

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 12, 2011

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on December 12, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex. Present at the meeting were Board members Gregory A. Kendall, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Martha A. Wehr, Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, Mark A. Brescher, Shane M. Lindauer, Barbara Mathies, and Auditor Kathy Hopf.

President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, the minutes were approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

The Dubois County Council and Dubois County Commissioners conducted a joint meeting to discuss the implementation of economic incentives. Commissioners' President Larry Vollmer stated the Commissioners are in favor of offering property tax abatement consistent with the ordinance passed by the City of Jasper. A draft of the City of Jasper payroll tax rebate proposal was discussed briefly. President Kendall suggested that the Jasper Action Team be invited to the January Council meeting to provide additional information on the payroll tax rebate incentive, as well as to answer questions from Council members. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council that County Attorney Nordhoff prepare a property tax abatement ordinance for review by both the Dubois County Commissioners and the Dubois County Council. Auditor Hopf will contact the Jasper Action Team regarding the January Council meeting.

RE: I-67 CORP.

Hank Menke appeared to discuss a possible link to I-69. A group has been formed to work toward achieving this. A study will be completed by April, 2012, to analyze the need for the link to I-69. Cost of the study is \$200,000. Menke requested \$100,000 from the Council to help fund the study, as well as to help defray other expenses incurred to date. Highway Engineer Jason Heile will contact INDOT to discuss the future of this project if the study does indeed come back favorable.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to discuss equipment needs that were presented at the November 28, 2011 Council meeting. Due to the lack of time to bid, Berg removed the salt spreaders from his original request. Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$138,000 from Cum Cap Development fund for the purchase of a mechanic's truck, brine truck, snow plows and safety lighting. On

motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf appeared to request an additional appropriation form the General Fund in the amount of \$7,200 for DNA expert testimony in a recent trial in Dubois Circuit Court. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: APPOINTMENTS

On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of Martha A. Wehr to the 911 Advisory Board.

On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of Tim Friedman to a 4-year term on the Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer Board.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Dubois County Council will meet on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex. The Council will meet on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 4:30 in the Council Chambers.