

**County Council Meeting  
May 17, 2016**

**Present: Todd Ruxer, Dave Kress, Blake Bunner, Jack Kroeger, Steve Winsett, Bill Spaetti, Aaron Benton, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Benton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**State Road Relinquishment \$207,600.00**

Commissioner Seiler was in attendance with the Highway Superintendent's to request the additional appropriation for the purchase of a Road Grader. Seiler explained that we are in desperate need of a new grader and the one we want to purchase is large enough to handle two rippers which will save us time on how many passes we have to make on a road. Chapman stated it's a 2014 Case 865B with no hours except training hours. Case setup the warranty as a 3 year/3,000 hours full warranty plus 3 year/3,000 hours filters and fluids. We call them and they bring us the filters and fluids, plus they put \$20,000.00 worth of radial tires on it, because we weren't happy with the tires that were on it. Spaetti asked if they needed the full amount requested and they stated, No the purchase price is \$177,000.00. Winsett asked about the cost for shipping and they stated there is no shipping cost. Spaetti stated with the balance left sitting in this fund are they anticipating using it for something else. Chapman stated that Kenney is in desperate need of a new pickup truck. He has seen some nice used ¾ ton pickups on auction that were county owned with low mileage for around \$9,800.00. Spaetti asked Seiler if he would like to see them approve a little extra money to try and purchase Kenney a new pickup and Seiler stated he would. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$190,000.00 to purchase a road grader and funding to look for a pickup truck. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**County General**

**Circuit Court \$75,715.00**

Judge Dartt came before the council to request the list of additional appropriations and to explain the need for the additional funding.

Law Books \$2,500.00

Bunner made a motion to approve the \$2,500.00 additional appropriation for Law Books. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Psychiatric Services \$5,000.00

Benton made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 additional appropriation for Psychiatric Services. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Pauper Attorney \$55,215.00

Dartt explained that this is not additional dollars, but the 40% reimbursement we receive back from the state for pauper attorneys.

Ruxer made a motion to approve the \$55,215.00 additional appropriation for Pauper Attorney. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Office Supplies \$2,000.00

Kress made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00 additional appropriation for Office Supplies. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Interpreter \$1,000.00

Benton made a motion to approve the \$1,000.00 additional appropriation for Interpreter. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Court Referee \$10,000.00

Ruxer made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 additional appropriation for Court Referee. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Law Enforcement \$3,800.00**

Prosecutor Dan Wilkinson explained he is requesting this additional appropriation to contribute to the law enforcement training that was presented and discussed at previous meetings with Jane Stout. He has pledged \$3,800.00 to assist with the cost of sending the officers. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$3,800.00. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Substance Abuse Council**

Kim Litkenhus and Janice Weber presented the Local Drug Free Communities Fund information for calendar year 2015. Fees are collected when arrests are made and put into a user fee fund. There is \$13,556.78 in fees to be distributed from 2015. Administrative costs are \$3,100.00 leaving a balance of \$10,456.78 to be distributed for programming. Weber explained the breakdown of dollars granted for each program.

#### Prevention/Education

Rockport Housing Authority -	\$300.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters -	\$500.00
Crisis Connection -	\$1,778.40
Spencer Co. Tobacco -	\$500.00
HHHS SADD -	\$500.00

#### Treatment/Intervention

The Way -	\$2,354.19
Spencer Co. Community Corrections -	\$1,035.00

#### Criminal Justice Services

Spencer Co. Community Corrections -	\$1319.19
Spencer Co. Narcan Program -	\$2,070.00

Kress made a motion to approve the request. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **CASA**

Judge Dartt, Tina Gehlhausen, and Cindy Parsley came to present the staff numbers and hours versus the case numbers to explain the desperate need for an additional staff member. They explained that CASA is funded mostly by donations and fundraisers. There are currently 2 employees and 41 volunteers. Seven more will be sworn in this week and they anticipate being at 60-70 volunteers by year end. Each volunteer is assigned a case and a few volunteers that have been there awhile have 2 cases. Even with all those volunteers having a case we still have 48 children on the waiting list. Gehlhausen and Parsley also volunteer as advocates in their free time. With the growing number of children in need another employee is needed to assist with necessary paperwork and other duties. The new position would be funded by CASA, they are not requesting any funding, just informing the council of future plans. They have also begun the process with a local attorney of becoming a 501c3. They are under the direction of the state and there has been confusion with the way bookkeeping and things should be handled, because they are not actually county employees. Becoming a 501c3 will make things more clearly for everyone; they will be an independent stand alone agency. Dartt expressed their great appreciation for the county assisting with this program. Kroeger stated that the county is happy they are taking this step, it will work best for everyone.

### **New Business**

#### **CF-1**

There are four CF-1 forms that require action. A CF-1 is to be submitted annually to ensure that the company is staying in compliance with the guidelines listed in the abatement. A CF-1 form has been submitted for council approval from Automated Routing, M&DH Enterprises, Thermwood Corporation, and Sceptre Mechanical. After review of the forms and discussion with Attorney Wetherill it was determined that all the companies were in compliance. Kress made a motion to approve the CF-1 forms for all four companies. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **High Speed Internet**

Spaetti stated that himself and Kroeger met with the Catalyst Group and some other individuals at Santa's Lodge recently and Jim Dauby, the President of PSCI was there. Spaetti spoke with Dauby and asked him to get a quote together on what the cost would be to get high speed internet to the sections of Spencer County that do not currently have any service. Bunner stated that he feels this is a little antiquated, because there is internet available on cell phones or other devices for areas that do not have service. Kroeger stated this service is like infrastructure and some parts of the county don't have as good of infrastructure as others. If we can get an estimate on the cost maybe we can help contribute something to it. Spaetti stated this is something that could possibly come out of COIT. Dauby is just going to get a rough estimate together and we can discuss if this is something we want to look into down the road.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

Wilhelm Spaeth  
President

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Attest:

Autumn Winkler  
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

Steve Wenselt

David Kress

Jack Hoeger

Todd Ruxer

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