

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

January 9, 2023

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the Commissioner/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Michael W. Kluesner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Doug Uebelhor, Ryan Craig, Meredith I. Voegerl and Auditor Sandra L. Morton. Craig M. Greulich resigned his position to serve as County Treasurer, leaving a vacant position on the Council.

RE: REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Auditor Morton called for the election of officers. Nominations were opened for Council President with Sonya Haas nominating Michael Kluesner. There being no further nominations, Kluesner was unanimously elected as Council President. Nominations were opened for Council Vice-President with Meredith I. Voegerl nominating Sonya Haas. There being no further nominations, Haas was unanimously elected as Council Vice-President. The elected officers for the Dubois County Council for 2023 are:

President: Michael W. Kluesner

Vice-President: Sonya Haas

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CQI-QA SPECIALIST WAGE

Community Corrections Director Wyatt Madden requested an increase for the CQI-QA Specialist in the amount of \$5,305 annually. A new employee was hired for the position in October 2022; however, changes were made and former Case Manager Mitch Lampert was promoted to the position. Due to his experience, Madden felt a wage increase was merited. Following discussion, Ryan Craig made a motion to increase the wage 5% from \$1,861.65 bi-weekly to \$1,955.10 pending approval of an additional appropriation. The motion was seconded by Michael Kluesner and carried 4-2 with Alex P. Hohl and Doug Uebelhor being the dissenting votes. Consensus was to advertise for an additional appropriation at the January 30, 2023 meeting.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – GENERAL FUND

Community Corrections Director Madden requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Courthouse/Annex Maintenance Other Services in the amount of \$7,775 for Miscellaneous Operating from the sale of copper from the demolition phase of construction on the Community Corrections building. A motion to approve the request was made by Meredith I. Voegerl, was seconded by Ryan Craig and carried 6-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – PROJECT INCOME

Community Corrections Director Wyatt Madden requested an Additional Appropriation in the Project Income Personal Services in the amount of \$103,516; \$87,098 for the salary and \$16,418 for the benefits of two additional corrections officers. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, duly seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried 6-0.

RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – PROJECT INCOME

Auditor Morton presented an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Community Corrections Project Income Correctional Officers to be paid a bi-weekly salary of \$1,676.09. The officers are effective January 1, 2023. Holiday pay will be paid per the Employee Handbook. A motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance was made by Michael Kluesner, was duly seconded by Alex P. Hohl, and carried 6-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – MISDEMEANANT

Community Corrections Director Madden requested an Additional Appropriation in the Misdemeanant Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$32,295; \$30,000 for the salary and \$2,295 for the benefits of the Administrative Assistant. A motion was made by Doug Uebelhor to approve the request, was duly seconded by Ryan Craig and carried 6-0.

RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – MISDEMEANANT

Auditor Morton presented an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Misdemeanant Administrative Assistance to be paid \$17.66 per hour. The position is effective as of January 1, 2023 and

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will work 25 hours per week. A motion was made by Michael Kluesner to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance, was duly seconded by Ryan Craig and carried 6-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - PROBATION USER PROGRAMMING

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Probation User Programming Fund Supplies in the amount of \$6,000. A motion was made by Meredith I. Voegerl to approve the request, was duly seconded by Alex P. Hohl and carried 6-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – REASSESSMENT

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Reassessment Fund Other Services for the software conversion from ProVal to X-Soft in the amount of \$56,000. A motion was made by Doug Uebelhor to approve the request, was duly seconded by Sonya Haas and carried 6-0.

RE: RESOLUTION 2023-01 – COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT 22-2

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2023-01, a resolution to transfer funds to the Community Crossings Grant Fund from the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted fund in the amount of \$111,299.29 and \$45,913.72 from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund as the local match to the Community Crossings Grant 22-2. The County received a Community Crossings grant in the amount of \$453,371.29. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2023-01 by Sonya Haas, seconded by Ryan Craig, and carried 6-0.

Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Community Crossings Grant Fund

Whereas, the Dubois County Council finds the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund 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 \$453,371.29; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Dubois County Council does hereby transfer \$111,299.29 from the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund (Fund 060-1173) and \$45,913.72 from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund (Fund 174-1229) into the Community Crossings Grant Fund (Fund 188-9130). 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 Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted fund and/or the LOIT Special Distribution fund.

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

RE: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

President Kluesner recognized former Councilman Craig Greulich for his dedication and service to the Council. Greulich resigned to become the County Treasurer on January 7, 2023.

RE: 2023 APPOINTMENTS

Doug Uebelhor was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Craig Greulich on the 911 Advisory Board. The term expires on December 31, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners appointed Alex P. Hohl to serve on the Dubois County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

President Kluesner requested to serve on the Tax Abatement Committee. Consensus was to approve the request.

Ryan Craig will serve as the Council liaison to the Soil and Water District Board.

President Kluesner requested all members serving board appointments to provide updates to the Council as meetings occur.

RE: CHAMBER SEATING

President Kluesner discussed changes to the seating arrangements on the dais in the Council Chambers. The signage will be changed to represent the district each member represents.

RE: TITLE IV-D LEASE

President Kluesner provided an update on the Title IV-D Child Support office lease. The Department will be moving to a new office on Third Street after construction is complete in approximately

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4-6 months. The current office landowners, William and Linda Shaneyfelt, have agreed to a month-to-month lease until the new office is ready.

RE: JUSTICE PROJECT

President Kluesner provided an update on the Justice Project. Progress meetings are held every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Jail Basement. He invited the members to attend.

RE: LIT - PUBLIC SAFETY TAX

Jasper City Police Chief Nathan Schmitt will be holding a meeting on the possibility of implementing the LIT-Public Safety Tax in Dubois County. The meeting will be held on January 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at Jasper City Hall Pfaffenweiler Room.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the next meeting for January 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Future meetings are as follows: February 27, 2023; March 30, 2023; April 24, 2023; May 22, 2023; June 19, 2023; and July 31, 2023. All meetings will be held in the Commissioner/Council Room on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse Annex and begin at 4:30 p.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Meredith I. Voegerl. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.