

**Daviess County Commissioners & Council Joint Meeting  
Minutes  
January 10, 2019**

The Daviess County Commissioners and Council met Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room within the Daviess County Courthouse.

**Council Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mike Sprinkle, President (Not voting), Mike Myers, Tony Duncheon, Kent Norris, Vice President, Pat Dant, JoAnn McCracken.

**Absent:** Dave Smith.

**Commissioners Roll Call.**

**Present:** Nathan Gabhart, President, Michael Taylor, Vice President, Tom McCracken.

Commissioner President Nathan Gabhart called the meeting to order.

Council President Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order.

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated that she asked to have this joint meeting between the Commissioners and Council with Jason Semler from Umbaugh present. She requested that MR. Semler go over financial projections and help both boards with the decisions they are being asked to make. She also stated that before them were reports on the county fund balances and other financial data for them to reference during the meeting if needed.

In 2016 the county had Umbaugh review the entire county financials and create a Comprehensive Financial Plan. Mr. Semler stated that in December of 2017 an update was done on a few funds to assess finances before entering into a bond for the annex project. Mr. Semler provided a copy of that 2017 update today. [Document](#)

Mr. Gabhart stated that to his understanding, there are two goals for today's meeting. The first goal is to review the proposal presented to the Commissioners and Council regarding paying off the 2011 Westgate bonds. The second goal would be to work on determining the five year capital plan for Daviess County. This would help with the bond pay off decision as well as future decisions.

Mr. Sprinkle stated that the funds he feels are most pertinent to look at are County General, EDIT, Cum Bridge, Cumulative Capital Development, Rainy Day, Riverboat and E-911.

After much discussion the following upcoming projects with cost estimates were listed for Mr. Semler to consider.

**2019-** Tuckpointing of the courthouse stone \$250,000; new windows for the courthouse \$700,000; energy project on the jail \$1,000,000; paying off the 2011 Westgate bonds, Business 50 cost sharing with the City of Washington; financial software for the Auditor's and Treasurer's office \$144,000; operating costs of the new 34,000 square foot annex building

**2020 & 2021-**Courthouse remodel remaining \$5,000,000 (\$2,000,000 of this is the HVAC estimate)

2020-Combined dispatch \$500,000; Ambulance contract; May of 2020 \$660,000 is due back on the distressed road loan and the highway has the cash ready but may want to issue a new one.

2021-Phase IV and V of the 900 E buggy path, this is at the request of the state to combine both phases and accelerate the project. This is about 4 miles of road including a bridge. The right of way, engineering, utilities have been funded out of County General and the construction is funded out of the MVH fund.

2022-2023- Sidewalk project along Highway 57, which is a shared cost with the City of Washington \$200,000 for the county's portion.

The Montgomery overhead bridge was discussed as a future project, but it is at least five years out. Therefore, the boards decided not to include it into considerations at this time.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Sprinkle asked the commissioners if the county is going to fund any economic development projects. Mr. Gabhart stated that as far as he is concerned all TIF and EDIT money is for economic development. He added that money is currently being spent on the bonds that were taken out for economic development. Mr. Gabhart stated that if there is money available for project requests that come in then the Commissioners will either approve or disapprove each project, one at a time. He also noted that they spent 2.2 million dollars last year out of a Non-EDIT fund to pay for an economic development project for the first time. This was with the understanding that the money would be reimbursed.

Mr. Taylor stated that he feels the county does need to get back to a contract with the Economic Development Corporation to help with administrative costs, etc.

### **RESERVE POLICY**

Mrs. Ball stated that a reserve policy still needs to be put in place. It has been discussed previously but not put into action. Mr. Semler stated that one needs to be set but with realistic expectations so that the county's hands aren't tied in the future. He added that the policy can have any parameters in it the county sees fit, and can also be changed in the future if needed. He cautioned to put something into place that is reasonable to adhere to. Mr. Semler stated that two months' worth of operating expenses is the minimum reserve the county should have in place.

### **NEXT WORKING SESSION**

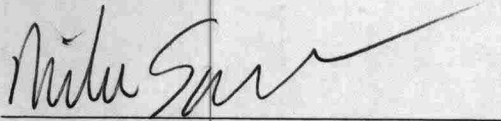
Mr. Semler will return and have a joint meeting again on Monday January 28, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Duncheon asked for a draft or copy of the documents to be presented, prior to the meeting, so the boards could review them ahead of time.

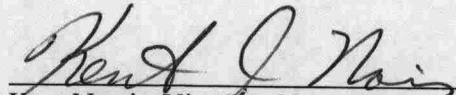
### **GPC BOND SHORTFALL**

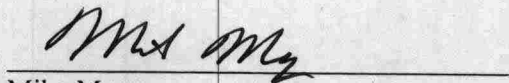
Mrs. Ball stated that there has been communications between GPC and the county regarding the GPC shortfall on the 2014 "C" bond. GPC is asking the county to make up some of this shortfall. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that the "C" portion of the bond is also referred to as the 2014 abatement bond, which is junior and subordinate to the A and B portions of the 2014 GPC bonds. GPC decreased their equipment which decreased the TIF revenue, creating the shortfall.

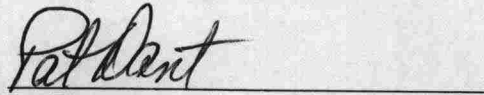
**Motion: , Action:** Meeting Adjourned, **Moved by** Tony Duncheon, **Seconded by** Mike Myers.  
Motion passed unanimously.

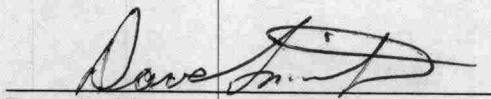
**Motion: , Action:** Meeting Adjourned, **Moved** by Michael Taylor, **Seconded** by Tom McCracken.  
Motion passed unanimously.

  
Mike Sprinkle, President

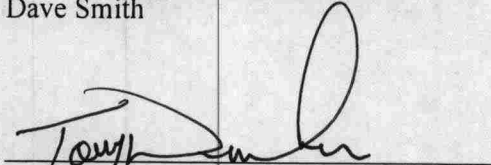
  
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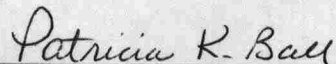
  
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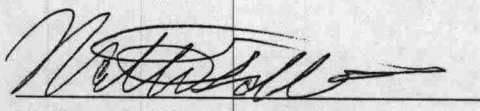
  
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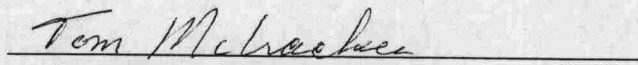
  
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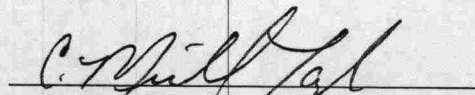
  
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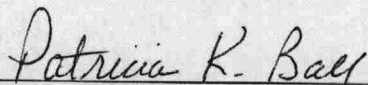
  
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ATTEST:   
Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County

  
Nathan Gabhart, President

  
Tom McCracken, Secretary

  
C. Michael Taylor, Vice President

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