

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

May 20, 2013

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 in the Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Kendall called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Board Members Gregory A. Kendall, Mark A. Brescher, Martha A. Wehr, Shane M. Lindauer, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Nick Hostetter, and Auditor Kathy Hopf were present when the meeting was opened. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Kendall turned the meeting over to Vice-President Hunefeld for the evening. Vice-President Hunefeld 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: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dubois County Community Corrections Director J.P. Weisheit appeared to discuss the need for financial assistance from the County in the operation of Community Corrections. Although the original agreement was for the department to be self-sustaining, the reduction in fees collected and increasing expenses has caused financial concerns for Corrections. Director Weisheit requested \$33,500 for maintenance expenses for the Community Corrections Department. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to orally commit to this addition to the Community Corrections budget, which begins July 1.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER

Brenda Sermersheim and Judi Brown appeared to inform the Council that since they will not be charged for rent this year, they will not be using the \$3,500 in the budget. Sermersheim and Brown discussed the Project Technician position, and requested approval from the Council to put \$6,000 in grant monies into this line item in order to keep the position through the end of the year. On motion made by Gregory Kendall, seconded by Martha W. Wehr, the Council unanimously approved the request. The additional appropriation will be advertised and a salary ordinance amendment will be prepared for the next meeting. Brown inquired if the Council would be interested in an observation tour to showcase the projects that the Department has been working on. Council members were very interested in attending, and requested that Brown schedule an evening event sometime during June or July.

RE: AMBULANCE – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$203,603 for the purchase of a new ambulance, equipment, and repairs to an existing ambulance. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: 2014 PAYROLL

Auditor Hopf discussed a change to the way payroll will be processed beginning in 2014. Payroll will be done on a continuous bi-weekly schedule, with the first pay of the following calendar year at the new rate. Salary ordinances for 2014 will reflect a bi-weekly salary rather than an annual salary, and the budget book will show both the annual salary as well as the bi-weekly salary amounts. The State Board of Accounts has encouraged this schedule, and the Commissioners have approved it. Council members expressed their approval as well.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the following meeting dates:

Monday, June 24, 2013	4:30 p.m.	Regular monthly meeting
Monday, August 5, 2013	8:00 a.m.	Budget Hearings
Monday, August 26, 2013	4:30 p.m.	Non-binding Reviews, Regular monthly meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing

Monday, September 30, 2013

4:30 p.m.

Budget Adoption, Regular monthly meeting

RE: ACCESS ROAD – PARK PROPERTY

Council members discussed several questions about the proposed access road for the park property. Council member Barbara Mathies arrived at the meeting during this discussion.