

**JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 9:00 A.M.**

Absent members: Mike Kelley, Josh Yeager and Paul Belding

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

This meeting was called to go over the budgets submitted by departments of the county.

As the council starting going through the budget, Howard Malcomb asked if the council thought that a raise in salary for the Assessor could be considered because with Mrs. Kovacich retiring after 2018 it is going to be hard for someone that has qualifications to run for the office at the current salary. Mr. Malcomb stated he knows of a person who would like to run but would take a \$15,000 pay cut to do so. Dave Woodall remarked that the Auditor and Treasurer should also be raised but he didn't feel like they could do anything at this time. The council decided then to wait on this issue.

Dave Woodall stated that the Riverboat money that comes to the County; he would like to see at least half of the money received be put in the Rainy Day fund.

The council in looking at the Area Plan Commission was informed by the Auditor that she had made an error on the salary of the Inspector. The council had agreed to let Mrs. Shepherd hire a new inspector at the current salary and that was not entered in the system. This change was made and then a discussion on violation money (clean up) or lack thereof. Mrs. Shepherd said she was out of money for clean ups outside of CSL in the county.

Dave Woodall made a motion to appropriate \$20,000 for the violation line in the Area Plan Commission budget. Tony Eder seconded the motion. Vote 3 Yes 1 No Motion passed.

Sherri Williams, HR Director for the County, then passed a proposal for a longevity payment plan for regular deputies in the Courthouse (except for the Courts), Courthouse Annex, Animal Control, Sheriff Administration, Park and Soil and Water. Ms. Williams also gave a proposal for the 1st Deputies in the Clerk, Recorder, Treasurer, Assessor and Auditor offices. The council thanked Ms. Williams for her work and said it would be considered.

Jim Reeves, County Road Superintendent, then addressed the Council asking about Cum Bridge, CEDIT and highway salaries. Reuben Cummings, GFC, LLC the County's financial advisor responded to Mr. Reeves questions on Cum Bridge with \$ 435,000 as being appropriated for that fund and that there had been no discussion on CEDIT. Mr. Reeves stated that it is getting harder and harder to hire and keep people at the current rate of pay. Mr. Reeves had requested a 6% raise in pay for the highway workers. Mr. Cummings stated that the council had approved the highway budget as submitted excluding the

salaries. Dave Woodall stated although he understood Mr. Reeves situation, he could not sign off on a 6% raise knowing the rest of the county employees were receiving a 2% raise. The council decided to table the salary situation until the October meeting.

Marie Shepherd, Area Plan Director, addressed the council about a stipend for her clerk, Nancy Rosales. Ms. Rosales has been interpreting for the County offices for quite some time and does it gladly but Mrs. Shepherd feels she should be compensated for her time. Auditor suggested paying it out of the Council's budget using the contractual services line item. Mr. Cummings suggested making it a separate line item for tracking purposes and reducing the contractual service line by \$1,000.

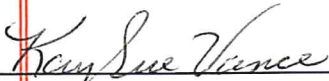
Dave Woodall made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 in the Council's budget for an Interpreter. Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sheriff Driver announced that on Nov. 6 and 7th there is a trip planned to Georgia to the site where the pods are made that the county is considering purchasing for the jail project. Sheriff Driver asked that if anyone was interested in going to please let him know as soon as possible.

Larry Maschino made a motion to adjourn; Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

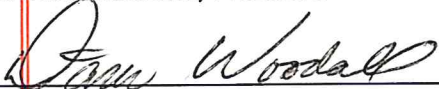
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Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



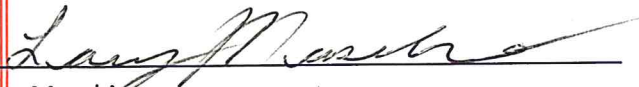
Howard Malcomb, President



Dave Woodall



Tony Eder



Larry Maschino