

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014 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 Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

President Kendall recognized Vice-President Hunefeld for receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash Award on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

RE: 9-1-1 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Janice Love appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$190,000 for 3 new computers, replacement of radio console computer hardware and software and existing 9-1-1 hardware and software. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: JASPER STELLAR COMMUNITIES

Mayor Terry Seitz appeared to inform the Council that the City of Jasper is interested in partnering with the County in the future as Jasper develops its Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan. In the future, as the project unfolds, the City will be seeking input and financial assistance from the County.

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to discuss the open position for Highway Engineer. Three applications have been received, and the current salaries of the applicants exceed our budgeted salary amount. Berg feels our salary level is too low. After lengthy discussion, Barbara Mathies made a motion to contact Jason Heile and offer him his Engineer position back at a salary of \$71,000. Following a second by Nick Hostetter, the motion was unanimously approved. If Heile does not return to the

Engineer's position, the Council authorized hiring a new Engineer at a salary not to exceed \$71,000.

Jerry R. Hunefeld made a motion to commit to a salary of \$73,000 in 2015 and \$76,000 in 2016 if Jason Heile returns to the Engineer position. Following a second by Gregory A. Kendall, the motion was unanimously approved.

President Kendall made a motion to evaluate the salaries of all professionals employed by the County to determine whether current salaries are at the appropriate level. Following a motion by Shane M. Lindauer, the motion was unanimously approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase of a pick-up truck for the Solid Waste District. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the motion passed 6-0. Martha A. Wehr declined to vote.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Rainy Day Fund for payment of amended tax return preparation and additional tax incurred by Jason Heile as a result of the IRS Audit regarding take home vehicles. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Co-offender Transportation Fund. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The Dubois County Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014 in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex.