

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Annex Building

Mike Gerth, Mandy Creech, Gene Rudicel, and Howard Malcomb were present. Mike opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gene made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mike reads the budget form 4. He asks council to review the adopted budget, and levy numbers. If there is no concerns or further comment, he will entertain a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the 2025 budget on the second reading. Howard made a motion to suspend rules and adopt the 2025 budget on the second reading, Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Gene made a motion to approve the 2025 budget, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sheriff Freeman is asking the council to transfer the funds in the amount of \$32,707.58 to 1170.40201.0005 (motor vehicle). These funds are insurance payments on two cars that were totaled from an accident. Kenny is asking for this money to replace the two vehicles. Gene made a motion to approve his request, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sherri was on the agenda, but Mike said the request was for Grad All funding. The funding for the Grad All was approved in the February council meeting. The cost for this equipment is to be paid out of CEDIT. Sherri will be on the November meeting to discuss ADA Ramps.

Justin brought a quote to the council from The Lock Doc in the amount of \$3,018.90. This is to re-key, install new locks and cores at the county park. Gene made a motion to approve the quote, Howard seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Gene said that the funds will come out of the Parks Non-Reverting Fund.

There is an old shed on the property by the probation office. Justin is asking council if he can tear this old building down and purchase a new outbuilding for storage. To replace this old building with a 10 x 12 building, it will cost \$3,360.00. Gene made the motion to approve Justin's request, Howard seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Gene suggested that the building be paid for out of county general.

The Parks Department is requesting approval for the following transfers.

From 1000.30804 (grounds) to 1000.20500 (tires & lube) - \$217.25

From 1000.30804 (grounds) to 1000.20204 (equipment repair) - \$1735.70

From 1000.30500 (printing & advertising) to 20801 (custodial) - \$850.00

Gene made a motion to approve the transfer, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mike introduces the renewal of the GO (General Obligation) bond. The principal amount of the bond will not exceed \$1,6000,000.00. This ordinance will be adopted at the November 12th council meeting.

In old business, the discussion of an increase in LIT funding for the VFD was tabled. Mike says that he believes that this has been taken care of in the 2025 budget.

Information on a 55 and older tax credit was tabled in a previous meeting and Mike would like to table this again.

Howard made a motion to pay invoice 10977, 11261, and 11115 to Reedy Financial Group. Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mike said that he feels that council did a great job on the 2025 budget. Council was able to do something additional with the county raises and the counties retirement plan.

Gene made a motion to adjourn, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah Abel

Sarah Abel, Auditor

Tina Ellis, President

Gene Rudicel

Mike Gerth, Vice President

Gene Rudicel

Howard Malcomb

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Jerry Lamb

Mandy Creech

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Dave Woodall