

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 25, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Duane called the meeting to order and ask that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All members present, except Logan Pearson as he was working.

Shelly asked Duane to stop the meeting for a moment so she could go get the recorder.

MINUTES

Duane asked if all members had a copy of the minutes and if there were any corrections or additions, there being none, Duane asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Curt Bedwell made motion to accept and Larry Kinnett seconded.

Shelly also had the council to sign copies of the January, February and March Meeting minutes as she needs to send a copy to DLGF. All copies signed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Health Insurance meeting was discussed and what time it was to start.

Next order of business is the

SUNRISE ABATEMENT. This is the second hearing on the abatement, Duane asked if anything had changed at this point. Duane commented about the question being asked at the last meeting about the number of employees and that he took it that it was left at 20. Duane was advised that it did not change.

Duane told the council members that they had the literature on what straight norm and what a total is. The council need to decide who they want to go.

Do you want the Straight or the Normal or Total? Need to decide on the year, we voted on five at the previous meeting. Do you want to stay at five or go to seven. It can be changed at this meeting, the attorney interjected that did not think more years could be added at this point. Duane stated that the email that he received, it could be changed at this meeting even though advertised at five, but Duane did not think they would want to change and he was also told that they could go with the normal or go with straight. The difference between a normal and straight. If they put a second piece of equipment on in year two for \$10,000,000.00, they will only get 80% abatement at that time on that piece. Duane noted that at this time being the second hearing Sunrise did not have any comment.

Duane called on Tim Abrams. **Tim made a motion to go with a flat five years abatement**, Tim went on to say, we did not really cover the years last meeting, could have been seven or five. This is the motion that I will make.

Duane stated, you want to go five, five years as total and not the normal, Tim stated, yes, at the end of five years its done, Tim stated yes, 100%.

Jerry Payne said the Total being the same as referring to the Straight?

Duane said yes, a Straight or Total Jerry wanted to make sure he had the right terminology.

Tim Abrams interjected and asked about the **clawback clause**, wanting to know if there was one in the agreement. It was stated, yes, Lou Britton stated it's in the Abatement Calculation Agreement. It was approved by the Commissioners, that if they don't meet the goals as set forth, it depends if they fall one job short that they have to pay it all back. There is a calculation that is done, if they fail to meet the goals there is a repayment obligation.

Lou stated he has the resolution ready to sign and wants to make sure which one needs to be signed. If they move in \$10,000,000.00 in year two they only get 80%, it was stated that yes, that is right. It's over after five years regardless of when they put the equipment in. Duane said after they do the first year, if they put the next two in, in year two, then year five they only get 20% on that year and that's it.

Curt Bedwell, asked about the 20 – 25 employees, which ended up being 20 employees. Curt said he checked with legislator(s) in Indianapolis and asked if anything prohibited us from hiring all employees from Sullivan County. He said, he was informed by the legislator(s) that nothing keep us from hiring employees only from Sullivan County. Duane asked Scott his opinion and he stated, that the Calculation Agreement would probably have to be changed along with the resolution they would be signing tonight. And if they did hire from Sullivan County and three years later that person quits, and they hire from Greene County

How is that going to work. Duane stated that on the other abatements, it was specified if the person was qualified they were to use Sullivan County labor. Knox County concerning the abatement they are working on there, asked the same question and it boiled down to safety and if the person who has experience versus one who does not, they want to be able to hire the one with the experience, but would do their best to hire Sullivan County people.

He did calculations and 42% of the employees at the Carlisle Mine reside in Sullivan County. Curt said he just wanted to bring it up.

Duane said maybe on any future abatements, that could be looked at getting more hired from Sullivan County, Tim said if the number of employees was more like 50 to 60 new employees, maybe a percentage could be put on to hire them from Sullivan County.

Tim said he has a motion on the floor, Nick Cullison seconded his motion.

Duane asked for a vote, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Duane asked Scott, to have the resolution brought forth to sign.

He said Year one is 100% and year two 80%, 60%, 50% and it ends in 5 years, if they put the entire \$30,000,000.00 in, in year five, they only get 20%. Agreement signed, the description of the properties is on the back.

NEW BUSINESS

CLERK

Tonya Bedwell concerning the Wycom, which is program for the Clerk's signatures for the support checks. It needs to be updated since Odyssey is being instituted into the Clerk and Court system. The cost is \$2,395.00

Duane said the Clerk's perpetuation could be used for that and Tonya said that She was using that for the book repairs and scanning of books.

