

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

February 27, 2023

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, February 27, 2023 in the Commissioner/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Michael W. Kluesner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Doug Uebelhor, Ryan Craig, Meredith I. Voegerl, Daryl L. 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 January 30, 2023. On motion made by Daryl Schmitt seconded by Ryan Craig, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: H.E.L.P.

President Kluesner provided an update on the H.E.L.P. Core Team final decisions for the Strategic Investment Plan. The County will use their funding for the Regional Sewer District. The City of Jasper will use their funding on the Health and Wellness Center. The Core Team has chosen to award the one million dollar CDBG CV grant funding to Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to implement a Home Rehabilitation Program and to Tri-Cap Head Start to possibly add an additional classroom.

RE: EMS AMBULANCE REQUEST

EMS Ambulance Coordinator Ryan Young presented a replacement schedule for the EMS units. Currently, two ambulances are on order. Young requested a commitment to fund another unit which, if ordered now, will not be delivered until 2025. His request was for \$350,000. Consensus was to advertise the requested amount from the Cum Cap Fund.

Following questions, Young provided information on the ambulance services and the hospital subsidy.

RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Executive Director Nathan Held provided information on the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. The previous director Lisa Gehlhausen stepped down in December 2022 and will be taking on an advisory role. Held discussed various projects the Commission is currently working on throughout the area. He discussed the per-capita fee paid by each of the six counties in the region which is currently \$0.56. A proposed increase to \$0.65 may be requested later this year to be used in 2024 if all six counties approve.

RE: SHERIFF VEHICLE REQUEST

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter requested an additional appropriation from the Cum Cap Fund in the amount of \$300,000 to purchase up to six vehicles. The current fleet of vehicles, maintenance costs, installation of lights and radios, and possible use of the commissary fund were discussed. Consensus was to advertise \$250,000 from Cum Cap to purchase vehicles and to use the commissary fund to outfit them.

RE: HIGHWAY RENOVATIONS

Highway Superintendent Steve Berg provided an update on the renovations to the department offices due to the burst pipe water damage that occurred in December. The insurance deductible has been met with the labor costs incurred by the department during demolition. The following quotes were approved by the Board of Commissioners:

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| Tom Schroering Construction: | \$50,494.00 |
| Gasser Electric | \$12,700.00 |
| Carpet Warehouse | \$ 4,123.35 |
| Jasper Equipment and Supply | \$ 3,345.00 |

RE: HIGHWAY - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Superintendent Berg requested an Additional Appropriation in the Highway Fund Other Services in the amount of \$9,000 for excise fuel tax reimbursement services from Malinowski Consulting (Malcon). A motion was made to approve the request by Meredith Vogler, was duly seconded by Sonya Haas and carried unanimously.

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RE: CUM CAP – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Superintendent Berg requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$175,000 for a new mechanic service truck chassis and truck body. A motion was made to approve the request by Ryan Craig, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously.

RE: DISTRESSED ROAD LOAN

The County received a Distressed Road Loan in 2013 which is due for repayment in July 2023. The loan was for \$1,000,000 and was interest free. Berg presented a submittal letter stating the county currently does not have loans or bonds on the roads which required signatures from the Council President.

Berg reported the intent is to apply for a new Distressed Road loan in 2023.

RE: APPOINTMENT – HUNTINGBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Auditor Morton presented a revised appointment form for John Mundy, the appointment on the Huntingburg Economic Development Commission. The appointment should have been a 4-year term; however, the appointment was approved for a single year. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the term to run from February 1, 2022 – January 31, 2026, was duly seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

RE: LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF)

President Kluesner opened discussion on possible uses for the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund received by the County. The county received \$50,000 in 2022 and will receive a second installment of \$50,000 in 2023. Possible projects include:

- Server Room Air Conditioner Replacement
- Courthouse Landscaping
- Courtroom Carpeting
- Replacement Chairs for Commissioner/Council Room, Annex Conference Room, and Courtrooms.
- Clerk and Recorder Security Doors/Locks

Consensus was to advertise the total amount of the LATCF funds received for the projects.

RE: HEALTH – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Health Fund Other Services in the amount of \$5,000; \$4,000 for donations and \$1,000 for events/awareness. A motion was made by Ryan Craig to approve the request, was duly seconded by Meredith Voegerl and carried unanimously.

RE: CO-AG PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS GRANT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Co-Ag Public Health Crisis Grant Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$104,488; \$38,430 for a Clerk; \$41,860 for a PRN; \$6,143 for FICA; \$4,305 for PERF; and \$13,750 for Health Insurance. A motion was made by Sonya Haas to approve the request, was duly seconded by Ryan Craig, and carried unanimously.

RE: STATEWIDE 911 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Statewide 911 Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$40,000 for Overtime/Holidays. A motion was made by Doug Uebelhor to approve the request, was duly seconded by Ryan Craig, and carried unanimously.

RE: COURTHOUSE FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Courthouse Fountain Maintenance Fund Other Services in the amount of \$500 for Repairs/Maintenance. A motion was made by Ryan Craig to approve the request, was duly seconded by Daryl Schmitt, and carried unanimously.

RE: ST. CHARLES ANNEX MAINTENANCE – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the St. Charles Annex Maintenance Fund Other Services in the amount of \$5,000 for Repairs/Maintenance. A motion was made by Meredith Vogler to approve the request, was duly seconded by Michael Kluesner, and carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Other Services in the amount of \$4,575 for Annex/Courthouse Maintenance. Consensus was to use the LATCF funds instead

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of County General for the replacement of the computer server room dedicated air conditioning unit. The request was denied.

RE: 2022 COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

Auditor Morton distributed the 2022 County Annual Report for review.

RE: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were given by council members that serve on the following committees:

Sheriff Public Information Forum – President Kluesner reported the sheriff held a public forum on February 13, 2023 at Vincennes University Jasper to provide information on police services.

Dubois Strong - President Kluesner reported on the Dubois Strong quarterly meeting. The Community Foundation discussed Lilly Grant funding for the Dove House and Next Step Recovery.

Indiana Association of County Councils – President Kluesner reported all members attended the Southwest District meeting held on February 22, 2023 at the Huntingburg Event Center.

Emergency Management Advisory Board - Council member Uebelhor reported on the Emergency Management Advisory Board meeting.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Council member Hohl reported the Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting will be held on March 7, 2023.

RE: JUSTICE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

President Kluesner provided an update on the justice construction project. Construction work continues at Community Corrections and is on schedule.

RE: STATE OPIOID SETTLEMENT MATCH GRANT

President Kluesner provided information on the State Opioid Settlement Match Grant. The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) will apply for grant funding and needs a commitment for the matching funds from the County Opioid Settlement Restricted funds in the amount of \$100,000.

Consensus was to use the funds as requested if the grant award is approved.

RE: COUNTY WAGE STUDY

The Wage Study Committee is gathering information.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the next meeting for Thursday, March 30, 2023; at 4:30 p.m. Future meetings are as follows: April 24, 2023; May 22, 2023; June 19, 2023; and July 31, 2023. All meetings will be held in the Commissioner/Council Room on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse Annex and begin at 4:30 p.m. The Budget Review meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Ryan Craig. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.