

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

November 25, 2013

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, November 25, 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, Mark A. Brescher, Martha A. Wehr, Shane M. Lindauer, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Barbara Mathies, Nick Hostetter, 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: IV-D PROSECUTOR – EMPLOYEE SALARIES

IV-D Prosecutor Bill Shaneyfelt appeared to discuss 2014 salaries for his office personnel. Salaries set for his employees for 2014 reflected 35 cents per hour for hourly full time employees and 20 cents per hour for part time hourly employees. Shaneyfelt requested that the Council allow 50 cents per hour increases for his employees. Two of the employees will become full time County employees in January, but are paid below the 3rd deputy salary. There is enough money in the line items to allow for the 50 cent per hour increases. If approved, the salaries would range from \$12.75 to \$13.75. The Council took the matter under advisement and will address the request at the January 2014 meeting.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – BRIDGE 250

County Engineer Jason Heile appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cum Bridge Fund in the amount of \$400,000 for major renovation work to the Ruxer bridge on 15th Street. The expected start date is Summer/Fall 2014, and will close the street for approximately 8 weeks. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – RADIO SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Larry Vollmer and Emergency Management Deputy Director Gary Fritz appeared to discuss the findings and recommendations from the recent study of Dubois County's radio communications system done by Tusa Consulting. President Kendall asked for a show of hands to advertise \$80,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the consultant's fee for the project. The Council voted 6-1 in favor of advertising for the additional appropriation, with Member Barbara Mathies voting nay.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Judge McConnell, President of the Community Corrections Board, appeared to discuss with the Council his request that the Commissioners fund health insurance expenses through their budget for Community Corrections beginning in 2014. Judge McConnell reported that expenses have increased substantially over the past ten years, particularly the cost of health insurance. President Kendall reported that there is currently over \$600,000 in unpaid fees outstanding that need to be collected. The

Commissioners will make a decision on taking over health insurance funding for Community Corrections at their next meeting on December 2nd.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,700 for part-time help for the Solid Waste Director. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Gregory A. Kendall, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Salary Ordinance Amendment for the part-time employee at \$10.65 per hour less than 15 hours per week was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for PERF. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,500 for Building Insurance. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$9,000 for Workmen's Comp. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for Operating. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for Autopsies. On motion made by Nick Hostetter, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for Circuit Court Law Books. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: TRANSFERS

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer in the amount of \$1,470 from Other Services (State Institutions) to Capital Outlay (Equipment) for the purchase of chairs for the Commissioners. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the transfer was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer in the amount of \$300 from the General Fund Capital Outlay (Equipment) to Personal Services (Volunteer Coroner Deputies), along with a Salary Ordinance amendment for the Volunteer Deputy Coroners for \$50 per day for training. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the transfer and salary ordinance were unanimously approved.

RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Auditor Hopf presented an amendment to the Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Rainy Day Fund for 3 Correction Officers in the amount of \$16,074 and Holiday Pay for 3 Officers in the amount of \$2,297. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the Salary Ordinance Amendment was unanimously approved.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Dubois County Council will meet on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., and Monday, January 27, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers in the Dubois County Courthouse Annex.