

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Dave Woodall Absent

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

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve prior minutes; Paul Belding seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

First on the agenda was Sara Brichto with the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana in Dillsboro, Indiana. Ms. Brichto sent a letter of regret for not being able to attend with Drew Dickerson, Prosecutor who came on her behalf as a member of the Multidisciplinary Team at the center. Mr. Dickerson apologized for not being prepared as he had been in court and not able to fully prepare a presentation. The CAC of SEI provides alleged victims of child abuse specialized services for children from 8 counties in Southeastern Indiana: Dearborn, Decatur, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland. The Center has had 3200 children interviewed at their agency since opening in September, 2009. In 2016 we interviewed 411 local children, including 43 cases from Jennings County. Mr. Dickerson said this center is imperative for prosecutors to be able to make a case and he has worked with the Center on numerous occasions. The Center is asking for \$5,000 approved funding from the County. Mr. Dickerson mentioned that Brian Belding and he had a fund raiser for the Center in the past. Josh Yeager said the Council would take this under consideration at next week's budget meeting and thanked Mr. Dickerson for the information.

Next on the agenda was Reuben Cummings with GFC, Inc. who presented his recommendations for the 2018 budget. Mr. Cummings stated recommendations for the General Fund, Cum Courthouse Fund, Health Fund, Local Road and Street, LOIT Public Safety, Highway Fund, Reassessment Fund, Capital Improvement Bond Fund, TIF Bond/Redevelopment Fund, Cum Bridge Fund and the 2016 Capital Improvement Bond Fund. Mr. Cummings stated that the County needed to build their cash fund and watch LOIT spending to have a strong financial position. Mr. Cummings went on to say that the Council needs to impress on the department heads that they stay within their budget in spending and additional appropriations would only be considered as an emergency action and only after attempts to reduce an existing appropriation to offset the emergency adjustment amount.

Next on the agenda was Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, speaking to the Council about the additional tornado sirens he wants to put out in the county. Director Shepherd received 3 bids for the project: ERS/OCI \$157,044.36; Federal signal \$159,842.00; Capital Electronics \$163,062.00. Mr. Shepherd

recommended going with the lower bid from ERS/OCI for \$157,044.36. The Council asked Don Biehle who was attending the meeting if he knew if MUTC sirens were still active. Mr. Biehle stated he did not but would check for the Council. Josh Yeager stated to Mr. Shepherd that this would be discussed at the budget workshop on 8/15.

Next on the agenda was Greg Martin, Superintendent of the County Park to discuss with the Council a grant proposal with the Jennings County Community Foundation. The JCPR has received notification of an award of \$17,000. Mr. Martin came to get the Council's approval for the project before requesting any bids. Mr. Martin stated that he wants to do a splash park area and had a picture of what he was considering. Total Costs for the project would be around \$30,526 and the Park's fund 1178 would make up the difference from the grant monies. The Spray Deck Kit would be \$10,156 and the construction costs were estimated at \$28,370 which is material and labor.

Mike Kelley made a motion to allow Mr. Martin to proceed with the project; Tony Eder seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Next was Jim Reeves, County Highway Superintendent, coming before the Council requesting a transfer of funds; transfer \$106,005.23 from the Hwy Bituminous Fund 1176 to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund 9107.

Mike Kelley made a motion to allow the transfer of \$106,005.23; Josh Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Mr. Reeves requested two additional appropriations; one was \$187,000 from highway cash balance to New and Used Equipment and the other was \$100,000 from highway cash balance to Building and Repair.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve these two additional appropriation requests; Josh Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Vance presented the board with a Resolution regarding the transfer of Jennings county Animal Control account to the Jennings County General fund. Ms. Vance stated that at the last meeting the council had seemed agreeable to this request so Ellie Bright, County Attorney, had prepared this resolution for signatures. Animal Control has insufficient funds to support their budget.

Mike Kelley made a motion to adopt the Resolution bringing Animal Control into the General Fund; Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next the Auditor stated that the 25% of the special distribution from the state last year that was put in the rainy day fund; the highway is requesting that money for their Community Crossing matching monies for road repair.

Josh Yeager made a motion to allow the highway to have the 25% of the special distribution that was put into the rainy day fund back to use for their Community Crossing match monies. Larry Maschino seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Auditor Vance presented the Council with additional appropriation requests:

Capital Improvement Bond \$4,631

Cum Courthouse \$20,000

General Fund \$7,412

LIT \$6,500

Redevelopment Bond \$482.00

Tony Eder made a motion to approve the additional appropriation; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5 yes 1 no vote.

Next the Auditor mentioned that the EMS had sold a boat, motor and trailer through sealed bid and the amount was \$3,076 and had been deposited into the General Fund. The purpose of the sale was to raise money for the Vernon Twp. Fire Department Water Rescue/Recovery team. The Auditor was asking to do an additional appropriation for the \$3,076 out of the General Fund.

Josh Yeager made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$3,076 from General fund to EMS. Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Howard Malcomb asked for any questions or concerns from the audience and Brian Innie asked about the timeline of the development of ECHO Park. Mr. Innie stated that he is ready to do any work necessary to get the park so he can take his grandchildren fishing. Mr. Innie explained that he works at Atterbury and has access to many resources as far as workers and is willing to manage a group to go in and do what needs to be done. The Park is being used right now by individuals for undesirable actions. The Council referred him to the County Park board meeting for direction. The Park board meets the 4th Tuesday each month at 5:30.

Josh Yeager made a motion to adjourn; Larry Maschino seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Kay Sue Vance

Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

Howard Malcomb

Howard Malcomb President

Mike Kelley

Paul Belding

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Dave Woodall

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Tony Eder

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