

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

January 5, 2015

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, January 5, 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, Martha A. Wehr, Craig M. Greulich, Jerry R. Hunefeld, Becky Beckman, 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 Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the minutes of the Public Hearing conducted on December 29, 2014 were unanimously approved as written. On motion made by Nick Hostetter, seconded by Charmian Klem, the minutes of the December 29, 2014 Council meeting were unanimously approved as written.

RE: REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Auditor Hopf called for the election of officers. Nominations were opened for Council President with Martha A. Wehr nominating Gregory A. Kendall. The nomination was seconded by Becky Beckman. There being no further nominations, Nick Hostetter moved to close the nominations. Following a second by Craig M. Greulich, nominations were closed, and Kendall was unanimously elected as Council President. Nominations were opened for Council Vice-President with Nick Hostetter nominating Jerry R. Hunefeld. The nomination was seconded by Charmian Klem. There being no further nominations, Craig M. Greulich made a motion to close nominations. Following a second by Becky Beckman, Jerry R. Hunefeld was unanimously elected as Council Vice-President. The elected officers for the Dubois County Council for 2015 are:

President: Gregory A. Kendall

Vice-President Jerry R. Hunefeld

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Jan Dougan, County Extension Director, appeared to request a transfer between line items for salaries. A new employee hired due to retirement is being paid at a lower salary. The Director requested an increase of \$4,000 for the Program Assistant for 2015. After discussion, Jerry R. Hunefeld made a motion to increase the Program

Assistant's salary by \$2,000. Following a second by Nick Hostetter, the motion was unanimously approved.

RE: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM UPGRADE – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Larry Vollmer appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$772,144 for the communication system upgrade for the County. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Janice Love, 9-1-1 Director appeared to discuss with the Council the method used to calculate Holiday pay for her department. At the last meeting, Auditor Hopf had discussed Holiday pay with the Council, and the Council approved Holiday pay being paid at the normal 8 hour day rate. After explanation by Director Love, Gregory A. Kendall made a motion that the Director should continue to pay Holiday pay based on the average hours worked in a 6 week schedule. Following a second by Nick Hostetter, the motion carried 6-1, with Martha A. Wehr voting nay.

RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lampert appeared to present the Council with the monthly jail report. The Sheriff requested approval to purchase new vehicles. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for \$80,000 to cover the cost of two new vehicles.

Sheriff Lampert requested \$30,000 for jail operating expenses. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for the additional appropriation.

RE: CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court Judge Nathan Verkamp appeared to request \$30,000 for renovation of the Circuit Court office. The Commissioners approved the renovation, which was estimated at \$25,000. The additional \$5,000 is to cover incidental expenses, furniture and flooring. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to advertise for \$25,000. The Judge will return for additional funding if necessary.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$825,000 for FICA and PERF. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$523,818 for Southern Hills and the Solid Waste District. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: APPOINTMENTS

On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Jerry R. Hunefeld, the following appointments for 2015 were approved:

RE: NEXT MEETING

The Dubois County Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015, in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex.