

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

December 14, 2015

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, December 14, 2015 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, Charmian R. Klem, Craig M. Greulich, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Mary E. Beckman, Nick Hostetter, Martha A. Wehr and Auditor Kathy Hopf. President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 17, 2015 joint Council/Commissioners meeting. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the minutes were unanimously approved as written. President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 23, 2015 meeting. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE

Larry Vollmer appeared to update the Council on the Communication Upgrade project. The project is scheduled to be completed approximately February 16, 2016.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS INTERIM DIRECTOR BONUS

Larry Vollmer inquired whether Jenny Fuhs had received any additional payment for her services as interim director of the Corrections Center. Following discussion, Jerry R. Hunefeld will bring up to the Corrections Advisory Board for further direction.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$4,000 for Circuit Court Law Books. On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer of appropriations from the Weights & Measures Office Supplies in the amount of \$3.00, with \$2.00 to be transferred into mileage, and \$1.00 to be transferred into Equipment. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the transfer was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$1,000 from the General Fund IV-D Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Support Staff into General Fund IV-D Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Administrator. On motion made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Hopf presented an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the IV-D Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Administrator and two Secretaries to reflect an additional 30 cents per hour in 2016. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the amendment was unanimously approved.

RE: 2016 BUDGET RESOLUTION

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Auditor Hopf presented a Resolution transferring the Southern Hills appropriation of \$324,133 from the EDIT Fund into the General Fund, and transferring the Insurance, Liability/Buildings appropriation of \$200,000 and State Institutions appropriation of \$124,133 from the Commissioners Budget in the General Fund into the EDIT Fund. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FEE

The Council discussed the establishment of a fee for taxpayers with less than \$20,000 in personal property. Gregory A. Kendall made a motion to not establish the fee. Following a second by Martha A. Wehr, the Council voted unanimously against instituting a fee.

RE: PROBATIONARY SALARY

The Council discussed the current policy of a 90 day 10 percent salary reduction for new employees. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the Council voted 5-2 to rescind the salary reduction, effective January 1, 2016. Members Craig M. Greulich and Martha A. Wehr voted nay.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Dubois County Council will meet on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 5:15 p.m., and on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located in the Dubois County Courthouse Annex.