

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

December 12, 2022

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, December 12, 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, Craig Greulich, Charmian R. Klem, Mary E. Beckman, Alex P. Hohl, Sonya Haas, and Doug Uebelhor 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 November 28, 2022. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: SHERIFF SALARY CONTRACT 2023-2026

Auditor Morton presented the Sheriff Salary Contract for Tom Kleinhelter. The County establishes a fixed amount of compensation in the amount of 80% of the Prosecutor's salary for the calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. The fixed amount of compensation is in lieu of fee compensation under I.C. 6-8.1-8-3 and I.C. 36-8-10-7 and shall be paid from the County General Fund in the manner that salaries of other County officials are paid. A motion was made to approve the contract as presented by Charmian Klem, was duly seconded by Sonya Haas and carried unanimously. The contract will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval on December 19, 2022.

RE: COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Community Transition Program Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$2,000 for Comp Time and \$400 for Benefits. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, and carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Other Services in the amount of \$20,000 for Community Corrections maintenance utilities. A motion to approve the request was made by Sonya Haas, seconded by Alex Hohl, and carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Other Services in the amount of \$10,000 for Ambulance repairs. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Michael Kluesner, and carried unanimously.

RE: LIT-ED FUND - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Other Services in the amount of \$15,000 for the financial services from Baker Tilly for the next phase of the Dubois County Regional Sewer District. Following discussion, it was determined that the American Rescue Program Funds (ARPA) could be used instead. A motion was made by Charmian Klem to deny the request, was seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – GENERAL FUND

Auditor Morton requested a Transfer of Appropriation in the General Fund Surveyor Other Services Equipment Maintenance in the amount of \$50 to Office Supplies. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the transfer was approved 7-0.

RE: 2023 APPOINTMENTS

On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Alex Hohl, the following 2022 appointments were unanimously approved:

9-1-1 Advisory Board	Craig M. Greulich
Alcohol Beverage Comm	Anthony J. Seng
Area Development Corporation (Dubois Strong)	Michael W. Kluesner
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission	Meredith Voegerl
Park and Recreation Board	Jane Betz
Property Tax Board of Appeals	Gregory Abell
Solid Waste Management District	Sonya Haas
Huntingburg Economic Development	John Mundy (term 2/1/2023 – 2/1/2024)

RE: OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Auditor Morton provided information on the Opioid Settlement funds to be received by the County over the next 18 years. The funds will be distributed in two portions: Unrestricted and Restricted Local Abatement Shares. The settlement amounts received will be different each year. More information should be forthcoming on the uses of the funds.

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RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – CQI/QA SPECIALIST SALARY

Councilperson Klem and Auditor Morton discussed the 2023 salary of the CQI/QA Specialist. During the 2023 budget preparations, the position was vacant and was set for a new employee to fill; however, a veteran employee was selected. Consensus was to have Director Wyatt Madden attend the January 9, 2023 meeting to discuss his recommendation to increase the wage.

RE: FOREST PARK STUDENTS

Forest Park government class students Anthony Merkley, William Werner, and Kale Brames were in attendance.

RE: TITLE IV-D OFFICE LEASE

President Michael Kluesner reported on the status of the lease for the Title IV-D office. Kluesner, Commissioner Blessinger and County Attorney Greg Schnarr are working with the landowner on various points.

RE: JUSTICE PROJECT

President Kluesner provided an update on the Justice Project. He and Commissioner Chad Blessinger are working on the furniture soft costs and will tour Kimball to see the items.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the next meetings for January 9, 2023 and January 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. 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 5:25 p.m.