

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2107 7:00 P.M.

Josh Yeager Absent

Howard Malcomb, President opened the meeting by leading the pledge to the flag.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve prior minutes; Tony Eder seconded the motion; motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Dave Woodall stated that at the Council conference that he and Tony Eder attended, it was said that a Council member should be on the Mental Health Provider's board. Mr. Woodall asked the Auditor to contact Centerstone concerning this matter.

First on the agenda was Britt Burgmeier, Director of 911, coming before the Council concerning his Indigital Contract. Mr. Burgmeier stated that the County should have been paying an annual maintenance fee but the company admitted that they had not sent any billing. Going forward there is a fee of \$10,718 per year but if 5 years is paid in advance a savings of \$10,000 is possible. Mr. Burgmeier has the monies needed in his fund #1153 but needs permission to use that money from the Council.

Mike Kelley made a motion to allow the money from fund #1153 to be used for the maintenance contract for 911. Paul Belding seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was Judge Gary Smith coming before the Council requesting that his new employee be paid the same amount as his past employee was making instead of the base amount for a new employee. The base pay is \$26,314 which is higher than the 90% amount which is previous county protocol. Judge Smith is requesting the current pay of \$28,852 be paid.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve the higher amount pay for Judge Smith's new employee. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next the Auditor stated they had received a letter from the Jennings County Public Library concerning the appointment of Mike Kelley who had been appointed to the board previously replacing someone and that term expires on 8/31/2017. The Board of Trustees at the Library feel it would be in the best interest to the Library to appoint Mr. Kelley to his first four year term which will expire 8/30/2021.

Larry Maschino made a motion to approve the appointment of Mike Kelley to the Library Board for 4 year term. Paul Belding seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Vance then requested permission to transfer \$716.92 for Animal Control for new computers. Ms. Vance continued by saying that they have \$2300 but was just a little short and \$700 is being transferred from their trash line which is not needed and \$6.92 from their other account line item.

Paul Belding made a motion to allow the transfer of \$716.92 for Animal Control for new computers. Mike Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5 yes 1 No

Auditor Vance then presented the Council with an Amended Salary Ordinance. The Auditor explained that she and Sherri Williams, HR Director had gone over the ordinance and taken out line items that did not pertain to salaries and payroll and then added a few lines that had been left off. Ms. Vance requested that the Council approve this new ordinance.

Larry Maschino made a motion to accept the Amended Salary Ordinance as presented. Mike Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Auditor Vance requested that the Council consider bringing Animal Control into the General Fund as they did Area Plan a few years ago. The Animal Control cannot support itself and their fund is in the negative and has been since this Auditor took office. The Council asked the Auditor to have the County Attorney prepare an Ordinance to bring the Animal Control fund into the General fund for 2018 at the next meeting.

Mary Kilgore asked how long Joanie had been with Superior Court and the response was 2 years.

After much discussion Tony Eder made a motion to allow the Department Heads to decide when a new hire comes in what amount of the salary of the position they are taking will be paid. The amount would be between the 90% and 100% appropriated for the first 90 days or the base salary whichever is higher. At the end of 90 days then the employee would go to the full salary. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Marie Shepherd, Director of Area Plan Commission, was next coming to inform the Council that on September 19, 2017, Phil Laman, APC Inspector will be retiring. Mrs. Shepherd is requesting permission to fill this position and also to hire someone right away so they will have 30 days of training with Mr. Laman. Mrs. Shepherd stated she had money in her part time line that she could pay someone during this time.

Dave Woodall made a motion to allow APC to hire a replacement for the inspector position and to use the part time pay during training for the new hire and after training to receive 100% of the appropriated amount for the inspector position. Larry Maschino seconded the motion; motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Shepherd asked if she was required to advertise in the newspaper for this position because it will be expensive. She suggested placing the position opening and qualifications needed on the County website and then advertising in the paper and just refer to the website for information.

The Council knew of no policy requiring the advertisement and left it up to Mrs. Shepherd how to advertise for her position.

Mike Kelley made a motion to adjourn; Dave Woodall seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Howard Malcomb, President

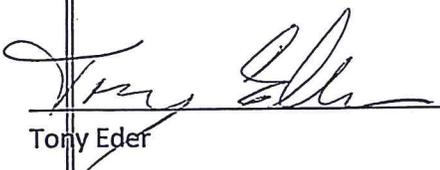


Mike Kelley



Paul Belding

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