

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

February 25, 2013

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, February 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 Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Courthouse Security Officer Mike Shaw appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of an enhanced access entry system for the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex. With the new system, all door locks will be changed, and fobs will be provided for building access. Officer Shaw also requested an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of a radio for Gary Harlow, who will replace Pete Rasche as a part-time security officer for the courts beginning March 4th. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Martha Wehr, the additional appropriations were unanimously approved.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - EQUIPMENT

Steve Berg, Highway Supervisor, appeared to discuss Highway Department equipment needs, including 3 single axle trucks, 3 dump beds, 6 salt sanders, 1 excavator and 2 pick-ups. The Council discussed with Berg the need to replace the excavator and the possibility of locating a used one. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council for Berg to advertise for all equipment and to research the possibility of purchasing a used excavator. Berg is to return to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

County Engineer Jason Heile appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$800,000 from the EDIT Fund for road paving. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Doug Uebelhor recognized the Dubois County Retired Teachers' Association for their members' 2012 volunteer hours, valued at \$921,564.47.

RE: PROSECUTOR – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

County Prosecutor Kevin Crouse appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund in the amount of \$1,500 for lodging expenses for Jasper City Police officer Adam

Bower while he attends training with the department's new dog. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the additional appropriation.

Prosecutor Crouse also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,000 from the General Fund for payment of fees for expert witness testimony. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the additional appropriation.

RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Sheriff Lampert appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,025 from the Sheriff's Donations Fund for the purchase of a dog for the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Lampert asked the Council if this fund could be changed to an un-appropriated fund; however, it was the opinion of the Council that the fund should continue to require appropriation.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Travis McQueen appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from the Airport General Operating Fund to purchase fuel inventory. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

McQueen also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from the Airport Rainy Day Fund to purchase fuel inventory. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,167 from the Probation Adult User Fee to correct an error in the salary amount budgeted for 2013. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Auditor Hopf informed the Council that two employees of Dubois County Solid Waste were not previously offered family coverage on their health insurance. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to offer the family coverage to both employees, and to advertise for the amount necessary to cover the additional cost. Auditor Hopf will get the approval of the Commissioners at their meeting on March 4th.

RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Hopf discussed the need to enter into a monthly retainer agreement with Kahn, Dees, Donovan and Kahn in order to have access to legal advice on employment issues. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the amount of \$1,800.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

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