

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 27, 2012

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012 in the Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Kendall called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Gregory A. Kendall, Mark A. Brescher, Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, Martha A. Wehr, Shane M. Lindauer, Jerry R. Hunefeld, 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 Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: SHERIFF DONNY LAMPERT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sheriff Donny Lampert appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Sex/Violent Offender fund in the amount of \$2,000 to cover annual expenses for the computer tablet used by Forrest Kieser for sex registry. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Donny Lampert requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$120,000 from Cum Cap Development fund for the purchase of 4 new vehicles, as part of the yearly rotation of Sheriff's vehicles. On motion made by Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Donny Lampert requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from the Cum Cap Development fund for jail operating expenses. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Lampert also presented the jail report for the month of January.

RE: JANICE LOVE, 9-1-1 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Janice Love appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development fund in the amount of \$6,100 for CAD computers for 3 work stations at 9-1-1. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: HANK MENKE – I-67

Hank Menke appeared for further discussion on the funding of the I-67 study and project. Following a discussion among Council members, Shane M. Lindauer proposed contributing \$25,000 towards the study and other expenses incurred to date. Following a second by Jerry R. Hunefeld, President Kendall called for a show of hands of those in favor of the \$25,000 appropriation. Shane M. Lindauer and Jerry R. Hunefeld voted in favor, while members Bonnie J. Luebbehusen, Martha A. Wehr, Mark A. Brescher, and Barbara Mathies voted against the funding. The consensus failed 2-4. Member Martha A. Wehr suggested the Council could write a letter of support of the project.

RE: MARK HIERBRANDT – AMERESCO

Mark Hierbrandt, Ameresco, appeared to discuss a proposed letter of intent that was recently presented to the Commissioners. Commissioners Larry Vollmer and Randy Fleck were in attendance for the discussion. Ameresco is proposing to perform a detailed study of county buildings and submit recommendations of energy conservation improvements. The cost of the evaluation, should the County decide not to go forward with any of the recommendations, is \$45,000. If the County does go forward with recommendations, the \$45,000 fee will be added into the project costs. Ameresco will include detailed pricing of proposed improvements, as well as information on the return on investment. The Commissioners indicated that there has been some miscommunication, resulting in some confusion over the cost. It was the recommendation of the Council that the Commissioners check with some of the other counties that have worked with Ameresco. If the Commissioners decide to go forward with this project, they will need to return to the Council for the additional appropriation.

RE: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Brenda Sermersheim, Alan Smock, Glen Menke, and Judi Brown appeared to announce they had received a District Showcase Award in January. They also informed the Council that they have partnered with Vincennes University-Jasper on a tillable acreage project that will serve as an outdoor showcase for conservation efforts in our area, and they would like to hire a summer intern to work as a project technician. Sermersheim and Brown requested the creation of a project technician position with a salary of \$9.50 per hour, and a transfer of \$500 from Program Assistant and \$1,000 from Technical Specialist to cover the salary. The additional funding of the position will come from Soil & Water. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the position was unanimously approved at a salary of \$9.50 per hour, as well as the transfer of funds.

RE: SURVEYOR – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf presented a request for an additional appropriation from the Cornerstone Perpetuation fund in the amount of \$21,000. On motion made by Bonnie

J. Luebbehusen, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Dubois County Council will be held on Monday, March 26, 2012 in the Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m.