

## **DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**May 25, 2016**

The Dubois County Council met on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in the Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Kendall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Gregory A. Kendall, Charmian R. Klem, Martha A. Wehr, Craig M. Greulich, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Mary E. Beckman, Nick Hostetter, and Deputy Auditor Sheryl Sendelweck. President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting. On motion made by Martha Wehr, seconded by Charmian Klem, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

EMA Director Tammy Humbert appeared to request the Council to reconsider giving the 12 Fire Departments money to cover their reprogramming costs. Consultant has agreed to relinquish \$5,000 out of his fees to put towards these costs. Total costs reported to Tammy Humbert by the vendors were \$4,625. On a motion made by Greg Kendall, seconded by Martha Wehr the request for \$5,000 was approved 6-1 with Craig Greulich voting nay.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SOIL & WATER DISTRICT**

Brenda Sermersheim and Judi Brown appeared to request a budget reduction of \$6,000 due to the grant not being received to provide reimbursement to the County. On a motion made by Jerry Hunefeld, seconded by Charmian Klem, the budget reduction of \$6,000 was unanimously approved.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Jerry Gramelspacher requested an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for HVAC Control System. A motion was made by Greg Kendall, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was for \$14,000 and was unanimously approved.

Jerry Gramelspacher also made Council aware of the water heater system situation. When it does go out, the current type of unit is no longer available. There are alternatives. Jerry will work on a plan and then present at a later date.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY EMS**

EMS Director Suzan Henke appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$160,000 for ambulance equipment. A motion was made by Jerry Hunefeld, seconded by Mary Beckman, an additional appropriation for \$150,000 was unanimously approved.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Director William Wells appeared to request approval of the budget. The grant would allow for the hiring of three new case managers which would be funded by State money. The Commissioners approved the new positions. On a motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Jerry Hunefeld, the budget was approved pending finalization of the number.

### **RE: JASPER DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION**

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Andy Seger and John Bell appeared before the Council to present the Downtown Revitalization Plan and also request money for the Project. The recommendation indicated the City of Jasper would fund \$1,000,000 (which is the max) with the State match being another \$1,000,000. Request was for the County to fund \$500,000 with the State match being another \$500,000. In addition it was asked that the County fund another \$500,000 from the 2017 Edit Fund. The Council indicated due to the budget issues, time is needed to study before the next meeting.

### **RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Deputy Sendelweck requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 for the HVAC Central Circuit Board at the Security Center. On motion made by Mary Beckman, seconded by Jerry Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Deputy Sendelweck requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,000 for 911 communication/siren upgrades and Memorial Hospital Ambulance Pagers. On motion made by Nick Hostetter, seconded by Martha Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

### **RE: TAX ABATEMENTS**

Deputy Sendelweck presented the tax abatement for Superior Insulation indicating it was in compliance. On a motion made by Nick Hostetter, seconded by Craig Greulich, it was approved with a 6-1 vote with Charmian Klem voting nay.

Deputy Sendelweck presented the tax abatement for Temple-Inland indicating it was in compliance. On a motion made by Martha Wehr, seconded by Craig Greulich, it was approved with a 6-1 vote with Charmian Klem voting nay.

### **RE: BUDGET**

Budget discussions were held and Council Members reviewed different options to reduce the budget for 2017. On motion made by Jerry Hunefeld, seconded by Greg Kendall, the proposal included no raises for employees, except when mandated by the State, and Department Heads should try to reduce office expenses as discussed in previous meetings.

### **RE: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Dubois County Council will be held on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex.