

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

December 10, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Annex Building

Tina Ellis, Dave Woodall, Mandy Creech, Gene Rudicel, Jerry Lamb, and Howard Malcomb were present. Tina opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mandy made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes, Gene seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Cody Low came before the Council asking permission to transfer funds. Dave motions to transfer funds (\$36,374) from Meals to Medical Contract to pay invoice. Dave also motions to transfer funds (\$15,000) from Meals to Garage and Other Motor for fuel and rotators. Mandy seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Cody also discussed the fuel tanks that would potentially be installed at the Sheriff's office. This was tabled for further discussion on January 11, 2025. Cody talked about the dash cams being included in the bond. Mike made a motion to allow the sheriff to move forward, contingent on commissioner approval. Dave seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Brittany Owen is representing Jennings County Toys for Tots. She went to the Commissioners meeting, and they approved an allocation of \$5,000 for Jennings County's Toys for Tots. The decision was contingent upon her going before the Council and asking for an increase in their donation, which she did. Mr. Weber has denied increasing their donation, and the second step was to come before the Council to ask for a donation. The Council states that their belief is that the donations should fall upon individual taxpayers and not the county government. To support one organization would set the precedence that they will support all organizations and that is not sustainable to county or city government. Without a motion, the Council will not be donating.

Dave makes a motion to pay invoice for filing outstanding bond obligation for \$547.50. Motion was rescinded as it was determined not to be the Council's decision.

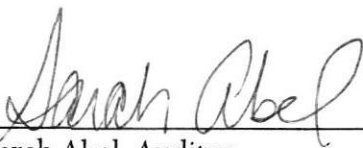
Last month the Council voted on Marie to be able to transfer funds that weren't available. It needs to be signed this month; it's already been voted on and appropriated.

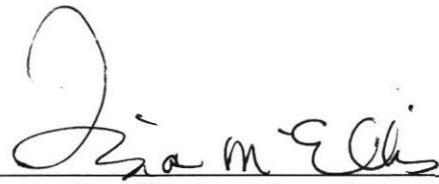
There is a second meeting this month on December 20th, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The Council will be finalizing the salary ordinance, working on the verbiage to adjust the ordinance for 2025, and doing some additional appropriations that the newspaper could not get advertised in time. The entire Council has committed to being present.

The Council goes over the monthly Treasurer report. Tina has supplied the interest statements. The Council looks at Trust Indiana at 4.66% and the Money Market German American is 4.10%. (Lady talking the most) asks, "Why would we not move this \$713,000 over into Indiana Trust to get that better rate?" The Council motions to leave the minimum amount necessary to keep the

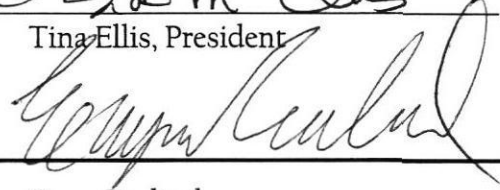
Money Market German American account open and move the remainder to Indiana Trust. The Treasurer was asked to come back in January after the settlement is complete to review the figures and see how much more to take out and reinvest to get a better rate.

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

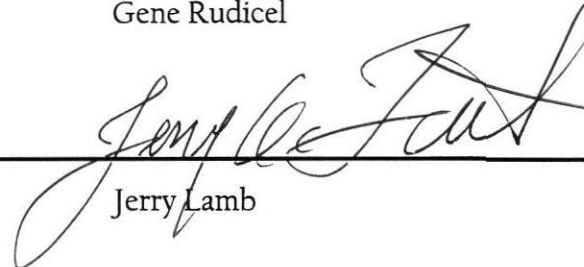

Sarah Abel, Auditor


Tina Ellis, President


Mike Gerth, Vice President


Gene Rudicel


Howard Malcomb


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Mandy Creech


Dave Woodall