

## JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

### Annex Building

Tina Ellis, Mike Gerth, Dave Woodall, Gene Rudicel, and Jerry Lamb. were present. Mandy Creech attended the meeting via zoom. Tina opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nicci Lucas added a replacement copier to her Capital Projects plan, in hopes that her current copier would last. IT has been trying to add Nicci's copier to the network, with no luck. The current copier will not connect to the network. Eagle Point quoted a smaller desktop all in one unit that will connect to the network. The quote is for \$207.25 and Nicci does not have it in her budget. She is asking the council to approve the purchase of the new copier. Dave made a motion to approve the purchase out of the general fund; Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Cody Low with the Sheriff's Department comes before the council and explains that he thinks there have been some pay discrepancies. Cody believes that the issue may be new hires and some line-item issues. Cody says that the pay matrix for the sheriff's department does not match the salary ordinance. Tina explains that once the salary ordinance is adopted, you can pay less but not more. Tina explains that the salaries cannot be paid more than what was approved unless the council approves additional appropriations. Tina & Amy explain that money can be moved from one line item to another line item, but it would still need to be approved by the council because it will change the salary ordinance. Tina said that we based the salaries off the salary matrix provided by the sheriff, so therefore the salaries should not be off. Tina told Cody that she would sit down and go over the budget to better understand his concerns. Tina stated that the council agreed to the Sheriff's matrix, but it has not been adopted. Jerry made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, Dave seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The council signed the additional appropriations that were approved in the last meeting.

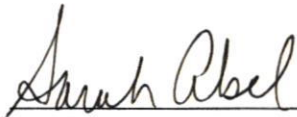
Tina and the council discuss a non-reverting fund for the election office. The clerk came to the council meeting on July 11 requesting money to purchase new election equipment. The council appropriated the money for the new equipment and the state reimbursed the county for this purchase. Dave stated that if a non-reverting fund was created, he thinks that the clerk would need to ask the council before spending the money. The council has decided to table this until the next meeting so that they can get a little more information. Amy explained that the Auditor's office has received a bill submitted by the clerk to be paid. The clerk is requesting that this bill be paid from the election, non-reverting fund that has not been established. The council instructed the Auditor's office to pay the bill from the general election fund and the council would reimburse that money if needed.

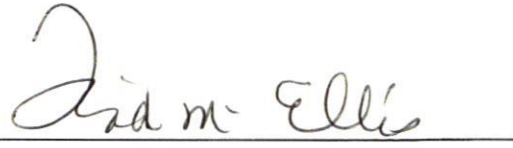
The sheriff's department submitted an invoice in the amount of \$17,830.00 to the Auditor's office for payment. The invoice is for a battery back up system replacement. Mike made a motion to pay the invoice, Dave seconded the motion. Vote 3-2 not passed.

An invoice for Shoemaker Industries was also submitted to the council for payment. The total cost of the invoice is \$26,216.84 and this is for the new audio/video equipment in the conference room. Tina is not comfortable paying this until the job is totally complete. The council did not vote on this and have tabled it until the next meeting.

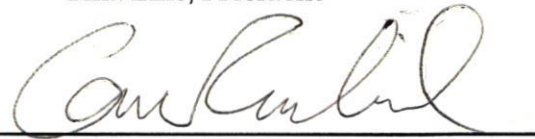
Tina reminded the council of the meeting with Reedy Financial on March 28, 2024, at 10:00 am.

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

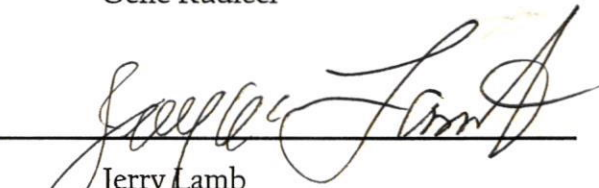
  
Sarah Abel, Auditor

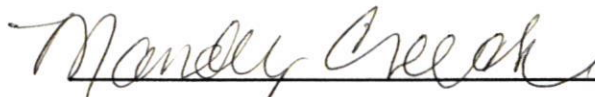
  
Tina Ellis, President

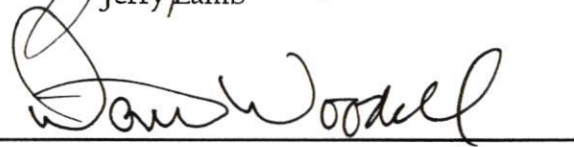
  
Mike Gerth, Vice President

  
Gene Rudicel

  
Howard Malcomb

  
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Dave Woodall