

Jennings County Council Meeting

Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room

July 14, 2020 6 pm

All members were present with the exception of Dave Woodall. Howard Malcomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michelle Matern from Animal Control reported that she has several quotes on the new truck they want to purchase. They are looking to get a ¾ ton, Bob Poynter's quote was \$31,382.92 for a short bed and roughly \$1,600.00 for a camper. Country Chevrolet quote for a 2020 with the camper was \$36,999.00. Garlitch was \$30,500.00 but he doesn't have a quote for a camper. They really need another truck as they have a 6 foot dog kennel that they use for aggressive animals, they go to Indianapolis once a month for food and they get a whole truck bed. They are getting more and more livestock calls so they do have access to the Sheriff's Dept trailer and could use the trailer with the new truck. They still have the truck with the dog box and this would give them a truck with a camper shell. Discussion is held on different options. Michelle said she is leaning toward the Bob Poynter 2020 Ram 2500 gas powered at \$31,382.92 plus the camper shell for \$1600.00. They discussed long term a diesel should last longer. Howard recommended she take it to the Commissioners. She reported that these quotes are only good until August 4. Charlie made the motion to approve an additional appropriation for the Animal Control not to exceed \$39,785.92 but limited to the actual expenditure of the truck and \$1,600.00 for the camper shell from General Fund with the Commissioners approval. Howard seconded. Mandy Creech abstained as she sits on the Animal Control Board. Bob Ellis opposed. Motion passed.

Mandy made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike Gerth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Charlie said the Finance Committee met last week and discussed the 2021 budget. That committee is Charlie, Mike Gerth and Dave Woodall. Looking at where the county is with the 2020 budget with the 1000 (County General) and 1170 (Public Safety) Funds. As it sits right now with the additional appropriations for 2020 there is a negative cash flow projected for the general of \$58,487.00 and for the Public LIT a negative of \$394,716.00. For the General there has been additional appropriations of \$74,000.00 and additional appropriations for the Public LIT of \$139,000.00 (\$100,000.00 of this was for the Vernon Fire Dept). If you take the adjusted cash flow for 2020 and reverse out the \$100,000.00 and the \$204,000.00 for the Spillman that will not recur next year the negative cash flow for the Public LIT is \$90,000.00. There is a negative balance budgeted going into 2021. There are things that will increase for next year that there is no control over – Charlie figured 2% for utilities, 9% increase on health. Salary increase for next year is 0%. He has taken the projected revenues for 2021 from Baker Tilly for the 2 funds, applied the estimated increases to the 2020 budget and came up with the net cash flow for 2021. There would be a positive cash flow of the general budget of \$182,000.00 and a negative cash flow for the Public LIT for \$274,000.00. The problem comes in the LIT where there is a projected decrease of \$177,000.00 in revenue. The revenues for 2021 are based off the 2019 tax returns – this was pre-Covid.

The problem is that they granted an extension for the time to file the 2019 taxes. Going to 2022 is when they expect to see a real decrease in LIT because of people not working, reduction in taxable wages, 15% is the least that they are estimating (15-25%). There needs to be suggestions to department heads on how to budget. The budgets have already been turned in but he is suggesting they resubmit budgets based on the Council's guidelines. The Committee's recommendation was that they strongly suggest that the department heads submit a budget with no increase in wages and no increase in expenditures that aren't absolutely necessary. This is what is going on pretty much across the State of Indiana. Tessia reported that they will be close to having all the budget information in Low by the end of the week and then will be able to have it to the Council by the first of next week to make any cuts. Howard reported that he would prefer to have the department heads make the initial cuts. He said there will not be money for increases and they need to know that when they are making the budgets. There is some in the reserve but this should not be used for something that recurs every year. Charlie said he would suggest that they take the information that will be loaded from the budgets that have already been submitted and he will send out a summary of what it looks like. Tessia said they have sent the form 144s with the salaries on those to Baker Tilly and they were going to send back information as far as what they suggest. Charlie said that, with the Council's permission, they would like to meet with the department heads on Thursday July 16 at their department head meeting and review the information that was gone over at this meeting.

Tessia reported that the 2016 Go Bond is short \$755.73. She is asking for an additional appropriation for the Go Bond for \$756.00. The next one is the reassessment fund, \$13,349.96 for the server, so an additional appropriation of \$13,350.00 is needed. Next is the Rainy Day Fund for the jail of \$36,783.00 for epoxy paint for the kitchen, \$19,137.00 for the epoxy for the showers and \$19,000.00 upgrade for the booking area. These all need approvals for additional appropriations. Mike made the motion to approve the above additional appropriations. Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Additional appropriations that were approved at the prior meeting were unsafe building for \$40,000.00, CASA Gala was \$4,626.00 (a pass through) and \$5,000.00 for the screeners at the Government Annex. Charlie made the motion to approve the additional appropriations for these 3. Mike seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Howard said he appreciates Charlie, Mike and Dave's work on getting the information together for the projected forecast of the budget. Charlie feels that going forward, if department heads submit their budgets and there is no issues and the department heads do as the Council suggests there is no reason for them to meet, the Council would talk to only those that have exceptions. Howard agreed with this. Discussion is held on when these meetings will take place. Tessia said Baker Tilly is wanting the budgets by the 3rd week of August. Much discussion is held on how the budget process works and some possible changes to make for next year. The salary forms need to be in by July 1 but the budgets are needed

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the 3rd week of August and Baker Tilly told Tessia to send the budgets out the same time as the Form 144s (salary form) to the department heads. The budget hearings will start August 6 at 8:30 am. This will be for department heads that are not following the Council's guidelines.

Mike Gerth made the motion to adjourn. Howard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Mandy Creech



Howard Malcomb, President



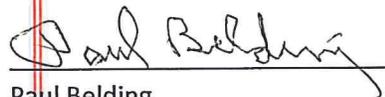
Bob Ellis



Dave Woodall



Charlie Weber



Paul Belding

Mike Gerth