

# Benton County Council

## January 27, 2022

The Benton County Council met at 8:30 a.m. at the Benton County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Council members: Brent Cox, Jim Schoen, Robert Sloniger, Jack Duncan, Angie Glotzbach, Bruce Buchanan and Auditor, Audrey Freeland.

Others in attendance were – Gail Lange, Mike Freeland, Paul Jackson, Angie Taylor, Glenda Wallpe, Bryan Berry and Dan Klemme

The first order of business was the organization of offices. Councilman, Bruce Buchanan motioned to retain Robert Sloniger as the President of the Council, second by Councilman, Brent Cox and motion carried. Councilman, Bruce Buchanan motioned to retain Jim Schoen as the Vice President of the Council, second by Councilman, Brent Cox and motion carried.

The Council appointed Councilman, Brent Cox to be the KIRPC representative for their board with a motion by Councilman, Bruce Buchanan, second by Councilman, Jim Schoen and motion carried.

### **Business:**

Councilman Sloniger asked the group if they had reviewed the budget amendments prior to the meeting. The amendments (listed below) were approved with the correction to the security officer position from \$40,000.00 to \$30,000.00 with a motion by Councilman, Jim Schoen, second by Councilman, Bruce Buchanan and motion carried.

### **CHANGES AND/OR AMENDMENTS FOR 2022 BUDGET**

#### **County General**

Extension office (1000-011) needs to transfer \$500 to longevity-through transfer process  
Custodian (1000-161) need to move/transfer \$4300 from PT

#### **Drug Free Community**

Drug Free (1148) budget amendment for requested amount - \$4228.00 each line or equivalent to full cash account balance between account lines

#### **Rainy Day**

Rainy Day (1186) – need to add lines  
1186-000-01.30 – ~~40,000.00~~ \$30,000.00  
1186-000-01.31 – 2,200.00  
1186-000-01.32 – 1,200.00

#### **User Fees**

Kim Hutson – Add line 2503-000-01.11 (\$1500.00 annual)  
Joyce Clute - Add line 2503-000-01.12 (\$1500.00 annual)

The meeting minutes from December 21, 2021 meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilman, Jack Duncan and motion carried.

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### **Glenda Wallpe – Recorder**

Glenda presented the 2022 ordinance to use the Recorder Perpetuation fund. Councilman, Robert Sloniger motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach and motion carried.

### **Business continued:**

Paul Jackson introduced Angie Taylor to the board. Angie has accepted the position as the new full time Economic Developer Director. Paul will be staying on in a part time capacity for a little while.

Mike Freeland stated that the Advisory Plan Committee needs the board to appoint a member from their board to sit on the APC board. Councilman, Jim Schoen motioned to appoint Councilman, Brent Cox, second by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach and motion carried.

Bryan Berry reported that at the board of finance meeting the county made \$45,000 in interest which is down from the \$245,000.00 from prior year.

He stated that the shell of the EMS addition is complete and the County home remodel is moving along. The courthouse roof replacement will start around March 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Sloniger asked if it will affect the one entrance. Berry replied that it might a little but it should not be much of an interference.

### **Dan Klemme – Benton County Fair board**

Dan came before the board with three quotes (all from Sightline Athletic Facilities LLC) for new bleachers for the fairgrounds. They were as follows:

1. \$73,840.00 – arena permanent bleachers
2. \$111,257.00 – Track permanent bleachers
3. \$78,462.00 – portable bleachers for inside of the arena. Dan is not a fan of these

Dan stated that he knows it is a lot of money but the current ones are not safe and one person has fallen through and is asking if they will consider at least helping with new bleachers for the arena. Councilman Schoen asked what the track capacity is. Dan replied approximately 1200 people. Councilman Cox asked how portable are the portable bleachers which appear to be 10 high from the quote. Dan stated that he feels that it is a wagon gear and you took up a tongue and pull them around. Councilman Cox asked if they would be able to move them during the fair to the different areas. They would be kind of short. Councilman Schoen asked if they have asked for different funding options, because even though it is something that is needed he is not sure what to find the funding. Paul Jackson said that he can reach out to Edwin to see if there are any KIRPC funds. Councilman Buchanan will also ask Lieutenant Governor, Suzanne Crouch who has some programs that might be able to help also.

Councilman Sloniger asked if the track bleachers were sustainable for a few more years since there is \$50,000 in the budget this year for the fair board. Councilman Schoen asked if those funds were already spoken for upkeep, yes mainly for upkeep. Bryan Berry asked if the Council could come up with half of the arena if the Commissioners were able to find the other half. The group continued to discuss the different options utilizing the budgeted funds. Councilman Schoen said he is not sure of a time when the budget was not used. He continued on by saying that he is not against helping but would like to explore some other funding options before they move forward.

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Gail Lange asked if they did purchase the portable bleachers if that would mess up the scheduling also. The group tabled the discussion until Bruce and Dan are able to reach out and see what other funding they might be able to obtain. Councilwoman Glotzbach asked about the date listed on the quote and if it will be extended. Dan stated that he is not sure but did want to mention that the quotes are also with them removing the existing structures. Councilman Schoen asked about the handicap accessibility. Dan will return with update and timeline.

The group is leaning more to the portable bleachers at this time, but will also need to look at ability to receive the products also.

**With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m. with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilman, Bruce Buchanan, motion carried.**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Audrey Freeland, County Auditor