

Benton County Council

November 17th, 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: Robert Sloniger, Mike Conner, Brent Cox, Jack Duncan, Brad Harman, Angie Glotzbach and Auditor, Audrey Freeland

Others in attendance were – Mike Freeland, ~~Angie Glotzbach~~, Beth Budreau and Gail Lange
* Angie Taylor

Business:

The meeting minutes from the October 20th, 2022, meeting minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Councilman, Brent Cox, second by Councilman, Jack Duncan and motion carried.

Approval of the 2023 Council meeting schedule was approved with no changes with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilman, Brent Cox and motion carried.

Department head transfer requests were approved with omissions and additional transfers added with a motion by Councilman, Brent Cox, second by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach and motion carried

Councilman Sloniger asked for a motion to appoint Eric Strasburger to the Earl Park Library board. Motion was made by Councilman, Jack Duncan, second by Councilman, Brad Harman and motion carried

Councilman Sloniger asked for a motion to appoint Suzy Scott to the Otterbein Library board. Motion was made by Councilman, Jack Duncan, second by Councilman, Brad Harman and motion carried

Auditor Freeland explained a couple of packets she wanted to share regarding the BP CNAV issue that is happening. She stated that the DLGF is asking the taxing districts to accept their 1782 with the adjusted rates (same as current year) and accept the payment from BP in lieu of the lost revenues. All affected units are listed in the handout provided. Councilman Cox asked if the AV will come back in line or not, no it will not. Councilman Sloniger talked about the legislation changes. He said that the burden is pushed onto businesses and the community population instead of the lower tax rates.

Councilman Sloniger reviewed the cash balance report from Frank and said that things looks good moving forward.

Auditor Freeland asked the board if they wanted to keep both meetings scheduled for the month of December. Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach motioned to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 1st, second by Councilman, Brent Cox and motion carried.

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Councilwoman Glotzbach then share some updated awarded grant totals for the DHS (Dept. of Homeland Security).

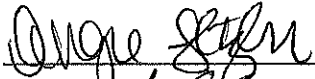
1. \$140,000.00 – will cover expenses for camera and tower upgrade, trailer and vehicle
2. \$100,000.00 – Cyber security – will cover IT Room enhancements and modifications
3. \$14,500.00 – 911 backup phone and upgrade the Spillman server
4. Received a reimbursement from Medicaid (\$7,000.00) and it will cover the expenses of the ambulance billing for approximately two months.


She then spoke about the Sheriff Elect and the research that he is looking at doing for the security/safety of the jail once he takes office and will be looking for funding assistance. Councilman Sloniger asked if we reestablished the Cum Jail fund, none have been done for a couple of years.

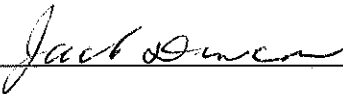
Chief Auditor Deputy, Beth Budreau introduced the newest member to the Auditor's team, Gail Holzer. The board welcomed her.

Commissioner Freeland said that since the roof is not yet complete the new windows will be put off until next year. The windows will be installed by Dave Schutter. He continued on saying Whitus Restoration will also be back to complete the tuck pointing on the building so the lift purchase has been beneficial to the county for sure.

The group closed out the meeting at 8:44 a.m. with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilman, Brent Cox, motion carried.



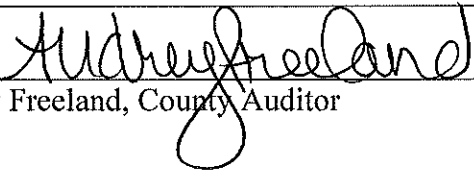










Attest: 
Audrey Freeland, County Auditor