

**JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

Tony Eder absent

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

Larry Maschino made a motion to approve prior minutes; Josh Yeager seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Alex Murphy with the Campbell Twp. Fire Department addressed the Council concerning a DNR matching grant the fire department has applied for with DNR for digital radios. The grant would purchase 3 (800) radios and 15 handheld radios. They are requesting \$5,000 from the County for the match.

Josh Yeager made a motion to table till next meeting; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion failed with a 2 Yes 4 No vote

Dave Woodall made a motion to do the match of \$5,000 out of Public Safety funds; Howard Malcomb seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 Yes 1 No 1 Abstain

Joe Ragsdale with Jennings County Drug Free committee came before the Council to request the funds that have been obtained for the county from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Ragsdale said that there was also a carryover of \$1,000 dollars which made the total \$21,000. The programs receiving funds are as follows:

JC Council on Domestic Violence \$6,000

JC Tobacco Coalition \$3,000

Greenbier Professionals \$3,000

Centerstone IOP Program \$2,000

JC Sheriff's Dept. \$4,000

NV Police Dept. \$3,000

No monies were held for Administrative costs from these funds.

Howard Malcomb made a motion to approve the distribution of funds as presented; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Vance presented an Additional Appropriation to the Council for \$150,000 from Highway Fund to Capital Outlay and \$150,000 from Cum Bridge to Capital Outlay and \$25,000 from the Fairgrounds Non-Reverting Fund to pay for services and charges.

Larry Maschino made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented; Josh Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Vance presented a request for Jennings County Parks and Recreation for a transfer of \$500 from miscellaneous account to go towards gravel that was donated by the BMW rally.

Josh Yeager made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for the Park; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Vance had some information on behalf of the Veterans Officer concerning the purchase of a used Van. Nolan Stanley had located a couple of used vehicles but one had over 150,000 miles and the other was an SUV that the Council was unsure if it would be big enough.

Howard Malcomb made a motion to allow Nolan Stanley, Veterans Officer to look for a used vehicle and spend \$10,000 to \$12,000. Josh Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sheriff Driver mentioned maybe contacting Tracy Thompson with Barlow Sales and ask him to look for something.

Tony Eder joined the meeting.

Next was a letter from the Madison Railroad asking for the Council Support in building a new bridge over Graham Creek. They would like a monetary support but for right now just a letter of support is needed.

Josh Yeager made a motion to allow Mike Kelley as President to sign the letter of support; Howard Malcomb seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next was Reuben Cummings, Financial Advisor to the County, concerning the budget requests from the departments.

After much discussion, the Council instructed the Auditor to send an email to the department heads asking them to have no more than a 2.5% increase in their budget over their 2018 budget.

Dave Woodall mentioned the public hearing on September 18th and October 2nd to be held in the Commissioner meeting room at the Annex starting at 6 p.m.

Larry Maschino made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday, September 24th at 10 a.m. Josh Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting resumed at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018.

All members present.

Reuben Cummings stated that the County looked to have 8.2 million in income projected for 2019.

It was noted that the Commissioners never approved the Longevity pay scale.

It was discussed about increasing the jailers pay by \$1 an hour.

Auditor noted only a few departments made cuts but those that did were input and the new figures were on the budgets that the Council had.

After much discussion, it was decided to move the EMS department completely to the LIT fund. The operational accounts had already been placed in LIT so now all salaries would be moved to LIT also. That decreased the General fund by \$697,000.

Howard Malcomb made a motion to move EMS to LIT and give the County employees a 3% raise in 2019. Tony Eder seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6 Yes 1 No vote.

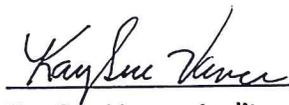
Josh Yeager wanted noted that he wanted to give a 4.87% raise.

The Council asked Nicci Lucas, HR Director about the insurance bid and she stated that it was \$1.348 million and of that \$1.016 was the Commissioner portion, \$100,000 was for the Clinic, \$230,000 was the Employees portion and \$203,000 was for Health Dept., Library and Highway.

Reuben Cummings told the Council that an Additional Appropriation would be needed in January to move the EMS to LIT.

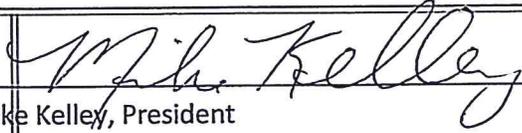
Dave Woodall made a motion to adjourn; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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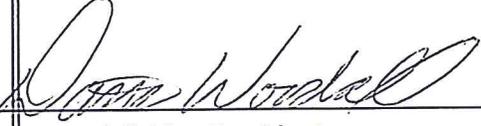


Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

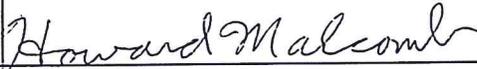
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Mike Kelley, President



Dave Woodall, Vice-President



Howard Malcomb

Paul Belding



Tony Eder



Larry Maschino

Josh Yeager