

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2012

Present: Charlie Waninger, Steve Winsett, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Matt Knepper, Dave Kress, Jack Kroeger, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Jane Lynam

The meeting was called to order by the President Bill Spaetti at 5:34 P.M.

Minutes

Steve Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18th after Lynam read the corrections she had made. Bunner seconded the motion. Kroeger abstained, motion passed. Winsett made a motion to table the other minutes from May and June until the August 21st meeting. Kress seconded the motion, motion passed.

Additional

Circuit Court/Pauper Attorney \$24,775

Due to an ongoing trial Judge Dartt sent a letter to the Council explaining that the money was for reimbursement on pauper fees. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$24,775, Waninger seconded the motion, motion passed.

Reassessment \$7,700

Sara Arnold was present and explained that the legislation had changed the rules concerning the Form 11's and in order for her to proceed she would need additional money for mailing. Once the Form 11's are mailed out the public will have 45 days from the date of mailing to appeal, after that no changes will be made. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$7,700, Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

Pre-trial Diversion \$4,500

Kelly Corne explained that the trial expenses had exceeded the money originally in budget, transcribing for depositions had been very expensive, and they had two hard drives that had crashed. Bunner made a motion to approve all three amounts in full totaling \$4,500. Winsett seconded the motion, motion passed.

Transfers

Sheriff Lindsey was asking to decrease Senior Deputy and increase Deputy Sheriff in the amount of \$34,225. Kress made a motion to approve, Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Also to decrease Senior Dispatch and increase Dispatch Overtime in the amount of \$25,000. Winsett made a motion to approve, Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

Department Heads-Longevity

Sheriff Lindsey explained that he had approached the Council before and this year decided to get with the different department heads to see what they could come up with. The department heads had a short meeting to get this started and was presenting what they had come up with to the council for their consideration. Spaetti asked if any neighboring counties give longevity pay, and is it given in a lump sum or what? Lindsey said that Warrick County does and it is given in a lump sum, more like a bonus. Lindsey explained that they weren't asking for anything now, just letting the Council know that it had been included in everyone's budget for 2013. There was discussion on who to include in the longevity pay, and exactly how the longevity pay would be handled. Lindsey said a lot of decisions would have to be made before anything could be done, so this presentation is just to give the Council a heads up on what the department heads have been discussing. Tara Lloyd explained that we just want the Council to consider what we have presented. Kroeger said that in order to structure it so it would be fair; maybe someone that comes in shouldn't make the same as someone that has been here for 3 or 4 years like it is now. Kroeger stated that the Commissioners, County Council and elected officials would not be

included, but looking at what had been presented and the salary ordinance there should be a way we could work out a reasonable solution. Bunner said he wanted to do something for the employees who had been here a long time but he couldn't see at the increments of \$1,000 that had been presented, how they could do anything. Tara Lloyd asked if the Council would rather they use longevity or should it be based on productivity/length of service? For instance, someone who had been here 10 years would receive a 3% increase and someone who had been here a year receive a 1% increase. Spaetti explained with budget hearings scheduled next month he didn't see how they could get everything done because of the time restraints. He told the Department heads to get all their information together and get with the Commissioners to see if they would agree to meet with the Council in between meetings on August 21st, and to let the Auditor know so she could schedule the meeting.

Melissa Brockman-Visitors Bureau

Melissa just wanted to let the Council know what was going on with the Visitors Bureau. This year they are doing a fall promotion package to keep visitors in the county year round. These promotions will start after Labor Day, lots of stuff to promote tourism in Spencer County. They are planning special events closer to Christmas and plan to have packages to promote this also. Midwest Living magazine is coming to experience the fall promotions and this should be good publicity for the county. The Council thanked her for the presentation.

Legal Report

Wetherill said he was working with the Clerk on having someone work part-time to get everything in the Clerk's office computerized.

Ben Duttlinger

Duttlinger said he was present to answer any questions the Council might have. He felt that their group would lease the Vendor City building for 99 years, because the by-laws prohibited them from selling it. Kroeger asked how much of the tax levy was dedicated to the old building? Duttlinger said he didn't have exact figures with him, but most of that money went for maintenance. Kroeger asked if someone did a budget to get that tax levy. Duttlinger responded that they did not submit a budget, but would find out who set the rate for the 4-H building and report back at the next meeting, he would let the Council know what the YCC, Farm Bureau, and the 4-H Association decides to do concerning the Vendor City Building also.

New Business

Spaetti explained that the Council needed to set dates for budget hearings. A motion was made by Bunner to set the dates of August 22, 23 and 24 beginning at 8:00 A.M. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion passed. Kroeger made a motion that if the first dates didn't work they would use the alternate dates of August 27, 28, and 29. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Kroeger suggested that more of the Council members should attend the meetings set up on the state level. Bunner asked Kroeger to let members know about upcoming events at the regular meetings so everyone could make decisions on whether they could go.

Spaetti ask if everyone got a copy of the minutes on the Redevelopment Commission Meeting, he felt that they should wait until they had some kind of idea on what to give for the Youth & Community Center before they decided what to do. Wetherill will do a Resolution so they can have it at the next meeting, and they will make a decision at that time. Council members asked that someone from each of those entities that had requested funds from the AK Steel settlement be present to explain what they were asking for.

Kress made a motion to adjourn, Waninger seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor
