

## DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

October 24, 2022

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, October 24, 2022 in the Commissioner/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Michael Kluesner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Charmian R. Klem, Doug Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Alex P. Hohl, Sonya Haas and Auditor Sandra L. Morton.

### **RE: MINUTES**

President Kluesner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the meeting held on October 12, 2022. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were approved as written.

### **RE: ADOPTION – COUNTY BUDGET**

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2023 County budget in the amount of \$32,310,397. On motion made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Sonya Haas, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously. See Ordinance 2023 as attached.

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

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2023 Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$346,788. On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

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

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2023 Northeast Dubois County School Corporation budget in the amount of \$10,852,919. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

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

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2023 Northeast Dubois Fire Protection District budget in the amount of \$121,250. On motion made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RE: ADOPTION – DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT**

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2023 Dubois County Airport budget in the amount of \$6,421,240. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RE: AIRPORT LOAN**

Airport Manager Travis McQueen presented a Loan Extension Agreement to extend the loan previously approved on November 16, 2020, which was set to expire on November 15, 2022. The Extension is needed due to the delay in the receipt of federal funding for construction costs. The terms of the loan shall remain the same with a new due date of December 31, 2023. A motion was made by Doug Uebelhor to approve the Extension Agreement, was duly seconded by Mary E. Beckman, and carried unanimously.

McQueen provided an update on the National Competitive Grant application submitted for the new terminal project which will be awarded in the Spring. He also discussed the taxi way light project which will begin in 2023.

### **RE: ASSESSOR SOFTWARE**

Assessor Angela Giesler presented a preliminary contract with X-Soft, Inc. which has been reviewed by the County Attorney and will be presented for approval by the County Commissioners. The X Soft CAMA application is an appraisal software. Giesler plans to convert to the new software in April 2023. Reassessment funds will be used to pay for the application.

Costs: \$ 50,400 Annual Support

\*\$280,300 Licenses, Fees, Installation, Conversion and Training

\*This fee can be divided into either a 4 or 5 year payment plan if desired.

Consensus was to proceed and to seek approval of the contract by the County Commissioners.

### **RE: CIRCUIT COURT**

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Judge Nathan Verkamp requested an additional appropriation for Circuit Court Other Services in the amount of \$15,000 for Expert Witnesses. Consensus was to advertise the request for approval at the meeting on November 21, 2022.

**RE: DUBOIS DUMPSTER SITE LAND PURCHASE**

Highway Supervisor Steve Berg discussed purchasing the Dubois dumpster site location from the Estate of Marion Poe. The heirs have indicated that none of the parties of the estate have future plans for the property and are reluctant to continue with the same lease agreement. The Estate of Marion Poe is composed of three small parcels which includes the dumpster site containing 2.15 acres. Berg feels purchasing the property would be beneficial for the County to retain the site location. Finding a new location could be problematic. Owning the current site would give the department the ability to expand and improve the facility as well as install a large item dumpster. Following approval from the County Commissioners, Berg informed the Estate of the County's intent to purchase the property at a cost of \$15,000 using Solid Waste Sticker funds. Consensus was to support the purchase.

**RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – HIGHWAY RESTRICTED**

Highway Supervisor Berg requested a transfer of appropriation in the Highway Restricted Fund from Capital Outlay Paving Projects in the amount of \$40,000 to Supplies Gas, Oil, Diesel. On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Craig Greulich, the transfer was approved 7-0.

**RE: 600 WEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPDATE**

Highway Supervisor Berg provided an update on the 600 West Railroad Crossing. Norfolk Southern sent a letter stating their compliance to install the crossing within the next 24 months.

**RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**

Engineer Mary Austin, Clark Dietz, presented a lengthy detailed update on the Regional Sewer District.

