Owen County Council
Minutes-March 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Polly Chesser at 6:00pm.
Opening Prayer was given by Nick Robertson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Polly Chesser, Anton Neff, Amy Casebeer, Verl Keith, Amy Casebeer and Nick Robertson.
Absent: Andy Wood. Also present, auditor Sheila Reeves. Public sign in sheet
A motion to approve the minutes from January 9, 2023, was made by Verl Keith; seconded by Steve Carrell. Motion carried 6-0.
A motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023, was made by Steve Carrel; seconded by Verl Keith. Motion carried 6-0.
A copy of the LOW Monthly Financial Report was provided for review. Ms. Reeves noted the balance of the County General Fund must last until June 30th.
Old Business
Health Department Employee Confirmation included a review for the hourly rate for the employee in their Fund#4911. A motion was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Amy Casebeer to transfer $33500-Salary, 3752-Fica $2563-Perf, $4350-Insurance from Contracted Position to a regular employee that has already started and transitioning into the position of the Health Sanitarian. Motion carried 6-0.
Auditor's Full-time Position was confirmed to be advertised for the next Public Hearing-April Meeting in the amount of $35000.
Paycor Review-Attorney Dana Kerr presented a summary of the Payroll Program being offered by Paycor on behalf of the Commissioners. (Updated copies were provided for their review) The Commissioners also requested for the cost to be funded from the ARPA monies so as not to be a burden to taxpayers.
LOW Associates had also provided an executive summary for Time Management System on Friday that was provided for their review too. Following discussion and concern it was agreed to postpone any decision at this time as they feel there are other possible options that may be more compatible for time management that will better streamline the payroll process too. It was also noted that no other counties use this company in the State. A complete review of the overall needs should be done to make sure that the best outcome is achieved. A motion to postpone until April was made by Nick Robertson; seconded by Anton Neff. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioners, Council, Auditor, Payroll Deputies and Department Heads are all part of this decision to be made and will most likely include Policy Changes too.

New Business
Library-Ginger Kohr presented a request for an appointment to the Library Board. Three applicants were presented. Following discussion, A motion was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Verl Keith to appoint Joanna Allee for the term March 2023 to September 2026. Motion carried 6-0.
Circuit Court-Judge Kelsey Hanlon presented two additional appropriation requests. The first was for $300 from 1000-232-Cash reimbursed from the State to Interpreter 1000-232-38000. Motion to approve was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Nick Robertson. Carried 6-0. The second request was for Recording Equipment for Court Two. A motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $6600 from Riverboat Fund#1191 was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Nick Robertson. Motion carried 6-0.
Chamber of Commerce-A motion to postpone until the April Meeting due to the absence of Marce King, was made by Nick Robertson; seconded by Anton Neff. Motion carried 6-0.
Public Records Request Fees Ordinance was presented by Attorney Kerr. A copy of the proposed Fees Ordinance was presented for review. It is the second step as the Commissioners have already approved the Public Records Request Form and Process. Following discussion and requested changes/clarification (cost per page/revenue deposits/postage/structure/process etc.) It was agreed to postpone with a motion made by Anton Neff; seconded by Nick Robertson. Motion carried. 6-0.

Salary Confirmation Summaries were presented for review. A motion to approve both the February and March Batch was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Verl Keith. Motion carried 6-0.

Elected Official

Ms. Reeves presented the Annual WTH Bill that had been received in the amount of $5319. This bill had been discussed during the budget hearings as to who was responsible but was never decided. A motion to advertise to pay from the Riverboat Fund#1191 in the amount of $5319 was made by Nick Robertson; seconded by Anton Neff. Motion carried 6-0.

A request was made by Vera Hughes for a Council Appointment to the Alcohol and Beverage Commission to replace Barron Barnett. A motion to have the auditor advertise for the Board with "Letters of interest" submitted was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Steve Carrell. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments-Jeff Marks commented about the Fees Ordinance and a process he is familiar with from the division of forestry. The process needs to be as smooth and transparent as possible. He also noted that he would like to have the county website updated with general information. It is being looked in to at this time.

No additional Council Comments were made.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Robertson.