

## **DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**January 23, 2012**

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on January 23, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Courthouse Annex. Present at the meeting were Board members Gregory A. Kendall, Mark A. Brescher, Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, Martha A. Wehr, Shane M. Lindauer, Barbara Mathies, and Auditor Kathy Hopf. Member Jerry R. Hunefeld was absent. President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the minutes were approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RE: REORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

Auditor Hopf called for the election of officers. Nominations were opened for Council President with Mark A. Brescher nominating Gregory A. Kendall. The nomination was seconded by Martha A. Wehr. With no further nominations made, Barbara Mathies made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Shane M. Lindauer. Kendall was unanimously voted in as Council President. Nominations were then opened for Council Vice-President with Shane M. Lindauer nominating Jerry R. Hunefeld. The nomination was seconded by Mark A. Brescher. With no further nominations made, Bonnie J. Luebbehusen made a motion to close the nominations for Vice President. The motion was seconded by Martha A. Wehr. Hunefeld was unanimously voted in as Council Vice-President. The elected officers for the Dubois County Council for 2012 are:

President: Gregory A. Kendall

Vice-President Jerry R. Hunefeld

### **RE: DUBOIS CIRCUIT COURT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Cheryl Knies appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,500 from Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase of a new court recording system. The Court has been having problems with its current recording system, which has reached its end of life. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Cheryl Knies also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the General Fund for a part-time position. The Court would like to employ Betty Seibert, who retired at the end of 2011, to fill in for vacations at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Jason Heile, Dubois County Highway Engineer, appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 from Cum Bridge Fund for Bridge 114. The bridge, located on the Schnellville Road just past the Klem plant over Hall Creek, is deteriorating. A 90 ft. span needs to be replaced. Preliminary estimates for the project are approximately \$450,000 for design and construction.

On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: JASPER ACTION TEAM – TAX ABATEMENTS**

Representatives of the Jasper Action Team appeared for a discussion of the proposed Tax Abatement Ordinance. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Council unanimously voted to approve the ordinance draft, to be amended to include filing fees of \$250 for real property tax abatement and \$250 for personal property tax abatement, to mirror fees as included in the ordinance passed by the City of Jasper, as well as formation of a board of review.

**RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL**

Janet Schnell appeared to request an additional appropriation of \$44,000 from the Drug Free Community Fund. This amount represents the same amount requested in 2011. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: SHERIFF – FULL-TIME COOK**

Sheriff Donny Lampert appeared to request that a part-time cook position be made into a full-time position. The Commissioners have approved the position, subject to Council approval. Sheriff Lampert indicated there is enough money in the part-time line item of the budget to cover full-time salary; however, the cost of the benefits would be additional. The new full-time position was proposed at 32 hours most weeks, with additional hours as necessary up to 40 on occasion. Barbara Mathies made a motion to approve the full-time position. After a second by Shane M. Lindauer, President Kendall called for a vote. Barbara Mathies and Shane M. Lindauer voted in favor of the motion, while members Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, Mark A. Brescher, and Martha A. Wehr voted against. The motion failed 2-3. Following additional discussion regarding consistency of the number of hours worked by full-time cooks, Barbara Mathies made a motion to create a full-time cook position that would work 38-40 hours, consistent with what current full-time cooks are working. The motion was seconded by Shane M. Lindauer. President Kendall called for a vote. Barbara Mathies, Shane M. Lindauer, Mark Brescher, and Bonnie J. Luebbehusen voted in favor of the full-time position, and Martha A. Wehr voted against. The motion passed 4-1.

**RE: SHERIFF – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Sheriff Donny Lampert appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,100 from the General Fund for the reclassification of positions and wage increases as discussed with the Council last year. The proposed increases are as follows: Tim Lampert \$250, Forrest Kieser \$1,000, Randy Schnell \$1,350, JoAnn Schnarr \$1,500, 2 shift supervisors and 1 jail assistant commander \$1,000 each. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Lampert presented a list of items he would like to purchase for his department. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the additional appropriation.

**RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PARK BOARD**

Jason Schmitt appeared on behalf of the Dubois County Park Board to discuss plans for a disc golf course. The board is currently working on obtaining proposals from designers in order to get a cost estimate and recommendation of where to place the course. If it is feasible, the Board would like to

install an 18 hole course that would hopefully serve as a drawing card to the county. Shane M. Lindauer mentioned that he uses the course at Patoka Lake, and suggested contacting them for help. The funding for this project will come from the Park Board Non-reverting Fund.

**RE: DUBOIS COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Suzan Henke appeared to give an update on Ambulance Services. She informed the Council that paramedic status will go live on February 27, 2012.

**RE: I-67 PROJECT**

Cheryl Graff appeared on behalf of Hank Menke to discuss the I-67 project. Following a brief discussion, the Council tabled the discussion until the next meeting in order for Jerry R. Hunefeld to be present.

**RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

Auditor Hopf informed the Council that a change in the Dubois County Museum Board's by-laws was overlooked, and that the Commissioners' reappointment of Cheryl Sermersheim to the Board should have been a Council appointment. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the appointment of Cheryl Sermersheim was unanimously approved.

**RE: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$750 from the General Fund for payment of comp time for Carl Ahrens. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: JAIL PARKING LOT - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$150,000 for repair of the jail parking lot. On motion made by Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$4,000 for purchase of the Interact Program for county law enforcement agencies. \$100,000 from the continuing education fund will be used to purchase the program; the remaining \$8,000 is to be divided between the City of Jasper and Dubois County. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for the Emergency Management Director. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$3,000 for the purchase of new computer equipment for Robert Johnson,

Veterans' Service Officer. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of a new portable radio for the Courthouse Security Officer in order to be compatible with narrow banding. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from the Health fund in the amount of \$3,018 for donations. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from Project Income in the amount of \$20,390 for the full-time facilitator position. This position had previously been part-time. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Dubois County Council will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.