JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING June 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Annex Building

Mike Gerth, Dave Woodall, Mandy Creech, Howard Malcomb, and Jerry Lamb were present. Mike opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike asked the council members if there were any questions regarding the previous meeting minutes. Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nad Day, president of the Animal Control Board came before council to ask for funding for new kennels at Animal Control. Matt Owens Construction sent a quote for \$23,890.00 and this was the best quote that they received. Dave said that there will be an additional three or four thousand for some extra work. They do not have a dollar figure yet. There is a concrete pad inside the building that needs to come out and there are two feet of animal feces that will need to be cleaned up. Animal Control just had a new security system installed and they paid for that out of the non-reverting fund. Nad said Animal Control is turning around. Dave said that there is a new board, and they are getting things cleaned up so that they will become compliant. They have had volunteers for work and the mowing. Howard made a motion to approve and not to exceed \$28,000.00 and this will be paid out of the ARPA fund. Jerry seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-1, Dave Woodall abstained.

Sarah presented a quote for a new copier for the Auditors office. The current copier was purchased on 5/18/2016 for \$7115.00 and it is at the end of its life cycle. The new copier's cost is \$6,355.00 with cost savings of \$793.43 monthly for the maintenance agreement. We will receive a black and white copier to replace our current black and white copier. There will also be savings of \$69.76 monthly with the maintenance agreement on the black and white copier. Mike asked about the copy quantity from the Auditors office. The Auditors' office makes copies of all material used in the council and commissioners' meetings, along with the copies that we need within the office. Mandy asked if we were recycling paper. Currently we are not but will investigate the process of recycling. The council liked the idea of recycling. Dave made a motion to approve the copier purchase of \$6355.00 to be paid out of the Riverboat Fund, Howard seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Pam Woodall resigned from the library board, and it is recommended that Kristi Rice be appointed to the board to fill the vacant position. Jerry made a motion to appoint Kristi to the library board, Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mike made the council aware of a notice that was received from the TIF board. TIF revenue that comes in from the whiskey barrel storage will support Vernon. Vernon will not be TIF, our TIF will surround Vernon.

Sarah made the council aware that Reedy Financial & the Auditors office will be sending out forms for budget soon. Reedy Financial is currently conducting a salary survey and when that is completed, we will be in a better position to see what the county raises will be.

Dave asked about the GO Bond and asked Sarah to reach out to Reedy Financial concerning the renewal of the Bond.

Howard made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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Mike Gerth, Vice President

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Tina Ellis, President

Jerry Lamb

Dave Woodall