

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

May 30, 2017

The Dubois County Council met on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 in the Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Jerry R. Hunefeld called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were Board Members Jerry R. Hunefeld, Craig M. Greulich, Sonya Haas, Mary E. Beckman, Michael Kluesner, Doug Uebelhor, and Auditor Kathy Hopf. Member Charmian R Klem was not in attendance at the meeting; however, she did participate via Skype, with no voting authority. President Hunefeld asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: SENATE BILL 218

State Senator Mark Messmer and State Representative Mike Braun appeared to discuss Senate Bill 218, which allows a Regional Development Authority to engage in direct funding of the State match of federal funds for highway projects. Attorney William J. Kaiser spoke about how to set up the Regional Development Authority. It was the consensus of the Council to form a Regional Development Authority. Attorney Kaiser will work with County Attorney Art Nordhoff to prepare an ordinance to establish the RDA.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Director Megan Durlauf appeared to present her 2017-2018 budget, which has been approved by the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Department of Justice. On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Sonya Haas, the Corrections budget was approved as presented.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY EMS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

EMS Director Suzan Henke appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$14,000 for the purchase of Rescue CPR devices for all local fire departments. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – HEALTH INSURANCE CHANGES

Commissioners' President Chad Blessinger appeared to inform the Council that the Commissioners have approved the following changes to the health insurance plan effective January 1, 2018:

Generic Drug Co-pay will increase to \$5.00

Deductible will increase to \$750 Individual, \$1,000 Family.

Deductible for employees who participate in the health screening will increase to \$500 Individual and \$750 Family

Premiums will increase to \$300 annually for single plan, \$700 per year for employee + 1, and \$750 per year for employee plus family

Addition of Telemedicine to our plan at no cost to employees

Estimated cost savings from these changes is expected to be a net of approximately \$88,000. It is the suggestion of the Commissioners that a significant amount of this savings be passed back to the employees via salary increase.

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RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Commissioners' President Chad Blessinger requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the design, development and implementation of a new County website. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – NEW POSITION

Commissioners' President Chad Blessinger informed the Council that the Commissioners have approved a full-time administrative assistant position for the Sheriff's Department, effective immediately.

RE: SUPERIOR INSULATION TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Brad Brosmer appeared to update the Council on the Superior Insulation tax abated project. Auditor Hopf presented the CF-1 form which was submitted as required. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the CF-1 was approved unanimously.

RE: TEMPLE-INLAND TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Eric Getzin appeared to update the Council on the two personal property purchases that received tax abatements. Auditor Hopf presented the CF-1 forms which were submitted as required. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the CF-1 forms were unanimously approved.

RE: PROBATION DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Chief Probation Office Jennifer Lampert appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$40,000 for the renovation of the Law Library to enable expansion of the Probation Department. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Sonya Haas, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,650 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase and installation of a computer for the Security Officer's Desk. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000 from the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund for the purchase of equipment. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund for Microfilm services. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$3,500 from the Community Corrections Project Income Other Services (\$1,000 Audits, \$2,500 Participant Insurance) into Project Income Supplies (\$1,000 Office Supplies, \$1,500 Cleaning Supplies, \$1,000 Vehicle Supplies). On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Sonya Haas, the transfer was unanimously approved.

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RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT

On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Shane Lindauer from the Park Board.

On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Mark Denu to the Park Board.

RE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SALARY

Auditor Hopf informed the Council that the State Board of Accounts has published the opinion that all Council members should receive the same compensation. No extra compensation is to be received by the President, according to the information received from the State Board of Accounts. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the Council voted unanimously to reduce the President's salary effective immediately.

RE: SOIL & WATER LIAISON

On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the Council unanimously appointed Charmian R. Klem to serve as the Council liaison to the Soil & Water Department.

RE: 2018 BUDGET

Following a lengthy discussion regarding 2018 salaries, the Council decided that department heads should include a salary increase of \$.40 per hour for full time employees and \$.25 per hour for part-time employees.

RE: NEXT MEETINGS

The Dubois County Council will meet on Monday, June 26, 2017 and Monday, July 24, 2017 at 4:30 for regular monthly meetings. The Budget meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.