

Jennings County Council Meeting
Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room
August 13, 2019 6:00 P.M.

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.

Recorder Mary Kilgore came before the council asking for an appropriation in Fund 1155 Security Protection. The appropriation would be for the amount of \$331. The amount is for half a year of services through CSI the case management system. The service will put the Recorder's records that are digital on "the cloud". She has also put this into her 2020 budget. Mike Gerth made a motion to approve the appropriation. Bob Ellis seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Charlie Weber made a motion to approve prior minutes. Paul Belding seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Marie Shepherd, Area Plan Director, provided the Council with additional information on the Unsafe Building Fund 4920. Marie wants to transfer funds from the County General Violation Fund to the Unsafe Building Fund. The Violation Fund expenses include demolitions ordered by the court and supplies needed to secure properties if condemned. The income generated comes from liens put on property taxes, reimbursement from CSL and North Vernon, and potential grants. Marie asked that all future income go into the Unsafe Building Fund. Charlie Weber made a motion to authorize Marie to transfer funds from Violation Fund to the Unsafe Building Fund and give authorization to make expenditures and deposits as needed effective August 14. Mike Gerth seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Don Biehle represented Farm Bureau. He gave a brief background of the company stating they currently have 3,038 members in Jennings County with 872 of those being farmers. He read a statement from Farm Bureau, "Jennings County Farm Bureau Supports: The total repeal of the Jennings County jail tax before October 31, 2019, if the Jennings County Commissioners do not approve the construction of the new jail by the same date." The recommendation was approved at

the August 1 Farm Bureau Board of Directors Meeting. Tom Clarkson also had some discussion with the Council on the jail tax.

Paige Sansone with Bakertilly presented a budget basics and financial overview to the Council. Basic concepts included; property taxes, maximum property tax levy, controlled and non-controlled levies, tax rates, property tax caps, appropriations, budget process, types of budgets as well as many others. Auditor Salsman then brought up the invoice for Spillman. Paige had offered to look into this more before payment is made.

Greg Martin, Jennings County Parks Director, made a request to the council to access the donation from St. Mary's. The donation was \$4,200. They have requested that the money go towards a shade structure and benches. Mike Gerth made a motion to allow the money to be spent from Park's non-reverting fund. Mandy Creech seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jason Bliton, Jail Commander, presented the Council with a budget estimate proposal for a modular jail facility. A quote from Maxwell Construction was presented in the amount of \$2,746,589. The modular facility would contain 56 beds. The facility would sit on a permanent foundation. There is a warranty on everything with a 30 year warranty of the roof. This facility could have other uses if the jail population goes down. The modular unit would also help with the overcrowding of the jail. Jason will be presenting to the Commissioners next.

Auditor Salsman updated the Council on the different donation requests that had been presented to the Commissioners for the 2020 budget. The Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence has asked for \$10,000. Children's Advocacy Center has asked for \$5,000. Thrive Alliance has asked for \$15,000 to be split between themselves and the Senior Center. Wayside Inn has asked for \$5,000.

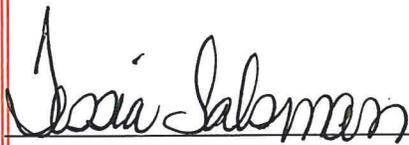
Auditor Salsman then presented the Council with a claim from the jail for Layman Fabrications. The claim was in the amount of \$10,240 for triple bunk beds. The claim was turned in to be paid from Cumulative Courthouse. No motion was made, no action was taken.

An appointment needed to be made to the Library Board. Mandy Creech made a motion to appoint Pam Woodall. Charlie Weber seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman talked with the Council about the 2020 budget and where to budget the Jackson/Jennings Work Release program, Spillman, and the solar project. The Council agreed that it was best for Auditor Salsman to speak with Bakertilly, the county's financial advisor.

Auditor Salsman requested the Council make a decision about where to pay the Assessor level certifications from. Mike Gerth made a motion to pay the Level II and Level III Assessor Certifications out of the reassessment budget. Charlie Weber seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Charlie Weber made a motion to adjourn. Paul Belding seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.



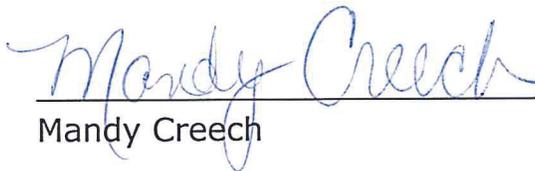
Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Mike Gerth



Howard Malcomb, President

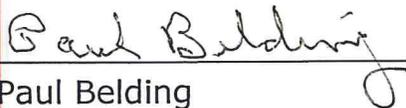


Mandy Creech



Bob Ellis

Dave Woodall, Vice-President



Paul Belding



Charlie Weber