

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday MARCH 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., present was council members, Smith, Claxton, Titus, Asher, Sanders, Compton, Langkabel, County Council Attorney and the County Auditor.

**MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from February 19, 2019 meeting was made by Asher, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0

**TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:**

**TRANSFERS:**

At this time Asher made a motion to approve all transfers as presented, seconded by Claxton, approved 7-0

**SHERIFF:**

Request to transfer \$3,224.00 from 1000-12390-0005 (Deputy) to 1000-12120-0005 (Cpl. Deputy), \$2,393.00 from 1000-12390-0005 (Deputy) to 1000-12450-0005 (Sgt. Deputy), \$3,224.00 from 1000-12390-0005 (Deputy) to 1000-12470-0005 (Cpl. Deputy), \$2,393.00 from 1000-12390-0005 (Deputy) to 1000-12480-0005 (Sgt. Deputy), \$4,298.00 from 1000-11320-0380 (Correctional Officer) to 1000-11510-0380 (Cpl. Correctional Officer)

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 4206-12314-0000 (Conflict Defender) in the amount of \$6,000.00, motion to approve was made by Claxton, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0

**SHERIFF:**

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 4101-41104-0000 (Water Rescue Equipment) in the amount of \$5,350.64, motion to approve was made by Asher, seconded by Sanders, approved 7-0

**GAL COURT:**

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1211-31102-0000 (GAL – State Funds) in the amount of \$7,449.50, motion to approve was made by Asher, seconded by Claxton, approved 7-0

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**SUPERIOR COURT II:**

Judge Riggins is requesting to replace a full-time employee. Titus advised he spoke with Riggins and asked if he thought he could get by with a Part-time employee, Riggins agreed to give this a chance and see how it works. Motion to approve the part-time employee not to exceed 28 hours was made by Langkabel, seconded by Asher, approved 7-0

**RECORDER:**

Tawnya is requesting to bring in Shevin Schaf for 2-3 days while she and her deputy are at Conference to help Debbie so she can take lunch breaks and help with the daily work. Tawnya advised this would be paid from her Perpetuation Fund. Motion to approve was made by Langkabel, seconded by Asher, approved 7-0

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Koch is requesting to replace a full-time dispatcher. Motion to approve the full-time dispatcher was made by Sanders, seconded by Asher, approved 7-0

**RANGER POWER ABATEMENT:**

Councilman Titus advised this was the Fiscal Body and tonight we will only talk about the abatement.

Mary Soliday legal council for Ranger Power – Mary presented the Council with the SB-1/UD and went over things on the form. Two legal forms needed to finalize the abatement. The SB-1/UD and the Resolution for the abatement. Mary had received a letter from the attorney representing the some of the residents that are against this project and abatement stating that this is not in line with abatements, but the SB-1/UD stands for Utility Distributable. She knows of a couple of other counties that are doing this, Henry, Sullivan County and City of Anderson. She just wants to dispute that this project isn't eligible for abatement.

Pete Endris wanted to speak on why this abatement is so important to them. This is a 199-megawatt solar farm located in Hanover & Union Township. They will generate clean renewable utility grid with Wabash Valley Power. Wabash will intern provide electricity to REMC thru out Central Indiana and Northern Indiana. We will be investing over \$175,000,000.00 in Shelby County. Besides the 4 full time employees, during the construction they will be offering many more jobs while the project is being built. This is an estimated 35-year contract. The project will be contributing to the County tax base. We have committed to at least \$47.25 Million during the 35 years. This is around 34% of the tax base in Hanover Township and 63% of the tax base in Union Township. They have offered \$1.6 million to the county in which \$1 million will go to the county and \$600 thousand will go to the Shelby Eastern Schools. And our understanding is that the school's portion will be split between the Morristown & Waldron Schools. These payments will be made at the beginning of the operating project with in 4 months. Pete wanted to hand out books to each council member that contain 589 individual responses in favor of this project, and this also includes resolutions from the Town of Morristown and Shelby Eastern School Board.

At this time Titus read a letter from the Shelby County Development Corp. Brian Asher. Asher was unable to attend tonight.

At this time Terry Smith wanted to make a statement that they have checked the State Statue because he has relatives that are part of this project but because he doesn't own that land, he could vote on this. But Smith advised he will be abstaining to the votes.

At this time the floor was opened to the public:

Jimmy Lardin – Jimmy advised that he is in support of this project. In order to have a healthy economy it needs to be diverse. He advised this will really help stabilize the tax base here in Indiana.

Luke Stout – 5152 N 700 E had concerns with the money turned down the first time, they came back with more money to offer people that were against the money. Most of the people they offered the money to didn't take it. The Shelby Eastern School Superintendent told one of my relatives that the money would be nice, but the school

doesn't need the money and they would survive with out it. Think about all the money they have offered people that they could pay toward abatement instead of asking for an abatement.

Martin Zinser – What is the purpose of the Abatement? He understands it is a tool to bring business to the area, but this company doesn't need this abatement, they have shown thru their fights to get here they don't need the abatement, they are going to come here anyway, they need the land. This is going to hurt property owner's property values. Last thing is he built a business here 17 years ago and brought 10 new jobs and did this all without tax breaks.

Mike Smith – 500 E land owner involved with the project. As we sit here and talk about the advantages and disadvantages of this project, it all comes down to the revenue the county, schools, kids and land owners will receive. Roughly \$18 million will go to the county over the 30 years. The school will receive \$600,000.00. The landowners are putting \$50,000.00 together for scholarships for the kids. What industry can come into this county and not ask of any money from the county, this is all privately funded the county will pay nothing. There will be traffic on the roads and there may need to be some road repairs, but after the project is done there will be no services needed from the police, fire departments, etc. Also, what other company will come in with a de-commissioning plan to return the land back to the original and a drainage plan.

Ryan Claxton wanted to explain to one of Mr. Stouts questions about Ranger Power coming back with more money. Claxton advised that was more of the County doing this instead of Ranger Power. Claxton explained back in 2008 they did an abatement with O'Neal Steele and it was a 50% as a \$2 million project. This is where we wanted to be, if you add the \$1.6 million, they came back with put us 54%. Claxton just wanted to explain this to the public.

Pete Endris wanted to comment on the road conditions any roads that were damaged during the construction, Power Ranger will pay to have repaired, no cost to the county.

At this time, they will take a vote on the Agreement & Abatement:

Motion to approve the Agreement of the ERA between the County and Ranger Power was made by Claxton, seconded by Asher, approved 5-1-1 (Sanders – no, Smith Abstained)

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 for the Abatement was made by Claxton, seconded by Asher, approved 5-1-1 (Sanders – no, Smith Abstained)

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Smith, seconded by Asher, approved 7-0

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SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR