

## **DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**November 24, 2014**

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, November 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, Martha A. Wehr, Mark A. Brescher, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Barbara Mathies, Nick Hostetter, and Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton. President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

### **RE: ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA RESOLUTION**

President Kendall reported on the application from Temple-Inland, Inc., to create an economic revitalization area in Jackson Township. The committee recommends approval of Resolution 2014-04. On motion by Barbara J. Mathies, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the resolution was unanimously approved. A public hearing will be held on December 29 at 4:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### **RE: 2015 APPOINTMENTS**

Grow Dubois County: President Kendall read a list of potential persons interested in serving on the committee. Following a discussion, Barbara J. Mathies made a motion to appoint Phil Seger, duly seconded by Nick Hostetter. The motion carried unanimously.

Region 15 Planning: Postponed the appointment until January.

Dubois Strong Economic Loan Fund: Postponed the appointment until January.

### **RE: EMPLOYEE WELLNESS**

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center provided a report to the members on the wellness screening program results of the employees.

### **RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Deputy Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund for the Sheriff Department in personal services in the amount of \$2,100. On

motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Barbara J. Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Deputy Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the General Fund for Circuit Court Pauper Counsel. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the appropriation was unanimously approved.

Deputy Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for Ambulance Barn Furnishings. A motion was made by Gregory A. Kendall to reduce the request to \$20,000, seconded by Mark A. Brescher. The appropriation was approved following a 5-1 vote. Barbara J. Mathies was the dissenting vote.

Deputy Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$71,000 for the Community Corrections bathroom repairs. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the appropriation was unanimously approved.

Deputy Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$2,100 for an alarm for the 911 Communication Center. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the appropriation was unanimously approved.

#### **RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Deputy Auditor Morton requested a Transfer of Appropriations in County General from Jail Personal Services Part-time Cooks/Clerical to Extra Jailer/Overtime in the amount of \$2,000. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the transfer was unanimously approved.

Deputy Auditor Morton requested a Transfer of Appropriation in County General Veteran Services from Other Services to Office Supplies in the amount of \$54. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the transfer was unanimously approved.

#### **RE: 2015 COUNTY GENERAL BUDGET**

President Kendall reported on the need to reduce the 2015 General Fund budget by \$1,272,666. A discussion was held on various ways to make the cuts. On motion by

Gregory A. Kendall, duly seconded by Mark A. Brescher, to cut the following line items from the Commissioner budget in 2015:

Southern Hills	\$ 323,818
FICA	\$ 400,000
PERF	\$ 425,000
Solid Waste District	<u>\$ 200,000</u>
	\$1,348,818

It was decided that these line items would be added to the EDIT fund in 2015 by additional appropriation. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: HR STUDY APPROPRIATION REDUCTION**

President Kendall opened a discussion about the Council's appropriation of \$50,000 for the HR Study which would be conducted by Kent Irwin. The members discussed the pros and cons of conducting the study versus having it done in house by office holders and staff. Clerk Bridgette Jarboe and Member Nick Hostetter voiced their opinions against having an outside agency conduct the study.

Gregory A. Kendall made a motion, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, to reduce the appropriation from the EDIT fund to zero for 2014. The appropriation reduction of \$50,000 was unanimously approved. The issue may be discussed in 2015 when the new council members are in office.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Dubois County Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014, on Monday, December 29, 2014, and on Monday January 5, 2015 in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct, upon motion duly made by Barbara J. Mathies, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the meeting was adjourned.