. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Office Supplies – Sheriff Lindsey explained that due to the increase in the number of cases, \$1,000 is needed for office supplies. Bunner made a motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Radio Repair - \$1,000 is needed for radio repair. Ebert made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Equipment – Sheriff Lindsey explained that the county received a grant for free laptops and brackets are needed for the vehicles to hold them. Lindsey requested \$1,500. Cochenour made a motion to approve \$750. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Meals – An additional of \$16,000 is needed for meals. Winsett made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Jail / Overtime – Lindsey stated that the jailers have accumulated too much comp time to be able to allow them the time off and he would like to pay out the time in overtime. Winsett made a motion to approve the \$6,000 requested. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Jail / Dispatcher Overtime – The dispatchers have the same problem with accumulated comp time. Bunner made a motion to approve the requested \$3,400. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Vehicle Repairs – Lindsey requested \$3,000 for vehicle repairs. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Gas, Oil & Lube – Lindsey requested \$15,000 for gas. Winsett made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Highway – Stone and Gravel & Bituminous - Highway Superintendent Painter explained that roads were damaged in the Vectren pole replacement project and Vectren paid the county for the repairs. The additional is needed to appropriate the money paid. \$45,000 in Stone and Gravel and \$50,000 in Bituminous. Kress made a motion to approve the \$95,000. Kroeger seconded. All in favor.

Riverboat – Wetherill and Lueken estimated that \$20,000 will be needed for legal fees for the pending litigation which is being appealed. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Transfers

Sheriff – Lindsey explained the following requests for overtime are due to the accumulation of comp time. Decrease Lieutenant \$6,600 and increase Overtime \$6,600. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor. Decrease Deputy Sheriff \$4,600 and increase Overtime \$4,600. Kroeger made a

motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor. Decrease Dispatcher Overtime \$1,400 and increase Overtime \$1,400. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Surveyor – Surveyor Sublett requested a decrease in Travel by \$500 and an increase in Office Supply \$250 and increase Computer Supplies \$250. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Discussion was had on the vehicle that was transferred from the Sheriff’s department to the Surveyor and repairs needed. Sublett has the vehicle at a shop now to get an estimate.

Commissioners – Shelton explained a transfer to unemployment is necessary and there should be excess in PERF and Social Security. Decrease PERF \$2,900, decrease Social Security \$1,600 and increase Unemployment \$4,500.

LTRSD

Wetherill stated that he has been working on the letter from the council to the LTRSD Board stating that the council is not happy with the progress made, even if it is for legitimate reasons. The letter will also ask the Board to come to the council with a time frame of when construction will begin. It will be an open letter to the Board and copies will be provided to the papers. Kroeger stated that the council needs to make a decision by early next year as to whether payments will continue. Luce Township resident Ramona Daming expressed concern over an ordinance the LTRSD Board is considering. The council members were unaware and unable to comment on the ordinance.

Reassessment Hearing

Journalist Dean Bolin asked the council if the reassessment hearing to be held on October 29 will have an effect on the decision to adopt a LOIT tax. Kroeger stated that no it will not have any effect. Others agreed.

Santa Claus Water

Winsett asked that a letter be sent to the all of those involved in Santa Claus Water Project reminding them of the signed Memorandum of Understanding. Kroeger stated that he spoke at the last Santa Claus Water meeting and restated the council’s position that the council expected all of the issues to be resolved for the county to help fund the project.

Ebert made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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