Council Meeting

August 18, 2009 – 5:00 pm

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

Minutes

07/21/2009 minutes; Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Sheriff/Emergency Deputy – Sheriff Lindsey requested $1,000 for Emergency Deputy. Lindsey stated that an inmate spent 12 days in the hospital and two deputies need to be with him 24 hours a day. Winsett made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Jail/Nurses – Lindsey requested an additional $2,000 because the nurses need to come in twice a day instead of once a day to take care of an inmate. Ebert made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Jail/Overtime – Lindsey requested $15,000 in overtime initially then requested another $10,000 when the problems arose with one of the inmates. After a discussion, Kroeger made a motion to approve $15,000 only. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Jail/Medical, Hospital, & Dental – Lindsey explained that the county prisoner population is twice what it was last year at this time, increasing the medical responsibilities of the county. Kress made a motion to approve the requested $30,000. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Commissioners/ Unemployment – Auditor Shelton requested $6,000 to pay for unemployment claims. She stated that the county is moving through the appeals process with some of the claims but the benefits are paid until the process is complete. Ebert made a motion to approve $6,000. Kroeger seconded. All in favor.

Commissioners/ Travel – Commissioners requested $1,000 for travel to conferences through the end of the year. Kroeger suggested that the commissioners review the current travel policy. Ebert made a motion to approve the request. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse/ Janitor Supplies - $2,500 was requested for janitor supplies. After a discussion, Kroeger made a motion to approve $1,000. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse/ Maintenance Supervisor - $2,400 is requested for the balance of the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisors salary through the end of the year. Winsett made a motion to approve. Kroeger seconded. All in favor.

Council/ Attorney Fees – Wetherill stated he estimated that $4,000 should cover any legal fees through the end of the year. Kress made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Coroner/Autopsy Expense – Spaetti stated that Coroner Schulte was working but called him to let him know he was not going to be able to attend the meeting. Spaetti explained that the coroner many times has no choice as to whether an autopsy is done and he is requesting $7,600. Spaetti reported that he was told there are approximately $3,800 in bills currently waiting to be paid. Kroeger made a motion to approve $4,000. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Rainy Day

Replacement Deputy Vehicle – Lindsey discussed the need to replace the wrecked deputy vehicle and the request to replace it with a new one instead of a used one. With the money coming from the insurance company, a new vehicle with cost an additional $11,000. After discussion, Kress made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Circuit Court/ PA System – Dartt originally requested $30,000 for a new public address and recording system for the courtroom, but he is still pursuing a grant to pay for it. He sent a letter stating that the grant should be awarded by the end of August. Kress made a motion to table the request. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Law Enforcement Fund

Tasers, training equipment – Prosecutor Wilkinson requested $6,800 from the Law Enforcement Fund to buy tasers for the county deputies and a training pistol for the state police. Discussion was had on why and how tasers are used. Discussion was also had regarding buying equipment for the state police. Kroeger made a motion to approve $5,750 for the purchase of tasers. Kress seconded. All in favor. Ebert made a motion to approve $800 for the purchase of a training pistol for the state police. Bunner seconded. The motion passed with a vote of six to one, with Kress opposing.

Pre-Trial

VOCA Grant – Wilkinson requested the balance needed to bring the Victim's Advocate pay in line with the other secretaries in the prosecutor's office. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Transfers

Merit Board to Emergency Deputy - Sheriff Lindsey requested a transfer from Merit Board to Emergency Deputy in the amount of $500. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Dispatcher Overtime to Jailer Overtime – Lindsey requested a transfer from Dispatcher Overtime to Jailer Overtime in the amount of $4,000. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Mechanics to Unemployment – Highway Superintendent Painter requested the transfer of $6,000 from Mechanics to Unemployment. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Resolution – Transfer of Excess Family and Children Funds

Per the discussion at the July 21st meeting Resolution 2009-08 was drafted to transfer the excess money from the Family and Children Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Winsett made a motion to pass Resolution 2009-08. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Luce Township Sewer

LTRSD board member Matt Steinkamp reported that a committee met with a representative from the State Revolving Fund. The fund is willing to help the district guarantee a $65 sewer bill for the residents of the district, even if the tap-in fee is rolled into the bill. Discussion continued with council members encouraging district board president Ed Ingram to sign his easement.

Ebert made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

County Council,

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President

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor