

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

JUNE 25, 2012

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, June 25, 2012 in the Council Chambers in the Dubois County Courthouse 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, Martha A. Wehr, Shane M. Lindauer, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Barbara Mathies, and Auditor Kathy Hopf. Member Bonnie J. Luebbehusen 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 Mark A. Brescher, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: SOIL & WATER – PROGRAM ASSISTANT SALARY

Brenda Sermersheim appeared to inform the Council that Michael Wilhite has resigned to take a full-time position. She requested that the salary for his replacement be increased from the current hourly rate of \$9.60 to \$10.25. The position will be part-time, no benefits, with a maximum of 29 hours per week. The maximum in the budget is currently at \$10.25, and they have ample money in the line item to fund the increase. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to increase the Program Assistant salary.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Ann Messmer, Highway Clerk, appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Highway Fund for Bituminous in the amount of \$21,400. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Messmer also requested an additional appropriation from the Solid Waste Collection Fund in the amount of \$7,000. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: SHERIFF LAMPERT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Sheriff Lampert appeared to request an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$150,000 for jail medical expenses. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: FIBER OPTIC / COUNTY NETWORK – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Kathy Hopf and Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for fiber optic connections and a wide area network for Dubois County locations. Shane Lindauer suggested

that other vendors be researched. Following a discussion, Martha Wehr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Mark A. Brescher. The motion was approved, with Shane M. Lindauer voting against the appropriation.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Director J.P. Weisheit appeared to present his 2012/2013 budget. He requested that \$24,995 be transferred out of the Misdemeanant Fund Other Services into Misdemeanant Fund Personal Services for the Misdemeanant Case Manager Salary. The remainder of the Misdemeanant Case Manager Salary will be paid from Project Income. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Martha W. Wehr, the transfer and amended salary ordinance were unanimously approved.

RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Auditor Hopf presented the Council Members with an ordinance waiving collection of interest and penalties on certain delinquent taxes. Adoption of the ordinance would allow property owners with delinquent taxes to set up a payment plan in order to keep their property from being placed on tax sale. The ordinance would be in effect for one year only. It was the opinion of the County Attorney, Auditor's office, and Treasurer's office that the ordinance should not be passed by the Council. Martha A. Wehr made a motion not to adopt the ordinance. Following a second by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the Council voted unanimously not to adopt the ordinance.

RE: APPOINTMENTS

Auditor Hopf presented a letter from Kathleen Lett, Director of the Huntingburg Library regarding appointments to the Huntingburg Public Library Board of Trustees. The terms of Carol Olinger and Elizabeth Schwartz will expire on June 30, 2012. Ms. Lett has submitted the names of Karen K. Sakel and Philip L. Olinger to serve a 4 year term beginning July 1, 2012. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the appointments were unanimously approved.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer of appropriations from CASA Training into CASA Supplies in the amount of \$475. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: 911 WIRELINE/WIRELESS

Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton appeared to present a resolution transferring the remaining cash balances of the Dubois County 911 Wireline and Wireless Surcharge Funds to the Dubois County Statewide 911 Fund. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Morton presented a request to transfer appropriations of \$226,839.48 out of the Emergency Telephone Wireline Surcharge Fund 127 into the new Dubois County Statewide 911 Fund 179. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the transfer was unanimously approved.

Deputy Morton presented a request to transfer appropriations of \$93,471.71 out of the Emergency Telephone Wireless Surcharge Fund 171 into the new Dubois County Statewide 911 Fund 179. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: I-67 PROJECT

Barbara Mathies made a motion to revisit the request for funding of the I-67 project. Following a second by Shane M. Lindauer, President Kendall called for a show of hands. The motion carried 4-2, with members Kendall, Hunefeld, Lindauer and Mathies voting for, and members Brescher and Wehr voting against. The amount of \$25,000 will be advertised out of the EDIT Fund, and will be discussed at the next meeting.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The Dubois County Council will meet on August 6, 2012, beginning at 8:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex to conduct budget reviews.