**RE: LIT-ED FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt discussed the change order costs for the Courthouse Annex Vault area as part of the Jasper Downtown Revitalization which was discussed at the meeting on September 26, 2022. Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation from the LIT-ED fund Capital Outlay for the Construction costs in the amount of \$38,568. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, duly seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously. Additional Appropriations were also advertised for the Design of the project - \$965; and for the Engineering Fees – \$10,876. Following discussion, a motion to deny the payments for design and engineering was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously. The additional appropriations were denied. Wendholt will inform the City of Jasper.

**RE: RESOLUTION 2022-15**

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2022-15 to set up a Probation User Fee Programming Fund. Charmian Klem made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-15, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2022-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA ESTABLISHING  
PROBATION PROGRAMMING FUND**

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Council ("Council") desires to establish a Probation Programming Fund for the purpose of receiving and tracking funds associated with the Educational Programming offered through the Dubois County Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, The Council has determined that a need exists for the establishment of the Fund for the deposit and disbursement of monies received from program participant's user fees to be used for the cost and support expenses associated with the Educational Programming and/or future needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is hereby created in the office of Auditor of Dubois County a separate fund to be known as the Probation Programming Fund (105-2509).

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED monies may be deposited into such fund from user fees of Dubois County Probation Department's Program Participants, donations, and from other sources determined by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED monies may be expended from such fund only for the expenses related to the Probation Programming Fund subject to appropriation by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that interest on such fund shall be deposited to the Dubois County General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Probation Programming Fund no longer exists, the funds shall be transferred to the Dubois County Probation User Fee Fund (107-2000).

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Dubois County Council at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on this, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

**RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Morton requested Additional Appropriations in the General Fund Coroner Other Services in the amount of \$25,000 for Autopsies and \$8,000 for Body Transportation. A motion to approve the requests was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioner Capital Outlay in the amount of \$66,800 for the Treasurer/Auditor Window Remodel Project. A motion to approve the request was made by Alex Hohl, seconded by Charmian Klem, and carried unanimously. ARPA funds will be used as revenue replacement.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – PROJECT INCOME**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Project Income Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$3,481 for the 2022 raises and benefits not budgeted in the IOCS Grant for two Case Managers. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman and carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Project Income Fund Other Services in the amount of \$300 for Misc. Operating to reimburse a participant for a TRECS refund received passed the Statute of Limitations. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner, and carried unanimously.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Community Transition Program Personal Services in the amount of \$35,000 for the payment of comp time and benefits of the department employees. A list of comp time accrued was presented. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, duly seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried unanimously. The employees will be paid at their current rate of pay.

**RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – GENERAL FUND**

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the General Fund Community Corrections Maintenance Other Services Maintenance & Repair in the amount of \$5,000 to Supplies. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas, the transfer was approved 7-0.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the General Fund Title IV-D Personal Services Administrator in the amount of \$1,476 to Health Insurance - \$652 and Case Worker - \$824. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Mary E Beckman, the transfer was approved 7-0.

**RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the Community Transition Program Fund Capital Outlay from Vehicles in the amount of \$2,000 to Other Services Printing. On motion made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Charmian Klem, the transfer was approved 7-0.

**RE: SHERIFF SALE LAND PURCHASE**

President Kluesner discussed two parcels of land adjacent to the Security Center listed on the Sheriff Sale to be held on November 30, 2022. The Commissioners would like to place a bid on the land

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containing 2.02 acres, if available, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 plus closing cost expenses of \$5,000. Consensus was to advertise an additional appropriation from LIT-ED funds.

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENT – BUFFALO SPRINGS**

Resident Adrienne Highhouse requested support against the Buffalo Springs Hoosier National Forest Project which will clear cut, spray herbicide and control burn over 5,000 acres of land. She is concerned for the mental health of the residents wanting to enjoy the forests. She also is concerned for water supply safety and discussed the list of impaired waters. She provided information that the Orange County Commissioners have issued a letter of protest against the project. She provided her contact information and will also speak to the County Commissioners.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Council set the next meetings for November 7, 2022, November 21, 2022, and December 12, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. The final meeting of the year will be held on December 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Commissioner/Council Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Courthouse Annex.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.