

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

January 27, 2014

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, January 27, 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 Nick Hostetter, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Auditor Hopf called for the election of officers. Nominations were opened for Council President with Mark A. Brescher nominating Gregory A. Kendall. The nomination was seconded by Martha A. Wehr. There being no further nominations, Jerry R. Hunefeld moved to close the nominations. Following a second by Barbara Mathies, nominations were closed, and Kendall was unanimously elected as Council President. Nominations were opened for Council Vice-President with Mark A. Brescher nominating Jerry R. Hunefeld. The nomination was seconded by Nick Hostetter. There being no further nominations, Gregory A. Kendall made a motion to close nominations. Following a second by Martha A. Wehr, Jerry R. Hunefeld was unanimously elected as Council Vice-President. The elected officers for the Dubois County Council for 2014 are:

President: Gregory A. Kendall

Vice-President Jerry R. Hunefeld

RE: 4-H COUNCIL – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Dan Collignon appeared on behalf of the 4-H Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$109,000 from the EDIT Fund for handicap parking, sidewalks and retaining walls at the 4-H Fairgrounds. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously

approved. Collignon informed the Council that he is still working on getting quotes for Grandstand bleacher improvements.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG

Dr. Alan Johnson appeared to give the Council an update on Dubois Strong. An update will be provided every January and July. Dr. Johnson informed the Council that the 3-year plan includes growing the workforce, focusing on business growth for existing companies and entrepreneurial growth.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

Janet Schnell, Substance Abuse Council Coordinator, appeared to present the Comprehensive Plan. Schnell requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$26,395.99 from the Drug Free Community Fund. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sheriff Lampert appeared to present the Council with the monthly jail report. The Sheriff requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$115,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase of 3 new vehicles. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Lampert requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase of 30 new mattresses for the jail. 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 \$3,200 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the purchase of tasers. 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 \$30,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for jail operating expenses. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: EMS

Ambulance Coordinator Suzan Henke appeared to present a report for the last half of 2013. Henke discussed the ambulance station in Huntingburg. The City of Huntingburg has offered to renovate the building currently used as an ambulance station and then turn the building over to the County. In exchange, the current proposal is for the County to pay a lease of \$1.00 per year, and be responsible for insurance and maintenance of the building, utilities, furnishings, and to provide temporary housing for the ambulance while the work is being done. Henke will be discussing this with the Commissioners at their February 3rd meeting.

RE: IV-D SALARIES

Bill Shaneyfelt, IV-D Prosecutor, appeared to discuss the salaries of his administrative staff, requesting that his employees receive an additional 15 cents per hour. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Amendment to the Salary Ordinance was unanimously approved. The increase is effective January 27, 2014.

RE: OFFICE SPACE

Auditor Hopf requested approval from the Council for Robert Veatch, Coroner, to use the office located inside the Council Room. The Council unanimously approved this request.

RE: TAXABLE FRINGE BENEFITS

Auditor Hopf informed the Council that, as a result of an IRS audit conducted in 2013 for 2010, the vehicles taken home by Highway Department personnel must be treated as a taxable fringe benefit. Employees were issued corrected W-2s for 2010, 2011, and 2012, resulting in the need for the employees to file amended tax returns for those years. Hopf requested that the Council approve amending the Salary Ordinance for these employees to reflect this cost. Following a discussion, by a 6-1 consensus, the Council approved paying the preparation fees as well as the additional taxes incurred by the employees for years 2010, 2011 and 2012. Barbara Mathies voted nay. Hopf will prepare a Salary Ordinance Amendment as soon as itemized receipts from the employees' accountants are submitted.

RE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Drug Free Community Fund in the amount of \$8,755 for salary and benefits for the Program Coordinator. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: CLERK - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of electronic poll books. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Gregory A. Kendall, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: CASA – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the CASA Fund for PERF benefits for the CASA Director. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the CASA (Donation) Fund in the amount of \$4,101.09. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: SURVEYOR – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$1,000. On motion made by Nick Hostetter, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$20,000 for GPS Machine Rental. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Gregory A. Kendall, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Health Fund in the amount of \$3,034. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: DRUG COURT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Drug Court Fund for drug screens. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the Public Road Fund in the amount of \$66,235. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer from the General Fund (Administration) to the Highway Fund (Administration) in the amount of \$30,000 for Engineering Contracted Services. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the Council unanimously approved the addition of a new line item along with the transfer of funds.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,000 from Deputy Kieser/Smith line item into Deputy Faulkenberg line item for Sergeant pay. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Auditor Hopf requested an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Substance Abuse Coordinator (Drug Free Community Fund) in the amount of \$8,130. On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the Salary Ordinance Amendment was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for \$14.90 per hour for part-time truck driver (Solid Waste Sticker Fund). On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the Salary Ordinance Amendment was unanimously approved.

RE: NEXT MEETING

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

