

**JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

Howard Malcomb and Josh Yeager absent

The meeting opened with Mike Kelley leading the pledge to the flag.

Larry Maschino made a motion to approve prior minutes; Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tony Eder made a motion to waive 1st reading of the Resolution Authorizing the completion of a Study Regarding the Feasibility of a Regional Jail. Dave Woodall seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Dave Woodall made a motion to authorize Barnes & Thornburg, LLP to coordinate the preparation of a study of the feasibility of a regional jail and to sign the Resolution. Larry Maschino seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Don Biehle came before the Council to update them on the ongoing bids for the construction of the new Fire Station for Campbell Twp. Mr. Biehle stated that even with cutting down the size of the fire station and the parking lot size; they were still looking at costs of \$820,000 and funds to date totaled \$730,000 which still leaves a shortfall of \$90,000. Mr. Biehle doesn't see the bids coming in under the estimated costs. Bids will be opened on May 4th in the meeting room. Mr. Biehle is asking the Council to consider funding the shortfall of \$90,000. The next Council meeting is May 1st due to the Election but the Council assured Mr. Biehle that a special meeting could be called to address the process after the bid opening.

Next Greg Martin, Director of the County Park, came before the Council requesting \$30,000 is budgeted from the Park's non reverting fund. This money would be for a new 1500 extended cab truck. Mr. Martin also wanted to budget \$4,000 from the non reverting fund for a new pole and service for future lighting at the playgrounds and a panel at the spray grounds pump station.

Larry Maschino made a motion to approve the request of \$34,000 from the County Park's non reverting fund for the new truck and pole and services as mentioned. Dave Woodall seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, reported to the Council that all 12 sirens were now installed in the county. Mr. Shepherd stated that he had a few bills that he needed help in paying. \$2300 for Gilpin electric for materials and labor for Bigger, Campbell, Columbia and Montgomery townships wiring for tornado sirens. \$1,275 for Tiger Zamora for material and labor for Marion and Sandcreek townships wiring for tornado sirens. Mr. Shepherd also presented a bill for \$3614.30 for the 911 Emergency Texts

Alerts; because of budget cuts the departments that normally can help pay on this cannot do so this year.

Tony Eder made a motion to pay the above bills out of the Riverboat Fund; Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Sherri Williams, HR Director and Sheriff Driver came before the Council to request a buyout program for the Sheriff's department. Kevin Hall is a deputy for the County and has 20 years of service and is 55 years of age and would like to retire soon. The request is that Deputy Hall retires with 20 years of service and a cash buyout of \$25,000 and insurance coverage through the end of this year 2018.

Dave Woodall made a motion to approve the buyout of \$25,000 for Kevin Hall as proposed with insurance coverage through the current year 2018. Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Council all congratulated Deputy Hall on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

The Council also asked Auditor Vance to contact the county attorney about setting up a policy on the buyout program that included the verbiage stipulating the age of 55 and 20 years of service needed to be eligible for this buyout program.

Dave Woodall made a motion to sign the Commitment letter of revenue for the 6 volunteer fire departments in the amount of \$200,000. Tony Eder seconded the motion and motion passed with a unanimous vote.

President, Mike Kelley signed the commitment letter of revenue for the volunteer fire departments for their financing of the air packs.

Dave Woodall made a motion to release the remaining funds allocated for 2018 to the six fire departments; Campbell, Geneva, Lovett, Montgomery, Spencer and Vernon. Tony Eder seconded the motion; motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Dave Woodall made a motion to adjourn; Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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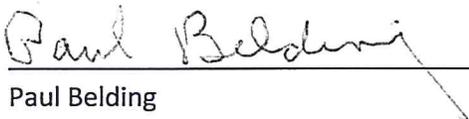


Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

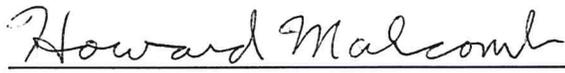


Mike Kelley, President

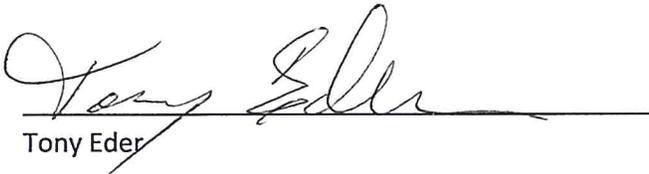
Dave Woodall, Vice President



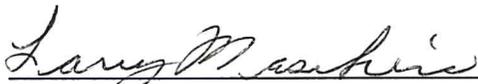
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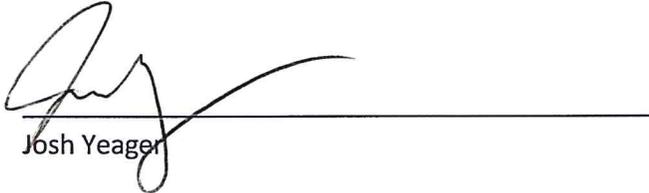
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