

## Jennings County Council Special Meeting

June 26, 2019 6:00 P.M.

All members were present.

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

Auditor Tessia Salsman showed the Council that the \$700,000 loan was paid back with settlement money.

Howard Malcomb began discussion on the jail tax which is currently at .65. The money received from the jail tax can only be spent on the jail. ~~Charlie Weber stated that the money was to be used to build a new jail only.~~ Howard Malcomb believes that the money should be used to repair the current jail and the tax rate should be lowered. Discussion went on as to whether or not the jail tax should stay at the same rate, lower the rate, or eliminate the rate entirely. Some of the council members suggested that an estimate be made of all repairs the current jail is in need of.

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Sheriff Freeman spoke on the current jail situation and what repairs were needed. He also said the current jail has an additional 15 year lifespan before new jail even needs to be considered. He offered for the Council members to come take a tour of the jail.

Next order of business was financial advising. The Council was interested in interviewing for a Financial Advisor. A preliminary meeting was set up with Baker Tilly, a firm out of Carmel. Baker Tilly currently works for 25 other counties. They also have a long term plan set up for our county. There are a few other firms that have an interest in providing services. The Council members agree preliminary interviews be set up in order to choose the best option for the county.

The last order of business was the budget hearing meeting. The date has been scheduled for August 6 from 8:30am-4:00pm with a lunch break from 12-1. The council suggested scheduling each department in 30 minute increments. Some departments may need more time than others.

After much more discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Jessia Salsman

Tessia Salsman, Auditor

Howard Malcomb

Howard Malcomb, President

Dave Woodall

Dave Woodall, Vice-President

Paul Belding

Paul Belding

Charlie Weber

Charlie Weber

Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth

Mandy Creech

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Bob Ellis

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