

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

October 30, 2023

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, October 30, 2023 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, Sonya Haas, Doug Uebelhor, Alex P. Hohl, Meredith Voegerl, Ryan Craig, Daryl Schmitt 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 4, 2023. On motion, made by Daryl Schmitt, seconded by Ryan Craig, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: ADOPTION – COUNTY BUDGET

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2024 County budget in the amount of \$35,260,252. On motion, made by Ryan Craig, seconded by Sonya Haas, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously. Auditor Morton presented Ordinance 2024 – An Ordinance establishing Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials and Employees of Dubois County, Indiana and Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2024. A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2024 by Ryan Craig, was duly seconded by Alex Hohl, and carried unanimously. (see attached)

RE: ADOPTION – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2024 Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$361,764. On motion, made by Sonya Haas, seconded by Meredith Voegerl, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2024 Dubois County Airport budget in the amount of \$5,237,740. On motion, made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Ryan Craig, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2024 Northeast Dubois County School Corporation budget in the amount of \$13,106,992. On motion, made by Alex Hohl, seconded by Daryl Schmitt, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2024 Northeast Dubois Fire Protection District budget in the amount of \$123,300. On motion made by Daryl Schmitt, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Judge Nathan Verkamp requested additional appropriations in the General Fund Circuit Court Personal Services for Petit Jurors in the amount of \$10,000 and for Interpreter/Expert Witnesses in the amount of \$20,000. A motion was made to approve the requests by Daryl Schmitt and seconded by Meredith Voegerl. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Engineer Mary Austin, Clark Dietz, provided an update on the Regional Sewer District. IDEM will hold a public hearing in order to form the legal entity. After the formation of the Dubois County Regional Sewer District, board members will need to be appointed per the by-laws.

A Contract Amendment was presented at a cost of \$735,000 with a contingency of \$65,000. Austin discussed the changes made to the Haysville project and the removal of any work not already completed in the Portersville area. The contract will be approved by the County Commissioners.

Austin reported that 90-95% of the design of the project is in the public right-of-way. The only land acquisition needed may be for lift stations.

RE: LUCAS DEVICES

Stan Seufert, Ireland Fire Chief and Henry Calderon, Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, reported the Leadership Academy has raised almost \$92,000 toward the purchase of Lucas Devices for each Volunteer Fire Station in the County. A total of 12 total devices are needed. The Volunteer Fire Departments are seeking a commitment of \$100,000 from the County. Several fire chiefs were in attendance and supported the request. Consensus was to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$100,000 from the LIT-ED fund.

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RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter requested additional appropriations in the General Fund Jail Other Services for Inmate Medical in the amount of \$10,000 and Utilities in the amount of \$30,000. He also requested an additional appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$10,000 for jail operating expenses. Consensus was to advertise for the additional appropriations as presented.

RE: RESOLUTION 2023-16

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2023-16, a resolution to establish a Pre to 3 Donation Fund for the Health Department. A motion was made to adopt the Resolution as presented by Meredith Voegerl, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2023- 16

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA ESTABLISHING
HEALTH PRE-TO-3 DONATION FUND**

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Council (“Council”) desires to establish a Health Pre-to-3 Donation Fund for the purpose of reserving and tracking donations received by the Dubois County Health Department associated with the Dubois County Health First Indiana Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Health Department holds the public Pre-to-3 donations for such purpose and associated with supporting the Pre-to-3 Program; and

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Council has determined that a need exists for the establishment of the Fund for the deposit and disbursement of monies received from donations for the Health First Indiana Pre-to-3 Program to be used for the support expenses and incentives associated with the Dubois County Health Department Pre-to-3 Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is hereby created in the office of Auditor of Dubois County a separate donation fund to be known as the Health Pre-to-3 Donation Fund (4106-192).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED donations may be deposited into such fund from public donations received by the Dubois County Health Department, 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 Health Pre-to-3 Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that interest on such fund shall be deposited to the Dubois County Health Pre-to-3 Donation Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Health Pre-to-3 Program no longer exists, the funds shall be transferred to the Health Fund donation line item or returned to the Donor, if available.

DULY ADOPTED by the Dubois County Council at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on this, the 30th day of October, 2023.

RE: LIT-ED FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

County Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an additional appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Capital Outlay for the Safe Streets for All Grant County Match in the amount of \$30,000. A motion was made to approve the request by Ryan Craig and seconded by Daryl Schmitt. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation in the General Fund Title IV-D Personal Services for Health Insurance in the amount of \$19,210. A motion was made to approve the request by Meredith Voegerl and seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation in the General Fund Annex/Courthouse Other Services for Community Corrections Maintenance Utilities in the amount of \$18,000. A motion was made to approve the request by Ryan Craig and seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LATCF – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation in the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) Other Services for Courthouse Maintenance in the amount of \$50,000. A motion was

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made to approve the request by Ryan Craig, seconded by Meredith Voegerl. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation in the Local Health Maintenance Fund Capital Outlay for two vehicles in the amount of \$60,300. A motion was made to approve the request by Meredith Voegerl, seconded by Daryl Schmitt. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND -TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the General Fund Annex/Courthouse Maintenance in the amount of \$3,000 from Other Services Community Corrections Maintenance and Repairs to Supplies. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the General Fund Superior Court in the amount of \$4,500 from Capital Outlay Law Books to Other Services Medical/Psychological/Interpreter. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND TITLE IV-D AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Morton requested an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the General Fund Title IV-D Case Worker. The position changed from being paid hourly to \$1,459.50 bi-weekly. The position will be paid 35 hours per week and will accrue comp time if necessary. A motion was made to approve the request by Doug Uebelhor, was seconded by Daryl Schmitt. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LIT-ED FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Personal Services for Health Insurance in the amount of \$500,000. Consensus was to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$500,000 from the LIT-ED fund. Should funds be needed to pay employee insurance claims, Morton was granted permission to pay Unified Group Services, the County third-party administrator, funds as needed.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Nowotarski requested an explanation of the acronyms LIT-ED and LATCF used for the additional appropriations. Auditor Morton explained the Local Income Tax – Economic Development and Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund.

Mr. Nowotarski had volunteered to work on grant funding for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail; however, matching funds were removed from the 2024 budget.

RE: 2024 APPOINTMENTS

The list of expiring Council Appointments was reviewed. Appointments will be approved at the next meeting.

RE: CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

President Kluesner provided an update on the construction at the jail. Demolition of the old jail area is progressing.

RE: HEA 1454

President Kluesner provided information from a meeting held by the Volunteer Fire Departments to receive Local Income Tax for Public Safety provided in HEA 1454. The fire chiefs will hold another meeting on November 28, 2023 at the Dubois Fire Station. He encouraged everyone to attend.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG HOUSING STUDY

President Kluesner distributed the housing study completed by Dubois Strong.

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: November 27, 2023, and December 11, 2023. The final meeting for 2023 will be held on December 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Alex Hohl. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.