

## **DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**August 26, 2013**

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, August 26, 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: NON-BINDING REVIEWS**

The Council reviewed 2014 budgets for all County units and school corporations. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the council accepted the budgets as presented and made no recommendations for changes.

### **RE: NEW FUND**

Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton appeared to request the Council's approval to establish a Tax Sale Vendor Fund. SRI, Inc. will be handling the County Tax Sale this year, and this fund is necessary for the vendor fee. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the Council unanimously approved the establishment of the new fund.

### **RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND**

Prosecuting Attorney Kevin Crouse appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$245 for the purchase of surveillance equipment. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the appropriation.

### **RE: 2014 AMBULANCE BUDGET**

Suzan Henke, Ambulance Coordinator, appeared to present her 2014 budget. Due to a conference, she was unable to attend the Budget Review on August 5<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held on the amount of the hospital subsidy included in the budget. Henke informed the Council that Memorial Hospital received the 2013 ALS Provider of the Year, and Marty Jones received the 2013 Paramedic of the Year Award.

### **RE: EMS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Ambulance Coordinator Henke appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 for additional costs in the purchase of a new ambulance, and \$15,000 for ambulance repairs. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for these appropriations.

### **RE: 4-H COUNCIL**

Dan Collignon appeared to discuss the need for a handicap accessible parking lot at the 4-H. The Highway Department bridge crew is planning to do the work on this project. Collignon also informed

the Council that the grandstand seats are in bad condition. They will be researching available options and getting estimates.

**RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PARK BOARD**

Jason Schmitt appeared to update the Council on the road project.

**RE: CIRCUIT COURT PERSONNEL**

Judge Weikert appeared to discuss with the Council his need for an additional court reporter. The Council did not approve the additional employee during the budget hearings in August. However, upon further discussion, and the change to a 35 hour work week by Circuit Court employees, on motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Council unanimously approved the additional employee effective January 1, 2014.

**RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Sheriff Lampert appeared to request additional appropriations in the amount of \$45,000, which includes \$5,000 for employee overtime, \$15,000 for fuel, \$10,000 for computer expenses, and \$15,000 for Repair and Maintenance. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for a new jailer beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Fund in the amount of \$17,731 for equipment for the 911 Department. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

**RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$75 from Weights & Measures Salary to Weights & Measures Travel. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the transfer was unanimously approved.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Dubois County Council will hold a Public Hearing on the 2014 Budget on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2013 for the adoption of the 2014 Budget and the regular monthly meeting.