

**County Council Meeting
January 19, 2016**

Present: Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Todd Ruxer, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from December 15th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kress made a motion to approve the minutes from January 5th. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Wetherill reported that the letters he prepared for Commissioner/Council signature regarding changes to the 1782 Notice were signed and submitted in a timely manner. Auditor Winkler collected everyone's signature and submitted within the 10 day period. Winkler stated that the 1782 Notice distributed prior to the meeting reflects the changes and are the official numbers.

2015 Drainage Report

Drainage Board President Logsdon presented the 2015 Drainage Report and a list of 2016 proposed projects. He made a request for \$25,000.00 on behalf of the Drainage Board to go towards new projects. Logsdon explained to the Council what a wonderful program the county has in place working with local farmers and adjoining property owners. Many projects are being completed with only small amounts of funding from the county, due to property owner donations and in-kind work. Kress made a motion to request an additional appropriation for \$25,000.00 from Riverboat. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved. Auditor Winkler will advertise an additional for \$25,000.00 to come from the Riverboat fund for the February meeting.

Judge Dartt

Dartt came before the council to inform them of his plan to pay the county employee that there is no longer funding for. The Probation User Fee Fund no longer can sustain the expense of a full time position, so the Judge has reorganized some positions and come up with a way to fund a secretary position for a year, while the Probation User Fee Fund builds back up. This position will have a change in duties, which will now include all Jury related duties, plus anything IVD Child Support related. There are funds left over from 2015 that are paying the employee's salary for January, but an additional appropriation is needed for the remainder of the year. The additional appropriation will come from the Jury Pay Fund and the IVD fund. This additional will be advertised for the February meeting.

Courthouse Security

After much discussion about what hours of coverage are needed and if full-time or part-time employees are a better option, it was decided that Sheriff McDurmon will attempt to hire 2 part-time people to cover courtroom security. McDurmon was advised to make every effort to find part-time employees that could be paid at straight time, rather than paying current full-time deputies overtime rate. Judge Dartt is requiring full-time coverage during business hours for courtroom security and if no court is in session the individual will patrol the rotunda. The part-time employees will work in 4 hour shifts. An additional appropriation is needed to fund the security positions, so Dartt will request an additional from the County User Fee Fund for the February meeting. We will re-evaluate the need in 3 months. Dartt stated that security will begin on January 25th. Since there is not appropriate funding established at this time, but all are in agreement of what fund will be used and that appropriate funding will be approved in February, it was decided that Judge Dartt will write an order instructing Auditor Winkler to begin paying courtroom security salaries out of the County User Fee Fund effective January 25, 2016.

New Business

Storage Space

McDurmon explained to the council that he has spoke with Bob Arnold about the possibility of renting the basement at the old Integra Bank building to store his documents and evidence that is currently located in the old jail. The rent for this space will be \$250.00/month which McDurmon feels he can fund for the first year. We need to discuss what all options we have after the jail is demolished and what type of space we plan to put there. The council and commissioners agree that we need to get together as a group and determine long term what the best plan is.

Re-Appointments

Benton made a motion to re-appoint Charlie Waninger to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Jerry Embry to the Advisory Plan Commission. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Bill Spaeth
President

Attest:

Autumn Winkler
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

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Dave Kress

Steve Winkler

Todd Ruxer