

**JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 7 P.M.**

Dave Woodall and Paul Belding absent.

The meeting was opened with Howard Malcomb leading the pledge to the flag.

Josh Yeager made a motion to approve prior minutes; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 abstain.

First on the agenda was Kurt Schneider who had contacted Mr. Malcomb to let him know he would be running late.

Sheriff Driver addressed the board concerning the additional appropriation needed for jail meals to run through the end of the year of \$125,000.

Josh Yeager made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$125,000 for jail meals; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Sheriff Driver then talked about the transport costs of prisoners out of state. These are mainly for child support warrants and so far there are expenses for prisoners being transported from Arizona, New York and Florida. Sheriff Driver is requesting \$6,500 to finish out the year as an additional appropriation to be considered at the next council meeting.

Next was Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, to address the board about the tornado siren project that he is working on. Right now there are six sirens placed in the County. They are located in Geneva Twp., Spencer Twp., Lovett Twp., Vernon Twp., the city of North Vernon and Queensville. Mr. Shepherd had a quote from OCI Wireless for \$24,152 per site for sirens. Mr. Shepherd would like to place 6 more sirens in the county and was asking the Council to consider the six or at least two a year to be put in the upcoming budget. Mr. Shepherd also stated that other counties had told him that LOIT monies could be used for this equipment. Howard Malcomb asked Mr. Shepherd to ask the company if six sirens were purchased if they could be a cost reduction and he asked the Auditor to check to see if LOIT monies could be used for this project. Mr. Shepherd stated he would check about the cost reduction and the Auditor said she would check on the LOIT monies being used. Mr. Shepherd stated that he had the IC code and would forward it to the Auditor.

Next was Atina Rozhon, Director of the Extension Office, addressing the Council concerning her Office Manger pay. Mrs. Rozhon stated that in December when she addressed the Council she was told that if she hired someone outside the county for the position, the salary would be 90% of the present salary. Then Mrs. Rozhon in talking with the Auditor thought she was ok to make the salary less and use the

extra money for part time workers for fair week. Sherri Williams then informed Mrs. Rozhon that she was not paying Michelle Graham the new person in this position the correct amount. Mrs. Rozhon stated she had already hired two part time people and now needed to request \$1200 additional appropriation in order to have enough for Ms. Graham and the two part time people.

Josh Yeager made a motion to approve the \$1200 additional appropriation for part time help; Mike Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4 yes 1 no vote.

Mrs. Rozhon wanted the Council to know that she acquired a Grant to fund a Nutrition Program and to have a person run that program. There is also a grant that was obtained for the Community Wellness program. Both of these programs will not cost the county anything but will be most beneficial to the people of the county.

Jim Reeves, County Road Superintendent, was next to address the Council. Mr. Reeves came requesting the \$198,486.77 monies which was 25% of the Community Crossing Grant monies received in 2016 from the State distribution and placed in the Rainy Day Fund.

Mike Kelley made a motion to give the 25% or \$198,486.77 to the County Highway; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Auditor Vance presented the additional appropriation to the Council for approval and signature.

Josh Yeager asked about the salary for the new prosecutor's position as a full year of \$26,314 would not be used. Auditor Vance stated that in fact there were only 15 pays left in the year and only \$15,181.20 would be used. Mr. Yeager asked that the difference be subtracted from the appropriation. Auditor Vance stated that it would be \$11,132 and in turn subtracted that amount from the total amount requested for salaries on the ordinance.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve the additional appropriation with the reduction made; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4 yes 1 no vote.

Next Auditor Vance submitted an Amended Salary Ordinance for approval and signatures. It was discussed about some positions being listed that possibly should not be on the ordinance and the Auditor explained that she had went from previous salary ordinances but would check on it.

Mike Kelley made a motion to sign the Amended Salary Ordinance as presented; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote 4 yes 1 no.

Next was the Resolution that the Auditor presented to be approved and signed. The Resolution was regarding the reimbursement of certain preliminary expenditures from the proceeds of bonds. This is in regards to the jail project where the county will incur certain costs leading up to the building or remodeling of the jail.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 3 yes and 2 no vote.

Kurt Schneider with Johnson-Melloh Solutions came to talk with the Council concerning Solar Energy for the county. Mr. Schneider stated that Howard Malcomb had asked him to come again and address the Council on the benefits and savings solar energy can bring to the county. Mr. Schneider had a power point presentation that showed different areas of savings. The presentation showed utility bills before and after the installation of solar panels. There was a graph showing leveled cost of energy with cumulative solar, geothermal, windows and LED savings. One of the graphs showed the cumulative solar savings for the new jail could be over a 20 year span of \$834,728. There was a picture of the current jail and how much space would be needed for the solar panels. Mr. Schneider stated that Great American Surety is a no risk (billion dollar) company who is providing yearly energy bond. Mr. Schneider stated that they would go into the Courthouse and replace all lightning with LED lighting; replace the heating and air conditioning systems and give \$250,000 toward new windows. Mr. Schneider stated he would be glad to come back anytime and answer any questions anyone might have about this process.

With no further business, Josh Yeager made a motion to adjourn; Larry Maschino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

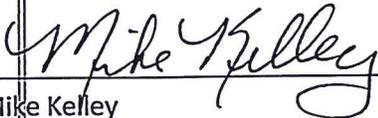
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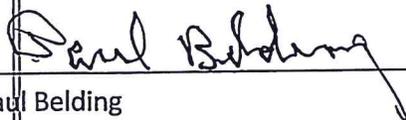
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Howard Malcomb, President



Mike Kelley



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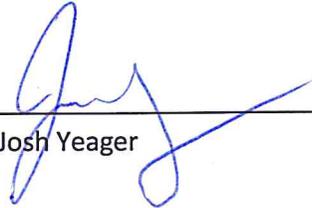
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