

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

March 18, 2024

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, March 18, 2024 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 Schmitt, and Auditor Sandra L. Morton.

RE: MINUTES

President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2024. On motion, made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Meredith Voegerl, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – HIGHWAY RESTRICTED

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested Additional Appropriations in the Highway Restricted Fund Personal Services for a part time employee in the amount of \$15,000; Supplies for paint, stone and bituminous in the amount of \$395,000; and Capital Outlay for paving projects in the amount of \$1,098,000. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the additional appropriations, seconded by Daryl Schmitt, and carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – LOCAL ROAD & STREET

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested Additional Appropriations in the Local Road & Street Fund Supplies for bituminous in the amount of \$355,000 and Other Services for paving in the amount of \$277,000. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Meredith Voegerl, and carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – SOLID WASTE (STICKER)

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested Additional Appropriations in the Solid Waste (Sticker) Fund Other Services for dumpster site paving at Pine Ridge, Haysville, and Holland in the amount of \$13,000. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – DISTRESSED ROAD LOAN

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Distressed Road Loan Fund Capital Outlay for distressed road paving in the amount of \$1,000,000. Doug Uebelhor made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Alex Hohl, and carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – LIT-ED

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested Additional Appropriations in the LIT-ED Fund Capital Outlay for the Community Crossings local match in the amount of \$170,000 and for the Safe Streets for All local match in the amount of \$81,000. Sonya Haas made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Ryan Craig, and carried unanimously.

RE: SAFE STREETS FOR ALL STEERING COMMITTEE

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested a member of the Council to serve on the Safe Streets for All Steering Committee. Ryan Craig volunteered to serve.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Highway Engineer Wendholt provided an update on the Regional Sewer District meeting with the City of Jasper. Treatment options for the north side of Jasper were discussed. The Dubois County Regional Sewer District was formally approved by IDEM in February 2024. Clark Dietz will submit the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to Indiana SRF by April 1, 2024.

Clark Dietz will be invited to the Council meeting in May to provide an update on the project for the members.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Regional Sewer District Board Appointments were made as follows:
Ryan Craig nominated Daryl Schmitt to serve as the Council member of the Regional Sewer District. The nomination was seconded by Meredith Voegerl and carried unanimously. Michael Kluesner nominated Matt Krempp to serve as the Northeast Dubois School District representative of the Regional Sewer District, the nomination was seconded by Sonya Haas and carried unanimously. A representative of the Southwest School District is still being sought.

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RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - CORNERSTONE PERPETUATION

Auditor Morton presented a request from Surveyor Ken Brosmer for an Additional Appropriation in the Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$30,085 for purchase a Trimble R12i Model 60 Base and Rover Mode, with a rechargeable battery, a dual battery charger with power supply and cords, a transport case and firmware updates for 5 years. Daryl Schmitt made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Meredith Voegerl, and carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – OPIOID RESTRICTED

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Opioid Restricted Fund Other Services in the amount of \$52,000 for Drug Screens at Community Corrections as a local match for the State DMHA Opioid Grant (193-9138). Doug Uebelhor made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – OPIOID UNRESTRICTED

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Opioid Unrestricted Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$12,000 for computer equipment at Community Corrections. Doug Uebelhor made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Ryan Craig, and carried unanimously.

RE: GENERAL FUND – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton presented a request from Clerk Amy Kippenbrock for a transfer of appropriation in the General Fund Clerk Personal Services in the amount of \$2,584.27 from 3rd Deputy to 1st Deputy for a payout of PTO time of a former employee. Sonya Haas made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ARPA FUND – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) Fund Other Services to Capital Outlay for Siren Maintenance in the amount of \$41,292. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the transfer seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriations in the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) Fund Other Services in the amount of \$502,887.28 and Personal Services in the amount of \$6,267.72 to Capital Outlay for the Annex Chiller – \$29,200; County Road 500 E – \$70,000; Sheriff Cars – \$217,728; County Park Maintenance Equipment - \$65,727; and County Park Phase II Alternate Bids – \$126,500. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the transfers seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) Fund Other Services to Capital Outlay for Prosecutor Office Equipment in the amount of \$12,541.60. Ryan Craig made a motion to approve the transfer seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: JUSTICE & MENTAL HEALTH GRANT – SHERIFF DEPTY/SOCIAL WORKER

Auditor Morton reported the Board of Commissioners created a Sheriff Deputy/Social Worker position that will be funded from the Justice & Mental Health Grant over a three year period. Funds will not be available until the planning phase is complete, which may be mid-2024. The wage classification was set as MPOLE II. A salary ordinance will be needed. Following discussion, consensus was to table approval of the salary ordinance until further information is determined.

RE: EMA MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

President Kluesner provided an update on the Emergency Management Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan which is currently being updated.

RE: JAIL CONSTRUCTION

President Kluesner provided an update on the jail construction site. The project should be completed by the end of April 2024.

RE: OUT OF COUNTY PRISONERS

A request was received from Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter for a letter of support to hold out of county prisoners. A discussion was held, and various concerns were expressed. No action was taken.

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RE: ARPA – COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

Auditor Morton discussed using the ARPA funds for computer maintenance fees and equipment replacement needed at the end of 2024. Consensus was to use the fund.

RE: COUNTY ABATEMENTS

Auditor Morton will schedule the companies with a county abatement for the next meeting to review and approve the CF-1 forms.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2024 regular monthly meetings will be held on April 22, May 13, June 17, and July 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Dubois County Annex Commissioner/Council Room. The August – December meeting dates have not been set.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Ryan Craig. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.