Tim Abrams made a motion to approve to be paid out of County General and asked if this was a yearly fee and Tonya said it would be a yearly fee.

Nick Cullison seconded. Duane called for a vote all in favor motion passed.

This item will need to be adveretised.

SULLIVAN COUNTY AVIATION

Eric Murray, appearing for permission and advice. Current Airport Mgr. does not have a current IA Airfreight Inspection, has had in the past, but is not current.

Would like to bring the Council and ask that Sullivan County pays \$950.00 to the Baker's School of Aeronatics and around \$400.00 to give Pat Harmon, Airport Manager access to an IA library so he can start doing annuals and sign off on hours.

They have money in their travel account and have \$1500 for travel.

And would like to provide his travel expenses out of our travel expenses and

I'm not asking for any money just permission to take the \$1,500.00 that we would need from maintenance fund or something. I think we have plenty of money to do this and keep our operations going. Do not actually have a line item for continuing education for our airport manager.

Duane said you do not have a line item, but the airport board could make a motion to use the money within itself to do this.

Eric, said he just wanted to make sure he was doing it correctly. The former airport manager had his credentials to take care of everything. This will be a one time thing that Pat will have to do if he stays current. He had it back in the 1990's and he needs to become current and go through it. The aircraft mechanic in Davies County is not long going to do annuals, so we need to get Pat taken care of as soon as possible. We believe it will be an important revenue generator for the airport. Is it possible to make the claim to come out of maintenance?

Duane asked our County Attorney if its possible. Would it be possible to take it directly out of maintenance to the Aircraft school? It is related to maintenance and is extremely important to our airport. Shelly said she would email the State Board of Accounts tomorrow and get an answer for Eric.

Curt Bedwell wants an update on the Solar Farm Abatement next month. Shelly said that there is nothing at the state on it. Shelly will check with Vicki to see what she has on it. Deann said, this would be their second year. Jerry Payne asked that they had to file for their abatement every year, and the Council only has 30 days after they file to make any additions or corrections. Josh Reshey, Council Attorney said they filed last time sometime in the middle of April, with the Auditor or Assessor. It was asked of Duane, if this abatement fell within the same ten year abatement time as the last one. Duane said the Solar Farm abatement was entirely different. It was a full ten and there was no charge of 5% on it, like now and in the future of 5%. Unless the Council changes the percentage, but Sunrise's will stay at 5%. Any new will automatically have the 5% unless it is changed to a 10% or up to 15%.

Tim stated that there were some people in the audience that was wanting to introduce themselves.

DLZ, came to talk to Council. Stating they did a jail study for Sullivan County about 8 years ago. Brian Kinnett was sheriff.

Duane interrupted them for a minute to go back to Curt. Curt just wanted to get the Solar Farm on the agenda in order to get an official update. Shelly said she would talk to Vicki about coming to next meeting.

Also talking about PERF and details how to fund it. There was a discussion concerning Perf and it being up to the Commissioners to make a decision. Discussion continued concerning a study that was to be done and Don Hatfield asked to speak concerning PERF.

Meeting returned back to the DLZ and the jail study. Since it has been 8 years since the study had been done, they wanted to come in to introduce themselves to the new Council members.

Eric Ratts, Principal Architect with DLZ showed some details on a new jail and updated numbers in the study and said that he would be presenting to the Commissioners in their next meeting, if they wanted to come and listen.

Eric talked about the cost of sending offenders to other county jails, with the costs of housing and transportation. House bill 1078, looking at more violent offenders and getting them back into the DOC. Eric talked about the cost of sending offenders to other county jails and the cost of housing and transportation, which could cost the county close to \$1,300,000.00 per year.

He talked about the current conditions at our jail and having a lot more bed needs than in years past. Eric said that he appreciated the Council taking their time to listen to him.

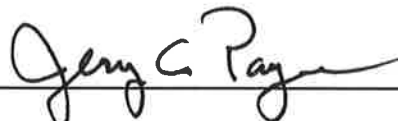
The Council thanked Eric Ratts and the DLZ for their presentation.

Duane asked if anyone had anything else to day, Tim Abrams, said he agreed with Eric and the situation with housing at the jail.


Tim Abrams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Curt Bedwell, Duane called for a vote, all in favor, motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Sullivan County Council

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Duane Wampler


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Jerry Payne

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Larry Kinnett

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Tim Abrams

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Curt Bedwell

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Logan Pearson

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Nick Cullison

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Attest, Shelly Hiatt Parris, Auditor