

## **DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**March 13, 2017**

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, April 24, 2017 in the Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Jerry R. Hunefeld called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were Board Members Jerry R. Hunefeld, Craig M. Greulich, Sonya Haas, Mary E. Beckman, Michael Kluesner, Charmian R. Klem, Doug Uebelhor, and Auditor Kathy Hopf. President Hunefeld asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

### **RE: 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

President Hunefeld read a thank you note from the 9-1-1 Communications Center for the card and cookies from the Council in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

### **RE: FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

President Hunefeld recognized Isaac Herndon, Mitchell Tobin, and Kade Boeglin, Forest Park High School students in attendance at the meeting.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for dividing the current work room into two offices for case workers. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

### **RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to request an additional appropriation from the Highway Fund (Supplies) in the amount of \$363,000 for Bituminous and Paint. On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Highway Fund (Capital Outlay) in the amount of \$682,455 for Paving Projects and Equipment. On motion made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Highway Fund (Other Services) in the amount of \$10,000 for Insurance. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Local Road & Street Fund (Other Services) in the amount of \$210,000 for Paving Projects. On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

### **RE: COMPENSATION STUDY – DUBOIS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to discuss the recently completed compensation study with regards to the Highway Department.

### **RE: COMPENSATION STUDY – PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Chief Probation Officer Jenny Lampert appeared to discuss the recently completed compensation study with regards to the Probation Department.

### **RE: COMPENSATION STUDY – CIRCUIT COURT**

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Judge Nathan Verkamp appeared to discuss the recently completed compensation study with regards to Circuit Court.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PARK BOARD**

Commissioners Chad Blessinger and Elmer Brames appeared to discuss the Park Board appointments. It was proposed by the Commissioners that the Council's appointments to the Park Board would be one each from the Northeast Dubois and Greater Jasper School Corporations, that the Circuit Court Judge's appointments would be one each from the Southeast and Southwest School Corporations, and that the Commissioners would make an at-large appointment. These appointments would follow state statute in regards to political affiliation. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor the Council voted unanimously to approve this proposal. The council will make its Park Board appointment at the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **RE: COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Commissioners Blessinger and Brames informed the Council of possible changes to the health insurance benefits that are being considered. The Commissioners have studied various options including introducing a co-pay for generic drugs, increasing the deductibles, and increasing the premiums paid by employees. If changes are implemented, the Commissioners are requesting that at least a portion of these potential savings to the County be given back to the employees in the form of a salary increase.

Following discussion, Charmian R. Klem made a motion to increase base salaries by \$0.25 per hour in 2018. Following a second made by Mary E. Beckman, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Commissioners will return to the Council meeting on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with their final decision on the health insurance so that the Council can made a decision on any additional amount of salary increase for employees in 2018 over the base amount.

### **RE: DUBOIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,358 for comp time resulting from the recent tornado damage in the Ireland area. On motion made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

### **RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Auditor Hopf presented a Salary Ordinance Amendment for comp time accrued by Solid Waste Personnel during the recent tornado clean-up. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the Salary Ordinance Amendment was unanimously approved.

### **RE: NEXT MEETINGS**

The Council will meet in the Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.