

Council Meeting

April 19, 2010 – 5:32 pm

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

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Minutes

03/16/2010 minutes; With a few corrections, Winsett made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Planning Commission/Legal Services – Administrator Cail requested \$2,500 for legal services. Kress made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

CEDIT

Paving Projects – Engineer Lloyd requested \$1,500,000 the 2010 CEDIT Plan paving projects. Ebert made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Probation User Fee Fund

Drug Testing - Judge Dartt requested \$10,000 for the drug testing program. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Highway Department

Contractual Services – Superintendent Painter requested \$20,000 for contractual services in conjunction with the removal of the underground storage tanks. Winsett made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Part-time Help/Soc Security – Painter requested \$3,456 and \$265 for part-time help and social security for a part-time weed sprayer. Ebert made a motion to approve both. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Reassessment

Level II/Huff Township – Huff Township Trustee Leonard Wittman requested \$1,000 for the Level II payment that the Township Trustee/Assessors received in the past for obtaining their Level II Certification. Spaetti asked Wetherill for his opinion on the request. Wetherill said it is being handled on a county by county basis. Wittman stated the Indiana Attorney General issued an opinion stating the Township Assessors were entitled to the Level II payment for the term of their office. Wittman did not receive the payment in 2009 or 2010. Winsett agreed that Wittman was elected to do the assessing duties for the township, but the governor took those duties away. Winsett said he would have a hard time paying for work that is not being done.

Kroeger stated he must recuse himself from the discussion because his wife is the Clay Township Trustee.

Winsett stated other counties have had to borrow money in order to stay in operation. Spencer County is in good shape because of smart business practices. Wetherill said according to the Attorney General's opinion the Trustee must keep their Level II training current. Wittman said he was current for 2009 but would need to take the training this year to keep it current.

Winsett said the council was advised to stop paying for the Level II at the end of 2008. Bunner stated the intent of the payment was to make the Trustees/Assessors better educated. Wittman said he offered to help the county assessor with the assessing duties but was not needed.

Kroeger said he would like to state the facts. The Indiana law changed, eliminating township assessors at the end of the 2008 fiscal year, June 30, 2008. Even though the township only did the assessing duties for the first half of 2008, the county paid them for the full year. No township assessing was done in 2009.

Winsett asked Wittman if he did any of the work to have earned the \$1,000. Wittman said no, but he did offer to help.

Spaetti asked for a motion. No motion was made.

Santa Claus Water

Mike Johannes, representing the Town of Santa Claus, discussed the news reports of problems with the contractor laying the pipeline. Johannes said the contractor is having difficulty meeting the IDEM requirements. The Water Board has hired an environmental engineer to oversee the contractor and the contractor has been given a deadline to meet the qualifications or be replaced.

Transfers

Prosecutor

Prosecutor Wilkinson requested the transfer of \$140 from Transcribing fees to Computer Access. Wilkinson also requested the transfer of \$300 from Repair of Equipment to Computer Access. Waninger made a motion to approve the transfers. Bunner seconded. The motion was passed with a vote of six to one, with Winsett opposing since Wilkinson was not present.

E911 Loan

Sheriff Lindsey requested a loan of \$10,000 from County General to E911 to cover the dispatcher payroll. The loan must be paid back by the end of the year. Lindsey discussed the need to permanently transfer two dispatcher positions from the E911 budget to the Jail budget due to the declining E911 revenues.

Ebert made a motion to approve the loan to E911 from County General for \$10,000 with Resolution 2010-10. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Health Department Loan

The Health Department requested a loan of \$69,000 from the Tobacco Maintenance Fund to the Health Fund to cover expenses until settlement. The loan must be paid back by the end of the year. Health Administrator Etienne was not present. Shelton contacted her and she was unaware of the meeting being changed from Tuesday to Monday. Kroeger made a motion to approve the loan to the Health Fund from the Tobacco Maintenance Fund for \$69,000 with Resolution 2010-11. Kress seconded. The motion passed with a vote of six to one, with Winsett opposing since Etienne was not present.

Ebert made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

County Council,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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