

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

June 24, 2013

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, June 24, 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, Barbara Mathies, and Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton were present at the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, 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 Barbara Mathies, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: HIGHWAY- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Highway Clerk Ann Messmer appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$76,000 from the Highway Fund Maintenance and Repair for Paint, Signs and Stone. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: EDIT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Commissioner President Larry Vollmer appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$21,000 from the EDIT Fund for a communication consultant to review the current 911 system equipment and radios to see if any problems exist. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROJECT INCOME BUDGET

Community Corrections Director J.P. Weisheit appeared to discuss the 2013-14 Budget for the Project Income Fund. Discussion was held as to the revenue deficit which is occurring at this time. Weisheit explained why collections on some programs are not being collected, i.e. indigent, not working, garnishments and child support. Various options were discussed. The Community Corrections Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on June 25 and will be making recommendations for the program as well. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the budget presented was approved with the stipulation that Weisheit return to the Council at the next meeting to present the recommendations. The motion was unanimously approved.

RE: RAINY DAY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS– ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

JP Weisheit requested an additional appropriation from the Rainy Day fund for financial assistance to provide the salary for the part time maintenance position in the amount of \$6,250 and \$500 for benefits. The rate of pay will be \$15.70 per hour. The position will be 15 hours per week maximum. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved. He also requested \$10,000 for maintenance and repairs. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: HIGHWAY SALARIES

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to discuss the issue of raises for employees. Consensus of the Council was to review the materials given and discuss this issue at the Budget meeting to be held on August 5.

RE: VOTE CENTERS

Clerk Bridgette Jarboe and Election Board member Nathan Verkamp appeared to discuss the option of moving the County to vote centers for the election to be held in 2014. Public Forums will be held. They need people to assist on a study committee. Barbara Mathies, Shane Lindauer, Martha Wehr, and Greg Kendall agreed to assist the election board.

RE: I-67

Hank Menke, representing the I-67 Development Corp, appeared to update the members on the project. The feasibility study was very favorable and has been submitted to INDOT. He informed the members that he serves on the Blue Ribbon Commission along with Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann. The committee is seeking additional funding to help with expenses in the amount of \$15,000. John Kahle, representing Kimball, and Mark Schroeder, representing German American Bank, were in attendance to show their support of the project. It was the consensus of the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation from the EDIT funds with a 6-1 vote. Martha Wehr was the dissenting vote.

RE: CASA – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Judge William Weikert appeared to discuss the CASA program and the increased time the Director is spending on the program. He requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 for the Director's salary and \$400 for benefits. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved. Judge Weikert informed the members that donation has been received from a local church to increase awareness for the CASA program in the amount of \$5,368.25. He requested an additional appropriation for this amount to be used for recruitment of new volunteers. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Deputy Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,000 from the General Fund for the Soil and Water District Project Technician. The rate of pay will remain at \$9.85 per hour and he will work 29 hours per week or less. Grant money has been received to fund this position until the end of the year. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: PAYROLL CHANGES

Deputy Auditor Morton explained changes that will appear on the 2014 budget for elected officials pay to be paid in the calendar year of their term.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Dubois County Council will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013, in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex.

Martha A. Wehr

Nick Hostetter

Mark A. Brescher

Gregory A. Kendall

Jerry R. Hunefeld

Shane M. Lindauer

Barbara J. Mathies

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Kathleen M. Hopf