

Benton County Council June 23rd, 2022

The Benton County Council were set to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Benton County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Council members: Brent Cox, Jack Duncan, Jim Schoen, Angie Glotzbach and Auditor, Audrey Freeland

Others in attendance were –Mike Freeland, John Cox, Jason Fisher and Pat Corey

Jason Fisher – EMA/EMS Director

- Billing Company – with the new billing company they process things a little bit different. The previous company would send our payment minus their fee and the new company does not for transparency issues. Jason's current budget does not currently handle that and has requested a couple of new account lines. He is asking for an additional appropriation for \$10,000.00. Auditor Freeland stated that the money goes into the EMS fund through a separate receipt line so the money is there and will be requested on the 2023 budget but to cover this year's expenses. Councilman, Brent Cox motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach.
- New Certification – Jason has 3 EMT's who have passed their advanced EMT training and Jason would like to increase their pay to the previously approved rate. Auditor Freeland stated that now that she has the names of the individuals she can/will send out an updated payroll voucher.
- Fuel – Jason is concerned about his fuel budget and is wanting to let the board know in advance that he will be increasing that request on his 2023 budget
- Fire alarm – Jason informed the board of the new master key system that is being done at the county owned buildings due to a situation that happened a couple of weeks ago with a fire alarm code going off.
- Grants – Jason talked to the board about some of the grants is he applying for to help offset expenses for his department
- EOC – Jason told the board that the EOC center is almost complete and they will be holding their EMT class in there which starts next week.

Pat Corey – WHIN

Pat came before the board today to do a meet and greet and discuss WHIN and what they would like to offer to Benton County. WHIN is a 501(c) (3) is a regional initiative Lily Endowment company who are affiliated with Purdue University and Ivy Tech. What WHIN is purposing is all at no costs to the county.

They are aware that Benton County is currently working on a broadband project and want to offer to help with that where they will deploy one site of their gear so they can provide high speed internet through a wireless application. They are looking for a site in Benton County where they can place a tower, while coordinating with the current project.

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In terms of performance it would be minimum 100 down 20 up which would be more than efficient for homes that stream. The gear itself is carrier grade. It can provide high speed internet without going to a specific address but wirelessly to SIM card devices. They (WHIN) own the tower, gear and devices placed on the tower. WHIN will not be an actual internet provider. They will send out RFP's. Pat continued to share a variety of information and a map showing the area they would like the opportunity to provide coverage for including the school for e-learning. The timeframe they are looking at is to be functioning by the end of the 2022 summer. Councilwoman Glotzbach stated that some of the area shown on the map as having coverage does not have it at this time.

Councilman Schoen asked Pat why they were concentrating in Fowler & Boswell and not more out in the country. Commissioner Freeland added that the backbone had been completed for the Mainstream project. Pat said that they can coordinate with that project, and are willing to sit down with the school, mainstream and county officials. They want to send RFP's out and mainstream will be given the chance to submit an RFP as well. It is new to them and very cutting edge they feel it will be very beneficial to the community. Councilman Schoen asked if Mainstream has been approached, no not as of yet. Councilman Cox asked what the cost of the tower will cost the county. Commissioner Freeland said that any money put towards the project has been tax free dollars and/or grant funding. Pat said that the difference between them and Mainstream will be in the gear. Councilman Cox asked when Mainstreams live date was because he knows it has been pushed back. Commissioner Freeland said that there are members of the community who are live now.

John Cox asked from the security side of this on the back haul, are they using microwaves. Pat said yes they are and she does not know the thresholds. John said another concern is if there was any 2 factor authentication abilities. Pat did not know if there was or not but could find out that information. Councilman Schoen advised that he feels the next step for Pat would be to get the stake holders at the table who can make those decisions.

Pat wrapped up by thanking the board and public members for the chance to come before them today and will coordinate with Auditor Freeland to get on the agenda for the Commissioners.

John Cox – Sheriff Elect

John wanted to first thank the board the chance for asking some questions during the presentation.

John wanted to come before the board today to do a meet and greet and discuss his goals for the departments he will be over. He said that he is coming into the new role with budget experience, he has communication and planning knowledge and is very much grant minded. He has already researched a possible grant for the department in the amount of \$160,000.00 for hardware upgrades. John stated that Sheriff Munson has been very welcoming and helpful in the process of everything.

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John said that he wants everyone to feel free to come and see him with any questions, concerns or even if they want to tour the facilities.

John asked what the protocol was for the board as far as sharing information or getting them documentation prior to a meeting. John will send the information to the board. John said that he has met with all of the staff and asked them to provide which with inventory list and what he can do for them.

He briefly touched on the fact that he would like to possibly do with the Commissioners blessing.

1. Equipment updates
2. Job share with EMS – for an administrative assistant for front window. Being a Safe Place they need 24/7 coverage
3. Correctional officers – would like to add 2 minimum so there are 2 on at all times for safety and security
4. Change the deputies to merit deputies with 12 hour shifts.
5. Replacement of outdated ballistics vest
6. Training fees request – possible replacement of a deputy (if needed)
7. Interior and Exterior doors of the jail

John said that he would like to a complete audit of the department. He does not know what all is available but will get all that information from Don.

Business:

The meeting minutes from the May 19th, 2022, meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilman, Jack Duncan and motion carried.

The board reviewed and approved the following CF-1's returned as follows:

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| | <u>Motioned</u> / <u>2nd</u> |
| Holscher Products & JAMCAT LLC | (3) - Brent Cox / Angie Glotzbach |
| Holscher Products | (2) - Angie Glotzbach / Brent Cox |
| Meadow Lake | (6) - Jack Duncan / Angie Glotzbach |

Auditor Freeland presented an updated petty cash ordinance for the Benton County Highway listing Michelle Traylor as the administrator. It was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilman, Jack Duncan and motion carried.

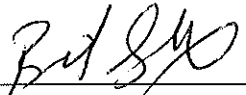
Auditor Freeland presented a proposed amendment to the current mileage reimbursement ordinance and asked if the board wanted to make any changes at this time. After review the board decided that the current ordinance would remain in effect and no changes would be made at this time.

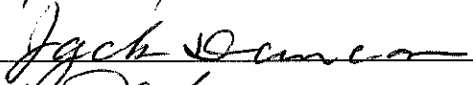
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Budget transfers were presented and approved with a motion by Councilman, Brent Cox, second by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach and motion carried. The transfers approved are listed below;


| AMOUNT | FROM | DESCRIPTION | TO | DESCRIPTION | DEPT. |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 2,000.00 | 1000-0680315 | Wabash Valley | 1000-0680317 | 4H Sharing Contract | Commissioners |
| 67.20 | 1000-0030220 | Office Supplies | 1000-0030325 | Continuing ED | Treasurer |
| 26.95 | 1000-0300220 | Office Supplies | 1000-0300222 | Postage | Prosecutor |
| 408.00 | 1000-0110260 | General Rep/Maint. | 1000-0110363 | Computer Lease | Extension |
| 400.00 | 1000-0110262 | Education Material | 1000-0110363 | Computer Lease | Extension |
| 16.00 | 1000-0110322 | Postage | 1000-0110363 | Computer Lease | Extension |
| 65,000.00 | 1151-0000111 | EMT payroll | 1151-0000117 | EMT Overtime | EMS |


With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:06 am with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilman, Jack Duncan and motion carried.









 Attest: 
 Audrey Freeland, County Auditor