

**UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2016**

PRESENT: Russel Rude, Tim Williams, Jim Hensley, Dannie Witter, Jack Heeter, Richard Blank, Matt Snyder, Pam Tharp, Jennie Brown, Dale Dishmond, Shaun Tudor, and Gene Sanford

President Russel Rude opened the meeting by leading the group with the pledge to the flag. Blank moved to approve the minutes of the September 22 meeting. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

TREASURER: The Auditor reported that the Treasurer had invested \$500,000 in a 1 year CD at 1.10% interest with West End Bank.

2017 BUDGET: Witter opened the Public Hearing on the 2017 budget. No one appeared for comment. The Auditor stated that perhaps \$600,000 would need to be cut from the budget requests but he was meeting with DLGF to review these estimates. Department Heads then discussed their budgets for 2017. The Dog Warden, EMA, Clerk, Circuit Court, 911 Dispatch, Sheriff, and Recorder met with Council during the morning session. Highway, Health, Park and Recreation, Purdue Extension, and Coroner met in the afternoon. The Sheriff presented several things for discussion including major raises for the department, pay for up to 10 holidays, and longevity pay. After some discussion, Council agreed to meet on September 30 at 8:30 AM for a workshop session on the budget.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: The Auditor presented an additional appropriation request for \$30,000 to fund salaries and benefits for the Health Department for November and December (5 pays) from the Riverboat Wagering Fund. The Department has to repay a loan of \$37,000 this year and will have little or no operating balance to begin 2017. This would allow them to definitely repay the loan and hopefully have a modest operating balance to begin 2017. Much discussion followed with Hensley finally moving to appropriate \$19,250 for salaries, \$2,000 for Board salaries, \$1,500 for OASI, \$2,750 for PERF and \$4,500 for medical insurance. Williams seconded the motion and it carried 4-2 with Heeter and Witter opposed.

TRANSFERS: In County General for the Jail, Hensley moved to decrease the Jail Officer \$3,000 and increase Overtime \$1,000 and P/T Matron \$2,000. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Also in County General, for the EMA, Heeter moved to decrease Supplies \$400 and increase Phone \$400. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

MISC: Witter read a letter from NSK inviting Council to an Open House celebrating being in Union County 20 years on September 26 at 10:00 AM.

There being no further business, Hensley moved to adjourn. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Attest _____, Auditor _____