

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on September 30, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex. Present at the meeting were Board members Gregory A. Kendall, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Mark A. Brescher, Martha A. Wehr, Nick Hostetter, Shane M. Lindauer, Barbara Mathies and Auditor Kathy Hopf.

President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the minutes were approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – COUNTY BUDGET

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2014 County budget in the amount of \$21,094,529, for a total tax levy of \$7,948,401 and a total tax rate of 0.4254. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2014 Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$205,061, for a total property tax levy of \$0 and a total tax rate of \$0.0. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Gregory A. Kendall, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2014 Dubois County Airport budget in the amount of \$648,460, for a total property tax levy of \$173,000 and a total tax rate of \$0.0101. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NE DUBOIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2014 NE Dubois Fire Protection District budget in the amount of \$112,000, for a total property tax levy of \$90,500 and a total tax rate of \$0.0757. On motion made by Nick Hostetter, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2014 Northeast Dubois County School Corporation budget in the amount of \$11,271,200, for a total property tax levy of \$3,698,538 and a total tax rate of \$1.3063. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LARRY JONES – COUNTY BUDGET

Larry Jones appeared to discuss the questions regarding the County budget that were presented to Council members at the September 11th meeting. Questions posed by Mr. Jones were reviewed and discussed. President Kendall noted that the County EDIT plan will be reviewed and revised.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sheriff Lampert appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the General Fund for STEP/Overtime. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Lampert requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the General Fund for Fuel. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Lampert requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for Computer Support. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Lampert requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for Jail Repair Maintenance. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – COMMUNITY STRIKE FUND

Kevin Crouse appeared along with Beth Sermersheim and John Anderson to discuss utilizing the Community Strike Fund to become more aggressive with drug cases and requested appropriating \$5,000 from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund to be used for undercover drug purchases. It was the general consensus of the Council to advertise for the appropriation.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – PROJECT INCOME UPDATE

Director J.P. Weisheit appeared to update the Council on the ongoing financial problems at Community Corrections. He informed the Council that he will be looking into utilizing a collection agency to recover unpaid fees. Weisheit requested \$44,242 in funding for the remainder of 2013. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise this amount from the Rainy Day Fund.

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FUND

Auditor Hopf requested establishment of a St. Charles Annex Maintenance Fund. The Health Department is currently leasing space to St. Mary's for the WIC Program for \$1,500 per month. The Dubois County Commissioners have requested that this rental income be put into a dedicated fund for building maintenance. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the Council unanimously approved the new fund.

RE: NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation on behalf of the Northeast Dubois County School Corporation in the amount of \$279,000 from the General Fund, \$105,000 from the Capital Projects Fund, and \$150,000 from the Rainy Day Fund for the repair and replacement of air and heat units at the high school. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for Ambulance Equipment. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for Ambulance Repairs. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,500 from the General Fund for Circuit Court contract with Maximus to claim IV-D reimbursements. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$245 from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund for a security camera. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$18,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase of new computers for the Treasurer's and Auditor's offices, as part of the 5 year replacement plan. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

President Kendall recognized Emily Gutsell, a Forest Park High School student, who was in attendance at the meeting in conjunction with her Government class.

RE; NEXT MEETING

The Dubois County Council will meet on Monday, October 28, 2013, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.