

## Council Meeting

May 19, 2009 – 5:09 pm

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

### Minutes

4/21/2009 minutes; Spaetti made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

4/21/2009 joint meeting minutes; Kroeger made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

### Work Release – Community Corrections

Richard Hedrick, Grant Coordinator for Community Corrections, discussed the Community Corrections programs and the positive outcomes from the work they have done. Hedrick discussed the Indiana Department of Corrections grant to build Work Release Building. He further discussed the benefit such a building would have in Spencer County.

Hedrick asked the council to sign a letter of support to send in with the grant application. Bunner made a motion to sign. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

### Recorder – Fraud Alert & Enhanced Access

Recorder Sharon Dugas discussed a Fraud Alert program and the Enhanced Access program. The programs can be made available at no cost to the county. The Fraud Alert would alert the subscriber anytime a document was recorded using their name or property. The Enhanced Access program would enable subscribers to have internet access to the recorded documents. Dugas asked the council to set up a fund in which the enrollment fees would be deposited. Winsett made a motion to set up the fund. Bunner seconded. Kroeger and Waninger opposed in order to read the information more carefully, for a vote of four to two. The ordinance is tabled for a second reading at the next meeting. Kroeger and Waninger asked for additional information.

### Election Update

Election Registration Clerk John Rudisill reported that there is a possibility of having to pay for a secure T1 internet connection for the county at a cost of approximately \$350 per month. He will not know until the state budget is passed. Discussion was had on the possibility of the county receiving HAVA funds.

Rudisill discussed the costs involved in establishing a satellite voting location in the northern part of the county.

### Additional Appropriations

#### Rainy Day Fund

Circuit Court - Judge Dartt asked the council to table the request for the court recording equipment, because he has applied for a grant. Kroeger made a motion to table. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

#### County General

Commissioner / Inmate Housing – \$20,000 was requested for Inmate Housing for juveniles. Bunner made a motion to approve \$15,000. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Meals - \$40,000 was requested for Meals. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$25,000. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Jail Medical and Dental - \$30,000 was requested for Jail Medical and Dental. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$20,000. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

### Animal Control Fund

The commissioners asked the council to establish an Animal Control Fund to deposit money collected for Animal Control. Bunner made a motion to establish the Animal Control Fund with Resolution 2009-05. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

### Fire Chiefs' Association & Public Safety Building

The Spencer County Fire Chiefs' Association presented the council with the following letter of support for the proposed Public Safety Building.

It is our intention to show support for the construction of a Public Safety Building in the Chrisney area utilizing grants and funds available to the county. It is our understanding that this building will be utilized for the protection of citizens during a severe weather event and for a temporary shelter for those that may have lost their home due to a catastrophic event until a more

suitable facility can be located. This building will also be utilized as a centralized training location for all emergency response agencies as well as a meeting facility for its leaders and citizens. Due to the construction design of the shelter/training room, this facility meets the requirements of a regional training facility for fire departments and would allow local firemen to be trained at this location rather than having to travel outside the county thereby saving a considerable amount of funds on fuel and per diem, not to mention the additional time away from family, work and the availability of response personnel within the county. It is our understanding that this building will house the EMA Office, Emergency Operations Center, 911 Dispatch, quarters for a more centralized EMS station and numerous response vehicles. This facility, being built to FEMA standard, would allow a substantial facility for command staff personnel to collocate during and after any catastrophic event for the purpose of response and recovery of such an incident. By our signature, we pledge full support to this project.

St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept. Thomas P Kloeck  
Chrisney Vol. Fire Dept. Kent Groves  
Grandview Vol. Fire Dept. George Schwoeppe  
Jackson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Brian Spellmeyer  
Carter Fire District Vol. Fire Dept. Daniel Reinke  
Luce Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Todd Daming  
New Boston Vol. Fire Dept. Kenny Hedinger  
Santa Claus Vol. Fire Dept. Ed Hagedorn

The Ohio Township Vol. Fire Chief also gave his support for the building but added the following:

I have one exception to the proposed project. The cost of the project I feel is too great for the needs of the county. I understand that grants have been obtained but the county could tighten the budget on the project to reduce the cost in this time of financial uncertainty.

Ohio Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Jimmy Ahl, III

Spaetti asked County Attorney Lueken for the status of the building project. Lueken stated that the eligible and ineligible costs are still being reviewed. Further discussion was had on the advantages and the costs of the building.

#### Luce Township Sewer

LTRSD board member Matt Steinkamp reported that two new board members were appointed: Nora Yeager and John Wood. He further reported that Algae Wheel spoke to the board at the last meeting. On the next agenda is preparation of a new timeline. Steinkamp said the board has not come to an agreement about what dollar amount to request from the council. The Freedom Bank note is due again in August.

He further reported that nine more easements have been signed and eight more are expected to be returned this week.

Bunner asked about the board members who have not signed their easements. Steinkamp agreed it is necessary. He said the main point of contention is on the treatment options, so they are trying to at least get a consensus on the collection. Even the agents from Algae Wheel agreed that any collection system they would design would be similar to what the district already has. Nora Yeager stated that she believes more people will sign their easement.

Kroeger thanked Steinkamp for his presentation, but re-stated that the board needs to work-out a deal with the bank. He said it is not an option to wait until the bank sues the district. Ebert stated that he is glad to see positive movement.

Ingram stated that the loan with Freedom Bank was foolish. Kroeger stated that a loan was made and a promise to pay the money was made and it has to be repaid or there will be no sewer system for ten years. Until the project is in the ground the district will need assistance from the county. Bunner said getting a system in the

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ground solves all the problems for everyone and that is where the focus needs to be. It takes care of the living conditions in Luce Township, it takes care of paying back the bank, and it also satisfies the need for infrastructure which will increase property values and promote growth.

Kroeger made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

County Council,

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President

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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