

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

The Dubois County Council conducted its monthly meeting on Monday, September 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 Council Members Gregory A. Kendall, Martha A. Wehr, Shane M. Lindauer, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Barbara Mathies, Nick Hostetter, Mark A. Brescher, Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton, 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 Barbara Mathies, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: TAX ABATEMENT HEARING – SUPERIOR INSULATION

Brad Brosmer appeared for a hearing on Superior Insulation's non-compliance with filing necessary forms by the August 11, 2014 deadline. Following discussion, President Kendall polled the Council members. All members with the exception of Barbara Mathies agreed the deadline should be enforced, and the tax abatement denied for this year. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the Council voted 6-1 to pass a resolution denying the abatement, with Barbara Mathies voting nay.

RE: EMS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

EMS Director Suzan Henke appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,000 to purchase an electronic charting software program. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the appropriation.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER / ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to request a transfer of \$10,000 from Workmen's Comp into Equipment. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the transfer was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 for the purchase of a new road grader to replace a 1974 grader. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the appropriation.

RE: COUNTY AGENT – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

County Agent Jan Dougan appeared to discuss staffing changes due to a retirement. As a result of the changes, she requested approval to transfer \$5,151.69 to Equipment for the purchase of work stations and a new phone system. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the transfer was approved.

Agent Dougan requested reallocation of money budgeted for salaries in 2015 in order to increase the Program Assistant to \$34,000 and to allow for hiring an additional summer assistant. The Council denied the request for the salary increase, and advised Agent Dougan to return next year to discuss the additional summer assistant.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Community Corrections Director J.P. Weisheit appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,000 to replace the door locking system at the Center. On motion made by President Kendall, seconded by Shane M. Lindauer, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Substance Abuse Program Director William Wells appeared to request that the Program Director's salary, PERF and FICA for two pay periods be taken from Drug Court User Fees. It was the consensus of the Council to advertise the appropriation, and a salary ordinance amendment will be prepared for signature at the next Council meeting.

RE: PROBATION DEPARTMENT - SALARIES

Judge McConnell appeared to discuss the 2015 salaries for the Probation Department. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the Council voted unanimously to pay the minimum salary set by State to the four probation officers. Following a discussion regarding salaries for Jenny Lampert and Cindy Wilmes, on motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by President Kendall, the Council voted 6-1 to approve these two salaries as requested, \$58,001 for Lampert and \$57,600 for Wilmes. Nick Hostetter voted nay.

RE: SHERIFF'S SALARY - 2015

Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton appeared to clarify the Sheriff's salary for 2015. The salary submitted in the budget proposal from the Sheriff was carried over from 2014, which included an additional payroll. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council that the Sheriff's salary should be 70% of the prosecutor salary, as set by Statute, which was the same amount as submitted less the extra payroll.

RE: HUNTINGBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

On motion made by Barbara Mathies, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the Council unanimously voted to appoint John Mundy to the Huntingburg Economic Development Commission, effective September 29, 2014. The term will end January 31, 2015.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer in the amount of \$121.25 from Weights & Measures Equipment into Weights & Measures Office Supplies. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 from the EDIT Fund for Simulcast Texting/Messaging. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the General Fund for Circuit Court Pauper Counsel. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: ADOPTION – COUNTY BUDGET

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2015 County budget in the amount of \$22,011,786, with a total tax rate of \$0.5239. On motion made by Mark A. Brescher, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2015 Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$223,147 for a total tax rate of \$0.00. On

motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by President Kendall, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2015 Dubois County Airport budget in the amount of \$692,550, for a total tax rate of \$0.0094. On motion made by Shane M. Lindauer, seconded by Barbara Mathies, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NE DUBOIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2015 NE Dubois Fire Protection District budget in the amount of \$112,000, for a total tax rate of \$0.00695. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

President Kendall asked for a motion to approve the 2015 Northeast Dubois County School Corporation budget in the amount of \$11,721,271, for a total tax rate of \$2.0073. On motion made by President Kendall, seconded by Mark A. Brescher, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: NEXT MEETING

The Dubois County Council will meet on Monday, October 27, 2014, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.