

Council Meeting  
July 20, 2010 – 5:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Spaetti. Councilmen Spaetti, Ebert, Winsett, Kress, Waninger, Kroeger, Bunner, and Attorney Wetherill were present.

Nedra Groves Proclamation

Attorney Wetherill read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Spencer County has been saddened by the sudden and unfortunate passing of Rockport Mayor Nedra Groves on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Groves, prior to being elected Mayor, faithfully and tirelessly served Spencer County as a jail matron, manager of the Rockport License Branch, served two terms as Clerk of the Spencer Circuit Court and later for ten years as Administrator of the Spencer County Plan Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Groves remained a faithful and beloved public servant throughout her career and always placed her county and communities' needs first and foremost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED that the Spencer County Council, in appreciation for the years of tireless, selfless and dedicated public service of Nedra Groves, expresses our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the members of the Spencer County Council have hereunto set their hands, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

Winsett made a motion to pass the proclamation as read. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Minutes

06/15/2010 minutes; After a correction removing Wetherill from the list of those present, Kress made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

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#### Lincoln Land Economic Development Corporation

LEDC Director Tom Utter reported Rock Creek Shavings is doing well and is getting ready for expansion.

Utter also stated a logistics company is looking for a site in Rockport or Owensboro and they will be coming before the council to ask for incentives. The company will be hiring 12 to 15 people with the possibility of expansion.

#### Recorder – Scanning of Records

Recorder Dugas discussed the process of Fidar scanning documents and redacting social security numbers stored in the recorder's office. Dugas said she would pay for the process from the ID Protection Fund and the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. She would not need additional funding from the county. She stated Fidar was given permission to park a mobile trailer in the parking lot four to five days until the scanning is complete by the commissioners. Several councilmen expressed concern over the books leaving the building. They would like additional information. The representative from Fidar will come to the next council meeting for a demonstration.

#### Health Insurance Renewal

Agent Pete Franzman discussed the favorable renewal rates the county received for the health re-insurance.

#### Additional Appropriations

##### County General

Jail/Overtime – Sheriff Lindsey originally estimated \$20,000 for overtime, but he said \$10,000 is actually closer to what will be needed through the end of the year. Kress made a motion to approve \$10,000. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

##### Cumulative Bridge

Engineer Equipment – Engineer Lloyd requested \$5,250 for AutoCad software. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

##### Cumulative Capital

Courthouse Roof – Maintenance Supervisor Glenn discussed the commissioners' request for \$85,000 for a new roof for the courthouse. The county will be taking quotes for the project. Ebert made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse Maintenance – The commissioners requested \$15,000 for courthouse maintenance. After discussion with Glenn, Ebert made a motion to approve \$5,000. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

##### COIT

Mariah Hill Regional Sewer – Ed Balbach, President of the MHRS discussed the problems the sewer district has had over the last several years. MHRS requested \$100,000 to buy down their loan and lower their payments. The council discussed giving a smaller amount to help eliminate their immediate needs and the sewer district research extending their loan. Bunner made a motion to approve \$25,000. Kroeger seconded. All in favor.

#### Council Non-Binding / Binding Review

Shelton suggested September 20, 21, or 22 for the budget review. Kress made a motion to set the review for September 21 at 4:30 pm, prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

#### Budget Hearings

Shelton suggested the budget hearing date to be three days the week of September 13 through 17. Kroeger preferred September 15, 16, and 17. Bunner made a motion to set Budget Hearings for September 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30 am. Kress seconded. All in favor. Winsett made a motion to amend the time to be 7:00 am. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

#### 231 Adult Plaza Closing

Ebert thanked the council, commissioners, attorneys, and county pastors for helping the county reach a conclusion in the 231 Adult Plaza litigation. He said it was a big win for the county and everyone should be very proud.

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AIC Legislative Committee

Kroeger discussed his appointment to the Association of Indiana Counties Legislative Committee. Topics targeted by the committee include the projected loss from property tax caps and the declining funding of E911.

County Council State Called Meeting

Kroeger attended the County Council state called meeting. The savings associated with voting centers, and the impact of judges' mandates were discussed.

Agenda

Winsett asked why Luce Sewer was not on the agenda. Shelton stated she did not realize it still needed to be put on every agenda. Discussion was had. Luce will continue to be put on the agenda.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Kroeger seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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