

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

September 11, 2013

The Dubois County Council conducted a Public Hearing on September 11, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex. Present at the hearing were Council members Gregory A. Kendall, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Shane M. Lindauer, Martha A. Wehr, Barbara Mathies, Nick Hostetter, and Auditor Kathy Hopf. Council member Mark A. Brescher was absent.

RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS – 2014 BUDGETS

Being the advertised time, President Kendall opened the Public Hearing for comments on the 2014 Budgets.

Larry Jones appeared to present the Council members with a list of questions regarding the County budget for their review and comments. Mr. Jones stated that he did not expect answers to his questions immediately since some were complex. President Kendall asked Mr. Jones to return to the Council meeting on Monday, September 30th at 4:30. The Council will address these questions at that time.

Larry Persohn appeared and expressed his concern about the number of property tax appeals in Dubois County. He asked the Council to remain conservative in its efforts, and questioned the status of the proposed 4-H road. Mr. Persohn also commented on the purchase price for the property adjacent to the 4-H. It is his opinion that the Council paid twice what the property was worth.

President Kendall asked if there were any further comments from the public on the 2014 County Budget, the 2014 Solid Waste Budget, the 2014 Dubois Fire Protection Budget, the 2014 Dubois County Airport Budget, or the 2014 Northeast Dubois Schools Budget. There being no comments, on motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Council voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

RE: EMS – HOSPITAL SUBSIDY

Suzan Henke appeared to discuss the 2014 hospital subsidy. Originally, Henke requested \$930,000 for 2014, and the Council reduced this amount to \$900,000 during budget reviews. Henke informed the Council that she has reduced the hours of 16 employees without compromising patient care, but requested \$914,000 for the 2014 hospital subsidy. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the Council unanimously approved the amount of \$914,000.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The Dubois County Council will meet to adopt the 2014 Budget on Monday, September 30, 2013, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.