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Emergency Joint Commissioner/Council Meeting March 12, 2018

Present: Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, David Gogel, Matt Knepper, Todd Ruxer, Aaron Benton, Jim Seiler, Al Logsdon, Tom Brown, Auditor Autumn Winkler, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Attorney Andrew Foster

Absent: Steve Winsett

Meeting was called to order by Jim Seiler at 8:00 A.M. Meeting was called to order by Blake Bunner at 8:00 A.M.

New Business

Commissioner Attorney Lindsey informed the Commissioners and Council that an emergency meeting was required to address an amendment to Senate Bill 242. A conference call was then made to State Representative Steve Bartels and North Spencer School Corporation Attorney Jeff Qualkinbush of Barnes and Thornburg to discuss the proposed amendment. Possible effects to the county are an adjustment of distributions to other taxing units within the North Spencer School Corporation taxing district and delayed tax bills of up to possibly 2 months.

Bartels stated that North Spencer School Corporation was contacted in 2017 by the DLGF and informed that the assessed value from AK Steel had affected the tax rate calculation on their Capital Projects Fund resulting in lowered revenue of approximately \$1,000,000.00 for that fund. North Spencer School Corporation does not agree with the DLGF's interpretation of that law and is requesting an amendment be made to Senate Bill 242 to address this change.

North Spencer attorney Jeff Qualkinbush stated that they have been in contact with the DLGF over the last few months and the DLGF has stated their position is to make any necessary changes for 2019, not 2018. An amendment to the law is the only way to make changes for 2018. Today's meeting is for the council and commissioners to get all questions answered and to take action on if they are in favor of this amendment to the bill. If the bill passes it would take everyone back to the 2017 rates when it was interpreted differently than it is this year. Qualkinbush stated that the DLGF cannot tell them specifically why they are interpreting the law differently this year than last other than it has something to do with the TIF district expiring. Kroeger and Qualkinbush discussed that if this is affecting the school corporation Capital Project fund that our cum funds probably went down also, but it was not as significant so we didn't notice.

Dan Sherry, Superintendent of North Spencer School Corporation, spoke on the school corporation behalf and expressed the great need for this amendment to pass.

Attorney Lindsey presented a letter of support for commissioner and council approval with the addition of verbiage stating that the proposed amendment be retroactive to January 1, 2018.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the letter of support from Spencer County. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Councilmen Benton made a motion to approve the letter of support from Spencer County. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kroeger made a motion that it be stated for the record that this was an emergency meeting due to the severity of the situation and in the best interest of the taxpayers; we were only notified of this on Friday and that it would be voted on today. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the same motion stated by the council. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Benton made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

President Commissioner
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