

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

November 7, 2022

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, November 7, 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: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – PROJECT INCOME

Community Corrections Director Wyatt Madden requested an Additional Appropriation in the Project Income Personal Services in the amount of \$9,670 for the salary and benefits of one additional corrections officer. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, duly seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – PROJECT INCOME

Auditor Morton presented an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Community Corrections Project Income Correctional Officer to be paid a bi-weekly salary of \$1,627.27. The officer will begin on or after November 8, 2022. Holiday pay will be paid per the Employee Handbook. A motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance was made by Mary E. Beckman, was duly seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER REQUESTS

Community Corrections Director Madden discussed the need for three additional officers and feels the department has been understaffed. The Commissioners created a second additional officer position at their November 7, 2022 meeting. Madden reported the Corrections Advisory Board voted not to cash a Certificate of Deposit unless four officers were created. Following discussion, consensus was to advertise the wages and benefits for the additional officer from the Project Income fund and to cash in the Certificate of Deposit to assist with the funding of the two additional officers. The Council will meet on Monday, November 28, 2022 to approve the request.

RE: FUTURE BUDGETS - GRANT APPLICATION

Madden discussed the need to make changes in the 2024 Department of Corrections grant application process to include funding for more officers. He would like to see the County assist with Health Insurance costs. Following discussion, Madden was instructed to reach out to the DOC for guidance.

RE: SHERIFF SALE LAND

President Kluesner reported the land near the Security Center has been pulled from the November Sheriff Sale. No Additional Appropriation will be needed to bid on the land as previously discussed at the October 24, 2022 meeting.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

President Kluesner provided information on the Regional Sewer District funding concerns. A committee meeting will be held with the City of Jasper on November 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the preliminary engineering and design phase. A public hearing will be held on November 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. during the Commissioners' meeting. Funding sources for the project were discussed.

RE: COMP TIME

Craig Greulich raised a concern on the accrual of comp time by staff members attending Council meetings when their attendance is not required. Greulich will address this issue with the Department Head.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the next meetings for November 21, 2022, 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 5:28 p.m.