

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

May 20, 2019

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, May 20, 2019 in the Commissioner/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 M. Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Michael W. Kluesner, Sonya Haas and Auditor Sandy Morton. Mary E. Beckman was absent due to illness.

RE: MINUTES

President Hunefeld asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the Council meeting held on April 22, 2019. On motion made by Sonya Haas, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the minutes were unanimously approved.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT EXTENSION

Director Megan Durlauf presented the 2019 Department of Correction Grant Extension. The current grant fiscal year is from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The State grant is changing to a calendar year beginning January 2020. The current grant cycle will receive a 6-month extension as they transition to the new grant cycle.

In previous grant years, the Community Corrections staff received wage increases on the fiscal year following what the County employees received on January 1. Director Durlauf presented a stipend pay to minimize the loss of a 6 months wage increase based on the approval of the Community Corrections Advisory Board. A motion to decline the stipend pay was made by Craig Greulich and seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion to deny the stipend was approved unanimously. The Staff will receive a 2% increase on July 1, 2019.

Director Durlauf presented the grant extension budget, which is pending approval at the State Department of Corrections. A motion was made by Craig Greulich to approve the budget with the stipulation that the stipend and benefits be removed. The motion was seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously.

Director Durlauf explained that the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Grant will be ending June 30, 2019. However, the remaining surplus funds from the grant can be expended with the same intent of the grant. She expects to have approximately \$58,000. Currently, there are two part time employees paid from the TANF grant. A budget was presented in the amount of \$52,915.12. A motion was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner, to approve the surplus TANF budget. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Administrative Director Jo Ann Spaulding presented the Emergency Preparedness Grant which will begin July 1, 2019 pending submission and approval by the Grantor. A new part time position is included in the grant which was created by the County Commissioners on May 20, 2019. A motion to approve applying for the grant was made by Craig Greulich and seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Administrative Director Jo Ann Spaulding presented the 2018 Annual Report for the Health Department.

RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Administrative Director Spaulding reported on the staffing of the department. She also presented information on the Kalb HPV grant.

The Health Department received the Indiana Immunization Coalition award for 2018.

RE: 911 COMMUNICATIONS

Director Jeana Mathies presented call data increases as well as call monitoring statistics. For better service to the public, she requested an additional staff member for dispatching. Consensus of the Council was to advertise for the position. All members were in favor.

RE: RAILROAD CROSSING – 600 WEST

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to discuss the railroad crossing safety on County Road 600 West. A letter of commitment to fund the required 10% match for the Federal Section 130 project was presented. The commitment includes an estimated obligation of \$40,500 to Dubois County. After railroad professional engineering (PE) is completed, and if the estimated project costs are 25% or more over the estimates (\$506,250), the county has the option to opt out of the project commitment. If the County chooses to opt out of the construction, it will still be responsible for 10% of whatever PE costs have been incurred. If this amount is less than 25% over the estimate of \$405,000, the commitment will stand and the match for construction is an obligation. The letter was approved by the Commissioners pending Council funding. Discussion was held. Greulich and Uebelhor expressed interest in alternatives to the crossing arms. Consensus of the members was to advertise the amount from LIT-ED funds by a vote of 3-2; Klem, Kluesner, and Haas were for, Greulich and Uebelhor were against.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – HIGHWAY

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Highway Fund in the amount of \$125,000 from Supplies for Tools and Stone. Charmian Klem made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Highway Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Capital Outlay for Paving Projects. Craig Greulich made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – LOCAL ROAD & STREET

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Local Road & Street Fund in the amount of \$120,000 from Supplies for Stone and Bituminous. Charmian Klem made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Local Road & Street Fund in the amount of \$420,000 from Other Services for Paving Projects. Sonya Haas made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – SOLID WASTE (STICKER)

Highway Supervisor Berg requested an additional appropriation from the Solid Waste (Sticker) Fund in the amount of \$15,000 from Other Services for Highway Reimbursement – Contractual Services. Michael Kluesner made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ST. ANTHONY ROAD HILL SLIDE

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt informed the members of the hill slide on St. Anthony Road. The costs to repair the road will be approximately \$98,430. Consensus of the Council was to advertise \$100,000 from the LIT-ED fund. All were in favor.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – GENERAL FUND

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$2,161 for the Clerk Personal Services Fifth Deputy. Craig Greulich made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SALARY AMENDMENT – CLERK DEPUTY

Auditor Morton requested an amendment to the Salary Ordinance to increase the bi-weekly pay of the fifth deputy in the Clerk's office to \$1,433.02 effective July 16, 2019. Doug Uebelhor made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment, seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - PRETRIAL DIVERSION

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund in the amount of \$1,064 from Capital Outlay for equipment. Doug Uebelhor made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – LIT-ED

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the LIT-ED Fund in the amount of \$20,000 from Other Services for Superior Court Pauper Counsel Fees. Charmian Klem made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: HUMAN RESOURCES -SALARY AMENDMENT & TRANSFER

Auditor Morton requested an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Human Resource position. Craig Greulich made a motion to set the maximum bi-weekly rate for the position at \$2,529.60. Doug Uebelhor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer in the General fund in the amount of \$5,000 from Commissioners Personal Services to Other Services. Craig Greulich made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – CUM CAP - EMERGENCY

Auditor Morton requested an emergency appropriation from Cum Cap Development Fund in the amount of \$3,500 for Capital Outlay to begin computer programming of newly required payroll report for unemployment. Sonya Haas made a motion to approve the emergency appropriation, seconded by Charmian Klem. The appropriation will be advertised for the next meeting.

RE: 2020 BUDGET – WAGES

A discussion was held on preparing for the 2020 budget request for wages. Consensus of the members was for all departments to request a 2.5% wage increase for all positions.

RE: JAIL STUDY – FUNDING OPTIONS

A public hearing for the Justice Committee will be held on June 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper City Hall Council Chambers. Discussion was held on various funding options for the project. Three options were discussed: using current funding sources; adopting a LIT- Public Safety Income Tax; or adopting the LIT – Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities tax. Consensus of the members was to move forward with the third option to establish the Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities tax.

A public hearing will be held on June 10, 2019 at 6 p.m. to review an ordinance to pass the LIT- Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities Tax. Bond Counsel, Bingham Greenbaum and Doll, will prepare the Ordinance.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Charmian Klem, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be the Public Hearing on June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.