

**DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**October 26, 2020**

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, October 26, 2020 in the Commissioners/Council Chambers 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 M. Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Michael W. Kluesner, Sonya Haas and Auditor Sandra L. Morton.

**RE: MINUTES**

President Hunefeld asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

President Hunefeld asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Northeast Dubois County School Corporation budget in the amount of \$11,416,918. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

President Hunefeld asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Northeast Dubois Fire Protection District budget in the amount of \$114,500. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: ADOPTION – DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT**

President Hunefeld asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Dubois County Airport budget in the amount of \$5,614,602. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Craig Greulich, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: ADOPTION – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

President Hunefeld asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$311,852. On motion made by Sonya Haas, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: ADOPTION – COUNTY BUDGET**

President Hunefeld asked for a motion to approve the 2021 County budget in the amount of \$35,264,097. The Community Corrections Grant and Project Income yearly budgets are included; however, changes were made to extend the current grant for 6 months. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian Klem, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: 911 COMMUNICATIONS – MEVO ANYWHERE**

911 Communications Director Jeana Mathies provided information on MEVO Anywhere 4G Mobile Kit with four phones. The cost is \$7,593.56 with an annual service fee beginning in year two of \$2,280.84. Director Mathies would like to purchase the MEVO Anywhere for mobility of the dispatch center.

Director Mathies provided information on the current radio console which is aging and will need to be replaced in 2021.

**RE: AIRPORT AUTHORITY LOAN REQUEST**

Airport Manager Travis McQueen and Attorney Phil Schneider appeared to follow-up on the request made on September 21, 2020 for a short term loan of \$1,500,000 to assist with cash flow issues until they are reimbursed by the FAA which is anticipated in November 2021. A discussion was held. A motion was made by Charmian Klem to approve the loan and was duly seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried

unanimously. Following a poll, a decision was made to charge .5% interest on a two year loan due November 2022. The Airport Authority will draw funds as needed and will repay when the FAA reimbursement is received. The County Attorney Greg Schnarr and Airport Attorney Phil Schneider will draw up a Resolution and Loan Agreement for approval.

**RE: CARES ACT FUNDING**

EMA Director Tammy Humbert provided an update on the CARES Act funds requested to date. A total of 14 Claims were submitted and received totaling \$100,936.34. As of September 21, 2020, department requests for purchases totaling \$536,643.67 were approved but have not been claimed for reimbursement. Additional requests totaling \$90,377.27 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Charmian Klem to approve the purchases from the Rainy Day Fund, was seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously. Due to the changes made in the CARES Act reimbursement process to claim Public Safety wages, consensus of the Council was to advertise for an Additional Appropriation of \$300,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to be used for approved purchases.

**RE: RESOLUTION 2020-08**

EMA Director Humbert and Auditor Sandy Morton provided information on changes to the CARES Act funding. Due to changes made by IFA and the claim process, the County Commissioners approved claiming \$1,280,032.66 for Public Safety wages. Joint Resolution 2020-08 establishing a procedure for Cares Act Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs was presented as approved by the County Commissioners. A motion was made by Craig Greulich to approve the Resolution, seconded by Michael Kluesner and carried unanimously. The request will use the remaining CARES Act funding allotted for Dubois County.

**RESOLUTION 2020-08**

**DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL AND DUBOIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL COSTS**

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 20-02 which declared a public health emergency exists throughout the State of Indiana as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana, Office of Management & Budget, issued a letter on May 14, 2020, announcing a direct distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the United States Treasury that may be used for the limited purposes set forth in section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Initial guidance from the federal government required that each state may only reimburse expenditures directly related to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Dubois County Board of Commissioners signed the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification in a public meeting on May 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Treasurer updated on September 2, 2020 the Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments, to include payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Dubois County Board of Commissioners in a public meeting on October 19, 2020, did vote in favor of requesting the reimbursement of payroll expenses of employees in the public health and public safety departments; and

WHEREAS, a memo issued by State Board of Accounts on September 30, 2020, states that the governing body must adopt in a public meeting an ordinance or resolution that this alternative process will be used for at least part of the CARES reimbursement received from IFA for public health and/or public safety due to the declared health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dubois County Board of Commissioners and the Dubois County Council:

- The CARES reimbursement for public health and public safety payroll will be receipted into the CARES Fund, fund number 8901-065 as guided by State Board of Accounts.
- A claim will be created against the CARES Fund for the full amount of the reimbursement, \$1,280,032.66.
- The money claimed will be receipted into County General, fund number 1001-001.
- Once receipted into County General, normal appropriation procedures will apply.

**RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – LIT-ED FUND**

Commissioner Nick Hostetter presented information on the formation of a Dubois County Regional Sewer District. Tara Damin and Mary Austin, representing Clark Dietz Engineering, appeared to answer questions and explain how a study is completed which may take approximately 4 – 6 months. A complete plan will be developed. The cost of the study and on-call services is \$92,500. Health Administrator Shawn Werner provided details on current conditions within the County and why a Regional Sewer District is needed.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$92,500. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried 7-0.

**RE: TRANSFER**

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the amount of \$3,000 from Health Fund Personal Services Environmental Health Assistant to Administrative Director. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the transfer was unanimously approved 7-0.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

Future meeting dates are Monday, November 16, 2020 and December 14, 2020 beginning at 4:30 p.m. and December 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made to adjourn by Charmian Klem, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.