

Jennings County Council Meeting
Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room
September 10, 2019 6:00 pm

The meeting was opened with Howard Malcomb leading the pledge.

Members present: Howard Malcomb, Paul Belding, Charlie Weber, Mike Gerth, Mandy Creech and Bob Ellis. Dave Woodall was not present.

Mike Gerth made a motion to approve the prior minutes. Charlie Weber seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim Reeves, County Highway, requested an additional appropriation for \$165,000. Mike Gerth made a motion to approve. Mandy Creech seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim also asked for an additional \$10,000 to cover utilities for the rest of the year for the fairgrounds non-reverting fund. Mike Gerth made the motion to approve. Bob Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Walker from Purdue presented joining with Jennings County for a Healthy Living grant. The focus on this is healthier eating. He has asked permission to work with the County Auditor to apply for Creating Places Grant. Half of the funds are needed and the grant will match it. There is a fruit and vegetable prescription program which will help people with diabetes and high blood pressure. They will enroll for 3 months with extra support to help. The money will come through the Auditors Office. Charlie Weber made the motion to allow. Paul Belding seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marie Shepherd from the Area Plan Commission spoke on new software, IWorQ. This works with the city, fire and Country Squire Lakes. The cost is \$8,000 per year for CSL and the city. They have agreed to a 5 year contract. The city is to pay 1/3, CSL 1/3 and the county's portion (1/3) is \$2,666.67. The city has agreed to pay for the county's portion this year so there is no cost this year. She requested \$8,000 into General to be transferred to 20203 (Computer Software). The \$8,000 annual fee would be split 3 ways each year for 5 years. The \$13,000 set-up fee and upgrades will be waived. Charlie Weber made the motion to approve. Mandy Creech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Greg Martin from the County Parks & Recreation spoke on the bathrooms that were donated to the county park. Estimates for hooking up the facilities are \$25,000 and they have a grant of \$125,000 to cover the rest. However he is not requesting that at this time as he is waiting for bids to come in. He

did ask for \$1200 out of non-reverting to connect to city sewer. Mike Gerth made the motion to approve the \$1200. Charlie Weber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Greg then presented a Power Point Presentation on the Next Level Trails Grant – 5 year master plan. Dan Wright, Mayor of Vernon, got a 2008 Vernon Parks Master Plan and spoke on this. They are looking to possibly add restrooms at The Commons in Vernon as many people are using this area for kayaking, etc. The Commons has grown with the help of Lowe's, Harmon Construction and many hours of volunteers but there are no outdoor restroom facilities in Vernon anywhere. They also want to connect many of the trails in Muscatatuck to the new walking trail, Tripton Park and hopefully, some day, Tunnel Mill. This is on a time line grant application that is due November 1, 2019. This opened up October 1. Next Level Trails funds are awarded in 3 rounds – May, October and November. There is \$90 million dollars total in all 3 rounds. He was seeking letters of support from the city of North Vernon, town of Vernon and the county council. Has to have a 20% match and he is looking into ways to raise funds. The project cost would be \$1,368,000 with the local match of \$274,000. This can be done over a 4 year period however they would rather it be over a 2 year period. Greg said Parks and Rec could donate \$50,000, up to \$100,000 if need be. They will also look other places for the match money. Greg and Dan will do some more work on this and return to the next meeting with an update.

Dave Turner from the Sheriff's Office asked for additional appropriations of \$25,000 to get through the end of the year. There are no additional line items to transfer it from. The money is needed for gas and repairs. Charlie Weber made the motion to pass. Bob Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave also said that Martinsville Police Department is trading in ten 2018 Durangos that averages about 30,000 miles, they are looking to get 5 of these. This will go in on trade in 2 months. He feels they will go for around \$25,000 each, fully equipped minus the police radio. Dave spoke with the Commissioners last meeting and they agreed to do a loan for \$125,000 if the Sheriff pays it out of commissary. This should get them through next year if they are able to get those 5.

Also Dave brought up the matter of a School Resource Officer being put in the Middle School. The pay would be \$40,000. The school would fund one officer for \$40,000 but that does not pay his benefits. Once the contract is done Dave asked if they could bring it in front of the council for approval. The County Attorney will have to review the contract. They will bring this to the Sept 25 meeting.

Auditor Salsman reported the Solar Project payment is due December 30. An additional appropriation will need to be done for this. This was approved for January 2020 but actually is due December 30, 2019. Baker Tilley suggested it be taken out of County General for \$29,605.25. Howard said that the Council was told that we are suppose to have a savings on our electric bill equal to that payment and if not there is a guarantee they will make up the difference. We will need to contact Kurt Schneider to get all the information on the savings, etc. Charlie Weber made a motion to pay out of County General and Mike Gerth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Also this was ok'd to budget this from General in 2020.

Auditor Salsman brought up the Spillman project. This was not put into the budget for 2019. Baker Tilley recommended this be taken from General or Public Safety LIT. 911 has paid their portion. That leaves the county portion and the maintenance agreement. The amount needed for additional appropriation is \$429,745. Charlie Weber made a motion for the additional appropriations to be taken out of Public Safety LIT for this year and next year. Bob Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Auditor Salsman brought up the Work Release Program for 2020 budget, \$75,000 payment twice a year. She asked if this would come out of Public Safety LIT in the 2020 budget. All agreed

Susan Cowan and Brandon Scruggs of BakerTilly gave a rundown of the budget packet.

Auditor Salsman spoke on the Spencer Volunteer Fire Department. According to the minutes from January 9, 2018 Spencer VFD was given additional money that they had not spent of \$4,599.89. Spencer VFD brought in a bill from Ebbing Auto for \$1,000 that they want paid out of their 2018 budget. Howard Malcomb said this could not be done. No action was taken and they will have to pay this themselves.

Howard brought up ECO Lake Park and wanting to know about putting into the non-reverting fund for a match. This will be discussed during budget.

Charlie Weber made a motion to adjourn. Mandy Creech seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is September 25.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Mike Gerth



Howard Malcomb, President



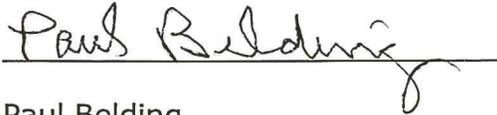
Mandy Creech



Dave Woodall, Vice-President



Bob Ellis



Paul Belding



Charlie Weber