

**DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 28, 2013**

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013 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, Martha A. Wehr, Shane M. Lindauer, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Barbara Mathies, Nick Hostetter, and Auditor Kathy Hopf. Member Mark A. Brescher 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 Nick Hostetter, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Highway Clerk Ann Messmer appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 from the Highway Fund for fuel. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SANITATION DRIVER SALARY**

Steve Berg, Highway Supervisor, appeared to discuss the salary for the part-time truck driver for the Sanitation Department. When the driver was hired in 2012, he was paid \$2.00 less per hour than the full time driver, and it was the intent of the Supervisor for this salary scale to continue. When the budgets were approved, this employee received the part-time hourly increase. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Council unanimously approved the part-time Sanitation Department truck driver at a salary \$2.00 less than the full-time driver's salary for 2014. A note will be made in the 2015 budget book, and Berg will remind the Council of this arrangement during the 2015 budget hearings.

**RE: SUPERIOR COURT – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Superior Court Judge McConnell appeared to request a transfer of \$2,500 from Other Services to Capital Outlay for the purchase of law books. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the transfer was unanimously approved.

**RE: SUPERIOR COURT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Superior Court Judge McConnell appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from the General Fund for Pauper Council. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: CORONER – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Coroner Bob Veatch appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 for autopsies for the remainder of 2013. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the additional appropriation.

**RE: COMMUNITY STRIKE FUND**

Auditor Hopf requested approval from the Council to close the Drug Enforcement Strike Fund in the Auditor's office. The Sheriff currently has a Community Strike Fund also, with appropriate controls in place, eliminating the need for the fund in the Auditor's office. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the Council unanimously approved closing this fund.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund for the Drug Enforcement Strike Fund. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the General Fund for Pauper Appeals. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$44,242 from the Rainy Day Fund for Community Corrections. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved. The Council discussed the financial problems at Community Corrections, and President Kendall expressed the need for fees to be paid, or the offenders need to be removed from the program and put in jail.

**RE: NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Dubois County Council will be held on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council chambers.