CARROLL COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Council Members Al Auffart, Ann Brown, James Hancock, Josh Mullin, Steve Pearson, Jamie Rough and Jason Scott, along with Abigail Diener, attorney for the Council, met in Regular Session on the 19th day of February, 2015, at 9:45 a.m. to conduct business pursuant to the laws of Carroll County and the State of Indiana. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January 15, 2015, regular meeting were unanimously approved. SP/JM

Minutes of the February 5, 2015, special meeting were unanimously approved. SP/JS

REPORTS:

<u>Treasurer</u>: The Treasurer provided copies of the cash book showing it matched with the monthly comparison report.

Auditor: The Auditor stated that she is working on the Annual Financial Report.

<u>Financial Report:</u> Steve Pearson gave the financial report for January. E-911 has already used 41% of their Part-time Communications budget training new personnel. They will probably need to do a transfer later in the year. Telephone expenditures are already at 19%, will need to watch this. Auditor to check and let Council know what the Misc. Receipts in CAGIT are for. The General Fund has fallen \$1,500,000.00 in the last two years; revenues are not keeping up with expenses. Jason Scott will give the financial report next month.

<u>Transfers:</u> No transfers approved this month. CASA requested transfers into their Building Rent line. This line name needs changed as it is for access to one office in the building as well as the use of office equipment, supplies and office staff. Circuit Court requested a transfer to pay for the labor for painting their office. This bill will be paid out of the Courthouse budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

E-911 Funding: Barry Ritter, the Executive Director of the State E-911 Board, was present and stated that E-911 is losing14% annually from land telephone lines. There is a bill pending that would allow easier access to the Public Safety LOIT. An interlocal agreement with municipalities is also a possibility. The Council estimates that we will be around \$213,000.00 short for this year's budget. Jim Hancock made a motion to adjust the budget by moving the Director's salary and fringes to the Contractual 911 fund. Al Auffart seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jim Hancock made a motion to adjust the salary ordinance to reflect this change. Al Auffart seconded and the motion passed unanimously. An additional in the amount of \$185,000.00 will be requested from CAGIT to fund E-911.

The 911 server upgrade will be 95% done after today.

<u>Malcon:</u> Charles Malinowski was present and stated that he has a proposal before the Commissioners to prepare a reimbursement report on behalf of the County. Malcon will prepare a report due by May 31, 2015, which will recover reimbursable costs from the State for ambulance services provided to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries. All Council members agreed that the Commissioners should enter into this agreement.

Heritage Barn Deduction: A new deduction is now available that would make heritage barns tax exempt. The Council could enact an ordinance that would charge an annual fee of \$50.00 per barn for a public safety fee. James Hancock made a motion to have an ordinance for a \$50.00 annual fee. Ann Brown seconded. Al Auffart stated he was against the motion. A vote was taken with Ann Brown, James Hancock and Jamie Rough for and Al Auffart, Josh Mullin and Jason Scott against. Steve Pearson abstained. Motion not carried.

<u>Custodian Pay:</u> An error was made on the payroll for w/e 4-26-14 on the custodian's pay. Time was turned in for availability during a prom and was taken out of the regular custodian line instead of the extra events line. The Auditor will make the corrections so that the year-end balances are corrected.

Merit Board Pay: Payroll claims for the Sheriff's Merit Board were turned in with w/e 12-20-14 payroll. This payroll was paid on 1-2-15, thus causing the money to come out of the 2015 budget. Ann Brown made a motion to encumber \$450.00 for merit board pay. Steve Pearson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Pension: The IRS requires every five years that the records be updated. This item will be tabled until next month's meeting.

<u>Prisoner Medical Bill:</u> On February 12, 2015, a 7-month pregnant female prisoner was transported to the IU Hospital in Lafayette. Due to complications, the doctor would like her to stay in the hospital until the birth. She is not Medicaid or Medicare eligible when jailed. The Courts have released her on her own recognizance. As long as she is still in the hospital, her bill is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Leazenby advised that they also currently have a 3-month pregnant prisoner.

Mileage Rate: Steve Pearson made a motion to leave the mileage rate at the current rate of \$0.565. Al Auffart seconded and the motion passed 6-1, with James Hancock voting against.

<u>Redevelopment Commission Appointment:</u> James Hancock made a motion to re-appoint James Payne to the Redevelopment Commission to represent the Council. Steve Pearson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>K-IRPC Board Appointment:</u> Al Auffart was appointed to the K-IRPC at the last meeting. Paperwork was signed at this meeting.

<u>MPO Appointment:</u> Steve Pearson made a motion to appoint Josh Mullin to the MPO. Ann Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Personnel Committee Appointment:</u> Jamie Rough requested appointment to the personnel committee. Steve Pearson made a motion to keep Jamie Rough as the Council representative. Ann Brown seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Jamie Rough abstained.

<u>Community Corrections Program Appointments:</u> The Council representative was appointed by the Commissioners. Steve Pearson was appointed by the Commissioners.

<u>Committee Assignments:</u> Two Council members were assigned to each department to assist during budget preparation. Jamie Rough would like to do away with this. Steve Pearson made a motion to drop budget committee assignments and do a group session. After discussion, Steve Pearson withdrew his motion. Council members are available if department heads/elected officials have questions during the budget preparation process.

<u>Comp Time Reports:</u> The Council received a report showing the comp time that employees had at the end of 2014. Vicky Snipes will provide quarterly reports on comp time. Department heads are asked to have their employees use their comp time as soon as they can.

<u>Carroll Manor Maintenance Fund:</u> The balance at the end of 2014 was \$138,067.68. According to Ordinance 2012-03, this balance should have reverted to the General Fund. The Auditor will revert \$138,067.68 back to the General Fund.

<u>Internet at Transfer Station:</u> No quote has been received yet on the cost to provide internet service to the Transfer Station. This is needed for the security system.

Pool Car Log: Vicky Snipes will provide a pool car log to the Council every month.

<u>Health Insurance:</u> The Auditor will check to see if insurance premiums are being deducted from the Area Plan and Health Department budget lines. A large claim was received for an employee in the E-911 department. The E-911 insurance should be paid from CAGIT. James Hancock made a motion to pay the claim from CAGIT. Steve Pearson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>CPM Update:</u> Ann Brown gave an overview of her CPM classes. She is now a Certified Public Supervisor. Ann is not taking classes this year, but is planning on going back next year.

Redevelopment Commission Bond: The Redevelopment Commission completed all of the paperwork for the bond letting for \$1,300,000.00

<u>Personnel Committee:</u> The Personnel Committee met with Kent Irwin last month. The committee is still working with Kent's office to get all of the job descriptions updated.

There being no further business to bring before the Carroll County Council, Josh Mullin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Steve Pearson seconded; passed unanimously.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Council meeting will be February 26, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. for additionals for the North EMS garage and ambulance purchase.

Next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be March 19, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

CARROLL COUNTY COUNCIL:

Jamie Rough, President

Ann Brown

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Jason Scott

Al Auffart

James Hancock

Steve Pearson

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Deborah Stevens, Auditor