DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
May 21, 2018

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, May 21, 2018 in the Council Room in the Dubois County Annex. President Hunefeld called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Jerry R. Hunefeld, Charmian R. Klem, Doug Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Michael Kluesner, Sonya Haas and Auditor Kathleen Hopf.

RE: MINUTES

President Hunefeld asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the April 23, 2018 meeting. On motion made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Lisa Gehlhausen, Indiana 15 Director, appeared to update the Council on what Indiana 15 is currently working on, and a summary of past projects that have impacted Dubois County. Director Gehlhausen requested the County to consider increasing the per capita from $.45 to $.56 in 2019, resulting in an increase of $4,607.79 to the County. All six counties in the Region will need to agree to the increase in the per capita in order for it to happen. It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to approve the increase. Director Gehlhausen will provide a resolution for signature once all counties have agreed.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to request a transfer in the amount of $360,000 from Bituminous into MVH Paving Projects. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS

Supervisor Berg presented the Council with a proposed classification of positions for the Highway Department that will factor in longevity and more separation between supervisory and field positions. Berg is hopeful this will help to attract new people. Berg also requested that the wage range for LTC VI be changed from $18-$21 per hour to $18-$22 per hour. On motion made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the requests were unanimously approved as presented.

RE: TEMPLE-INLAND TAX ABATEMENT

Auditor Hopf presented CF-1 compliance forms submitted by Temple-Inland for personal property. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the Council unanimously found Temple-Inland to be in compliance with the terms of their abatements.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of $2,356 from the Alcohol & Drug Grant for computer equipment. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of $5,426 from the Pre-trial Diversion Fund for a summer intern. On motion made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.
RE: AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Hopf requested an amendment to the salary ordinance for a summer intern for the Prosecutor’s office at a rate of $12.00 per hour. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the amendment to the salary ordinance was unanimously approved.

RE: MID-STATES CORRIDOR

Commissioner Brames updated the Council on the meeting held recently with the Governor and the Commissioner of INDOT. The Regional Development Authority has met, and Mark Schroeder has been named the President of the group. At this time, over $3.5 million has been pledged from industry. Brames said they hope to have the Memo of Understanding signed mid-June.

RE: COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The County Communications Committee has prepared an employee satisfaction survey for distribution to all County employees in early June. The Commissioners have approved the survey, and the department heads have received communication about the survey to be shared with their employees.

RE: WAGE STUDY

President Hunefeld distributed the list of concerns of Council members prior to the Wage Study. The Council members felt their concerns were addressed through the wage study.

RE: NEXT MEETINGS

The Council will meet as follows:

- Monday, June 25 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 23 4:30 p.m.
- August 13, 2018 (Budget) 8:00 a.m.
- September – TBD
- Wednesday, October 10 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 22 (Adoption) 4:30 p.m.