

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

November 15, 2021

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, November 15, 2021 in the Commissioner/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Charmian R. Klem, Doug Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Sonya Haas and Auditor Sandra L. Morton. Alex P. Hohl was absent. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order by President Michael Kluesner at 4:30 p.m.

RE: MINUTES

President Kluesner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the October 25, 2021 meeting and the 2022 Budget and Salary Ordinance # 2022. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Merit Board Members President Gil Eckerle, Jake Bower and Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter appeared to discuss an issue with employee retention at the Sheriff Department. Providing Group Health Insurance Benefits and Medicare Supplemental Insurance to Retired Full Time Deputies with 20 years of service was discussed.

President Kluesner listed several items that have been implemented at the Security Center which needs to be considered. Several concerns were raised for this unfunded request.

Resident Mark Nowotarski spoke in favor of the Sheriff Department.

No action was taken but discussions may continue in the future.

RE: JASPER DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Jasper Mayor Dean Vonderheide presented plans for the Jasper Downtown Revitalization project. Funding for the project is projected to be \$4.6 million. The City of Jasper is seeking a contribution toward the project from the County. Currently the City is working to determine cost estimates for the work to be completed on the Courthouse property.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PARK

Dubois County Park President Christine Prior provided an update on the changes made to the original plans for the Dubois County Park to cut costs of the project. The Commissioners had approved using \$350,000 of ARPA funding to assist with the project but were advised against that use. Prior requested consideration of using LIT-ED funds. Consensus was to advertise for an Additional Appropriation from LIT-ED for the next meeting.

RE: H.E.L.P. GRANT

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission Director Lisa Gehlhausen provided an update on the H.E.L.P. Grant application submitted jointly by the County and the City of Jasper.

RE: RESOLUTION 2021-36 – COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT

Auditor Morton provided information on the Community Crossings Matching Grant awarded to the County in the amount of \$431,129.37. Resolution 2021-36 was presented to transfer funds for the County match. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-36 by Charmian Klem, seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-36

Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Community Crossings Grant Fund

Whereas, the Dubois County Council finds the purpose of the LOIT Special Distribution Fund restricted and can be used as a local match to the Community Crossings Grant per Indiana Senate Enrolled Act No. 67; and,

Whereas, Dubois County has been awarded a Community Crossings Grant from the Indiana Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund, established by HEA 1001-2016, in the amount of \$431,129.37; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Dubois County Council does hereby transfer \$200,000.00 from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund (Fund 174-1229) into the Community Crossings Grant Fund (Fund 186-9130). This fund shall be subject to the same appropriation process as other funds. Upon completion of the Road Preventative Maintenance Projects, remaining grant funds shall be returned to the Grantor and remaining local matching funds shall be returned to the LOIT Special Distribution fund.

ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

RE: 2022 APPOINTMENTS

The list of expiring appointments was reviewed.

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RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – COUNTY GENERAL

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Coroner Other Services in the amount of \$1,500 for Body Transportation. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Coroner Other Services in the amount of \$20,000 for Autopsies. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the Community Corrections Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant Supplies in the amount of \$1,416.48 from Office Supplies to Other Services for Contractual Services and from Other Services in the amount of \$2,184.00 from Travel to Capital Outlay Equipment. On motion made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the transfer was approved 6-0.

RE: 2022 TAX RATES

Auditor Morton provided information on the 2022 Budget. The Department of Local Government Finance has sent the 1782 Notices. Budget Orders should be sent by the end of December 2021. The expected 2022 County Tax Rates are as follows:

County General	.2706
Reassessment	.0094
Cumulative Bridge	.0349
Health	.0127
Park & Recreation	.0048
Planning	.0009
Cumulative Capital Development	<u>.0275</u>
	.3608

RE: JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

President Kluesner provided an update on the jail construction project.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Dubois County Annex Commissioner/Council Room on the following dates for the regular monthly meetings: December 13, 2021, January 24, 2022, and February 28, 2022. The final meeting for 2021 will be held on December 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.