

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

November 21, 2022

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, November 21, 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 24, 2022. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the minutes were approved as written. President Kluesner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Budget Ordinance 2023 addendum to the minutes from October 24, 2022. On motion made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Sonya Haas, the addendum was approved as written. President Kluesner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the meeting held on November 7, 2022. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: CUM BRIDGE - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Bridge Fund Supplies in the amount of \$30,000 for materials and \$4,000 for tools and equipment. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously.

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Bridge Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$105,000 for the design of 15th Street Extension Bridge. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Alex Hohl, and carried unanimously.

RE: DISTRESSED ROAD LOAN

Highway Engineer Wendholt provided information on the Distressed Road Loan which is due and payable in 2023. Following repayment in the Spring, he will be applying for another loan.

RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$15,000 for Circuit Court expert witnesses. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Craig Greulich, and carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Other Services in the amount of \$4,567 for Commissioners worker's compensation insurance. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner, and carried unanimously.

RE: LIT-ED – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$500,000 for Health Insurance. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, and carried unanimously.

RE: LIT-CR – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-CR Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$100,000 for construction soft costs. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, and carried unanimously.

President Kluesner provided an update on the construction project soft costs and furniture to be ordered through Business Environments.

RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Auditor Morton provided information that Community Corrections needs additional funding for utilities in the amount of \$20,000. Consensus was to advertise the appropriation from the General Fund.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

President Kluesner and Auditor Morton provided an update on the Regional Sewer District and the need to hire Baker Tilly Financial Services to assist with the finances for the district. Consensus was to advertise \$15,000 from the LIT-ED fund.

RE: 2023 APPOINTMENTS

The expiring appointments for 2023 were reviewed and discussed.

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RE: PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

President Kluesner discussed the need to fill the vacancies on the County Tax Abatement Committee. Both EDP Renewables and Lightsource BP have indicated the desire to file for property tax abatements in 2023. A discussion was held.

RE: TITLE IV-D

President Kluesner informed the members that IV-D Deputy Prosecutor William Shaneyfelt has resigned his position effective December 31, 2022. Prosecutor-Elect Beth Sermersheim has hired Michael Fritch to serve as the new Deputy Prosecutor. The IV-D office will be moved to a new location on Third Avenue. The owner will build the office to suit the needs of the program.

RE: PUBLIC SAFETY TAX

President Kluesner provided information from a meeting held by the Municipal Police Chiefs and Sheriff to discuss the possibility of implementing a Public Safety Tax. A discussion was held.

RE: 2023 BUDGET 1782 NOTICE

Auditor Morton discussed the 1782 Notice received from the Department of Local Government Finance establishing the Tax Rates and Budgets for 2023.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the next meetings for November 28, 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 2nd 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 5:32 p.m.