

**JOINT MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 4, 2019**

A joint meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners and County Council was held in the Commissioners / Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (EST) on April 4, 2019. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames, Nick Hostetter and Dubois County Council Members Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Charmian R. Klem and Michael Kluesner. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. The meeting was opened by Commissioner President Chad A. Blessinger and a quorum was declared present.

The joint meeting was held for the purpose of gathering information for the financial advisors from Baker Tilly and other issues for the justice study.

**RE: TELE CONFERENCE**

A telephone conference was held with representatives from Baker Tilly, RQAW, and Bingham Greenebaum and Doll. Matt Eckerle, Baker Tilly, led the discussion on moving forward with a financial capacity analysis. Different revenue sources for the justice facility were addressed including using existing revenue sources, establishing the Correctional Rehabilitation Local Income Tax and/or Public Safety Local Income Tax, or using property tax. Each Commissioner and Councilperson spoke giving his/her opinion.

LIT-Economic Development funds over the past five years were reviewed. Discussion on the operational needs of the fund as well as comfortable reserve balances ensued.

Baker Tilly will have preliminary data available in a few weeks.

**RE: JUSTICE FACILITY COSTS**

Commissioner Blessinger presented current information to the Councilmembers on the Justice Feasibility Study and the different options being presented by RQAW at this time. He shared current consultant costs as follows:

Owners Representative	\$ 15,000
Financial Advisor	\$ 80,000
RQAW	\$ 15,000
Bond Counsel	\$120,000

Currently, \$100,000 is appropriated from the LIT-ED fund. Councilwoman Charmain Klem made a motion to advertise \$150,000 from the LIT-ED fund, seconded by Councilman Michael Kluesner at the April 22, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

**RE: COMMISSIONER HOSTETTER**

Commissioner Hostetter left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

**RE: FACILITY PLANS**

Commissioner Blessinger presented preliminary facility plans to gain input from the members.

**RE: INMATE TREATMENT**

Dana Wood, Continuous Quality Improvement Specialist for Community Corrections and Probation Departments, presented information on treatments provided for inmates. Data collection is needed to start to understand the community needs.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct, Commissioner President Blessinger adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.