

## **DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**March 25, 2013**

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

### **RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to discuss equipment needs for his department. As discussed at the February, 2013 Council meeting, Berg researched the possibility of purchasing a used excavator; however, available used equipment is larger than needed for the intended uses, and would cause additional stress on the roads. Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$440,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase of three (3) single axle truck chassis, three (3) dump beds, six (6) salt spreaders and one (1) excavator. The items will be put out for bid. After discussion, on motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation of \$400,000 for the purchase of the requested equipment.

### **RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - UPDATE**

Lisa Gehlhausen, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission Executive Director, appeared to report on 2012 projects, as well as 2013 projects.

### **RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Donna Oeding appeared to inform the Council that the Health Department has requested the purchase of an LED sign through the CDC Preparedness Grant.

Oeding informed the Council that Dubois County ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the State of Indiana in County health rankings.

The Commissioners recently gave Oeding permission to work with Scott Hopf to get quotes on building an office in the Health Department for the Administrative Director in order to allow for privacy. However, notification of recent cuts in the WIC program may change the utilization of space and provide a space without any construction. Oeding informed the Council that major reductions in the WIC program are required of the Health Department. Because of the cuts, Oeding requested that one employee move to the Preparedness grant for 18 hours per week. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the Council unanimously approved the salary ordinance amendment, pending approval of the new position by the Commissioners on Monday, April 1, 2013.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

County Prosecutor Kevin Crouse appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund in the amount of \$5,560 for the purchase of new radios for the Huntingburg City Police Department. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the appropriation.

County Prosecutor Crouse also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,500 from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund for K-9 training for Jasper City Police Department, purchase of a voice stress analyzer for the Jasper City Police Department, and K-9 training for the Sheriff's Department. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Lampert appeared to present the monthly jail report, and informed the Council that the firearms application process is changing and may impact the Firearms Fund in the future. He gave an update on the K-9 training, personnel update, and discussed repairs to the jail roof. The Sheriff is looking into a spray that will seal the roof rather than removing the existing roof and replacing it, which should be less expensive.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$6,000 for Forensic Testimony and \$1,800 for attorney retainer fees. The Auditor informed the Council that the law firm used by the Auditors' Association would indeed field questions, but it would be at their regular hourly fee, which would be substantially more expensive than the proposal from Kahn, Dees, Donovan and Kahn. 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 Dubois County Solid Waste General Fund in the amount of \$24,162 for health insurance expenses for family plan coverage for two (2) Solid Waste employees. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION**

The Council discussed the tax abatement application that was reviewed by the Review Committee on March 18, 2013. Based on the scoring of the application as per the guidelines adopted by the Council, the applicant, Superior Insulation, is eligible for tax abatement on the following schedule:

Year 1-4	100%
Year 5	75%
Year 6	50%
Year 7	25%

The abatement would apply only to the improvements to the current property, and would be limited to this project only. In addition, the amount of the abatement would be the lesser of the annual rent paid or the tax abatement on \$350,000 assessed value (the cost of the project). The Review Committee

recommended the tax abatement. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the Resolution of the Dubois County Council Designating a Portion of Dubois County, Indiana, as an Economic Revitalization Area was adopted. The motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Dubois County Council will be held on Monday, April 29, 2013 in the Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m.