

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

June 24, 2019

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, June 24, 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, Mary E. Beckman, Michael W. Kluesner, Sonya Haas and Auditor Sandy Morton.

RE: MINUTES

President Hunefeld asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the Council meetings held on May 20, 2019 and the public meeting held on June 10, 2019. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the minutes were unanimously approved.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM

Board of Director President Amy Wagner and Board Member Mary Ann Hayes appeared to request funding from the County for a Museum Director. The requested amount would be \$50,000 each year for two years. This would be in addition to the current budgeted amount of \$10,000 for operating costs. The Commissioners have approved the request. The Council will take the request under consideration at the budget meetings in August.

RE: GENERAL FUND – 911 DISPATCHER ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Communications Director Jeana Mathies appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$21,184 in Personal Services in the General fund for the addition of a new dispatcher. Questions were addressed and a discussion was held. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation by Craig Greulich and seconded by Mary E Beckman. The motion carried. An amendment to the salary ordinance was also presented. The new dispatcher position salary will be set at \$1,629.53 biweekly beginning in July 2019. A motion to approve the salary amendment was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

RE: COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf requested the need for a new vehicle for the field staff. The Community Corrections Advisory Board approved the request. A motion was made by Mary E. Beckman to approve \$15,500 from Capital Outlay in the Community Transition Program. The motion was seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried.

RE: ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Clerk Amy Kippenbrock appeared to request appropriations in the 2020 budgets for new election equipment. Four new poll pads are needed at the busiest polling sites at a cost of \$1,500 per pad. Consensus of the council was to add it to the Cum Cap budget for 2020.

Clerk Kippenbrock also informed the members of a statute change for election equipment to include a Voter Verifiable Paper Trail (VVPT) machine by 2029. The County has

96 DRE voting machines. Currently the State will provide 10 VVPT machines to Dubois County which is 10%. For future planning, the County will need to plan for the additional purchase of 86 VVPT machines at a cost of \$1,500 per machine which could be approximately \$129,000. She will provide more information as it becomes available.

RE: CLERK PERPETUATION – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Clerk Kippenbrock requested an additional appropriation in the Clerks Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$1,350 from Other Services for the monthly scanning support fees. On motion to approve the request by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Sonya Haas, the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Kippenbrock requested an additional appropriation in the Clerks Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$2,150 from Other Services for a new check writer and necessary equipment to implement the new Odyssey program. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem and seconded by Mike Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: JUSTICE PROJECT FUNDING

Commissioner Nick Hostetter appeared to clarify the intent on the justice project funding previously approved. The local counsel fees were not included in the original request. A motion was made by Mike Kluesner to approve including local counsel fees in the current appropriation, was duly seconded by Craig Greulich and carried unanimously.

RE: EMA – 2020 JOB SHADOW REQUEST

EMA Director Tammy Humbert appeared to request approval to include a job shadow in the EMA budget for 2020. This position will be hired with the intent to fill a position that will be vacated by Gary Fritz in June 2020. Consensus of the Council was to add the position in the EMA 2020 budget.

RE: RECESS MEETING

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m. to hold the Public Hearing for Council Ordinance 2019-01 for the Local Income Tax for Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING

It being 5:30 p.m. (EST), the time advertised, President Hunefeld opened the Public Hearing for the Ordinance 2019-01 which will impose a Local Income Tax for the Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities. County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr presided. The floor was opened for public comment.

Jasper Mayor Dean Vonderheide requested the future needs of the County be considered when using the Local Income Tax funds. Collaboration and consideration among the County and Municipalities is needed without limitations to their services. He cited projects such as the Midstate Corridor and requested the Council use good judgement for funds beyond the justice system.

Jasper Resident Adrian Engelberth commented that he understands the need to build a jail. He would like to say not to raise taxes but appreciates the work being done to fund the jail in the best way possible. If implementing the tax is needed, he understands.

With no further comments from the public, a motion was made to close the public hearing by Doug Uebelhor and seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: RECONVENE MEETING

The regular meeting was reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

RE: ORDINANCE 2019-01 LOCAL INCOME TAX – CR

Following the public hearing, discussion was held on the implementation of the LIT-CR tax to fund the Justice Project in the County Council Ordinance 2019-01.

A motion was made by Mike Kluesner to approve passage of County Council Ordinance 2019-01 to adopt a local income tax rate of 0.2000% for Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities under I.C. 6-3.6-6-2.7. The ordinance should be in full force and effect from and after passage. The motion was seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

See Exhibit A – Ordinance 2019-01

RE: PROBATION OFFICER

Chief Probation Officer Jenny Lampert appeared to inform the Council that John Fromme has been hired as a probation officer to replace Dan Otto who resigned effective June 28, 2019. Due to his credentials and experience, she requested giving him 1 ½ years of experience on the State Probation Wage scale for 2019 and 2 years in the 2020 budget. A motion was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, to approve the request to start Mr. Fromme with 1 ½ years of experience at a salary of \$39,245 per year. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LIT-ED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - 600 W RAILROAD CROSSING

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg appeared to request an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED fund from Capital Outlay for the 600 W Railroad Crossing in the amount of \$40,500 which is the estimated obligation for Dubois County. Following discussion, a motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman and carried by a vote of 5-2. Greulich and Uebelhor were the dissenting votes.

RE: HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

Health Administrator Jo Ann Spaulding proposed using both the Health Preparedness Grant and Kalb HPV Grant funds to form a full-time position beginning July 1, 2019. The proposal was approved by the Grantors as well as the County Commissioners. An existing public health nurse from the Health fund will fill the position. The Preparedness grant position was previously approved at a lower wage classification. Administrator Jo Ann Spaulding requested raising the current wage classifications for both grant positions to \$24.48/hour which is the current salary of the public health nurse. A motion was made by Mary E. Beckman to approve the requested pay rate increase per hour to match the current PHN salary. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant position will be 10 hours per week, the Kalb HPV grant position will be 25 hours per week. The motion was seconded by Charmian Klem and carried. An amended salary ordinance for the Preparedness grant was presented for \$24.48 per hour in 2019 and \$25.09 per hour in 2020. The grant cycle is July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

RE: RECORDER ID PROTECTION – TRANSFER RESOLUTION

Auditor Morton presented a request to transfer funds for the County Recorder from the ID Security fund to the Recorders Perpetuation Fund. Due to questions, the Resolution to Transfer funds was tabled until the next meeting.

RE: CUM CAP - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from Cum Cap Fund in the amount of \$3,500 from Capital Outlay for computer programming upgrades to the payroll software. Mike Kluesner made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Fund in the amount of \$20,000 from Capital Outlay for computer equipment. Craig Greulich made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LIT-ED - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the LIT-ED Fund in the amount of \$250,000 from Other Services for pauper counsel appeals. Charmian Klem made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Mike Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: PLAT BOOK FUND - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the Plat Book Fund in the amount of \$26,100 from Other Services for GIS mapping orthophotography maps. Mike Kluesner made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ST. CHARLES ANNEX MAINTENANCE - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation from the St. Charles Annex Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$3,800 from Other Services for 911 security cameras. Mary E. Beckman made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND - WEIGHTS & MEASURES TRANSFER

Auditor Morton presented a transfer in the Weights & Measures from Other Services to Supplies in the amount of \$206. A motion was made to approve the transfer by Doug Uebelhor and seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimous.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Sonya Haas, to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The 2020 budget reviews will be held on August 12, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.