

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

November 23, 2015

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, November 23, 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 for a moment of silence in memory of Tim Friedman, the Council appointment to the Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District Board. President Kendall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: IV-D PROSECUTOR

William Shaneyfelt appeared to request an additional 30 cents per hour for the 2016 salaries approved for the 3 County employees in his office. These positions were approved for 20 cents per hour increase for 2016; however, they are paid significantly less than third deputy positions. On motion made by Nick Hostetter, seconded by Charmian Klem, the additional 30 cents per hour increase was unanimously approved for the 3 positions.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG

Ed Cole appeared to present an update on Dubois Strong to the Council. He informed the Council that the proposed truck driving school will be delayed until spring because they have been unable to find an instructor.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 from the Highway Fund for road signs. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Berg requested additional appropriations for the purchase of an excavator, which is expected to cost \$225,000 or less. Berg proposed that \$125,000 be appropriated from the Cum Cap Development Fund, and \$100,000 be appropriated from the Highway Fund. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the Council unanimously approved the additional appropriation of \$100,000 from the Highway Fund. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the Council unanimously approved the additional appropriation of \$125,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund, with the stipulation that Highway money be used first toward the excavator purchase.

Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Cum Bridge Fund for materials. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

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Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to request a transfer in the amount of \$65,000 from Highway Supplies to Highway Capital Outlay. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the transfer was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Berg requested a transfer in the amount of \$23,947.61 from Highway Capital Outlay (Paving) to Highway Supplies (Bituminous). On motion made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Director William C. Wells appeared to request the addition of 3 new positions, funded by the TANF Grant recently received. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the amendment to the salary ordinance was unanimously approved:

Case Manager \$1,410.76 Bi-weekly

Facilitator \$1,410.76 Bi-weekly

Grant Manager \$20.15 per hour (Part-time Position)

These positions are funded through June, 2015. It is not expected that the grant will continue in the future. Employees in these positions are aware that this is a temporary position.

Director Wells requested an amendment to the salary ordinance for the HEA 1006 Additional Grant Funding for \$1,410.76 Bi-weekly. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the amendment was unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY ASSESSOR

Dubois County Assessor Gail Gramelspacher appeared to discuss recent changes in the law regarding personal property tax. Personal property that is less than \$20,000 acquired cost will now be exempt from personal property tax. The Council has the option of adding a service fee up to \$50 for those no longer required to pay tax. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the Council unanimously voted to table the matter until the next meeting.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Carla Striegel-Winner appeared to request a salary increase for the Solid Waste truck driver position. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for 2015 was unanimously approved for a salary of \$13.00 per hour. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for 2016 was unanimously approved for a salary of \$13.20 per hour.

RE: PATOKA LAKE REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

Doug Merkel, General Manager, appeared to discuss the need for the Council to make an appointment to the board to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Tim Friedman. The Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District Board made a recommendation of Pat Seger to fill the vacancy, and Mr. Merkel also stated that Bruce Heeke had expressed an interest in serving. On motion made by Martha A. Wehr, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the Council unanimously voted to appoint Pat Seger to the Board.

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RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30 from the General Fund for Weights & Measures Supplies. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Charmian Klem, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,200 from the Clerk Perpetuation Fund for the purchase of scanners. On motion made by Jerry R. Hunefeld, second by Mary E. Beckman, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 from the COIT Fund for Health Insurance. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Nick Hostetter, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an emergency additional appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the Health Department renovations. Work needs to be started immediately, with 50% payment to be provided prior to work beginning. On motion made by Gregory A. Kendall, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the emergency appropriation was unanimously approved.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested a transfer of \$2,750 from Election Personal Services to Election Supplies. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Martha A. Wehr, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: COMMUNICATION PLAN

As a result of the Employee Satisfaction Survey, along with a suggestion received by the Survey Committee, Council Member Klem suggested that one council person and one commissioner be assigned to each department to serve as a liaison between the department and the Council and Commissioners. Following a discussion, it was the decision of the Council that all Council and Commissioner members should be approachable to any department.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

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The Dubois County Council will meet on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., and on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located in the Dubois County Courthouse Annex.