

**DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**March 30, 2023**

The Dubois County Council met on Thursday, March 30, 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 February 27, 2023. On motion made by Ryan Craig, seconded by Daryl Schmitt, the minutes were approved as written.

**RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**

Mary Austin, PE from Clark Dietz, provided a written update on the Dubois County Regional Sewer District (DCRSD) Project No. 1. The resubmittal of the project's SRF application and the revised Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), due April 1, 2023, was discussed. The City of Jasper, working with Midwestern Engineers, will be submitting a separate application for funding.

The resubmittal included needed infrastructure to provide sanitary sewers to Haysville and Portersville areas. Austin described a new alternative plan recommendation. The alternative adds cost but may serve approximately 85 additional homes. The estimated budgetary cost is approximately \$30.5 million. If the increased funding is not received, the lower cost plan is in the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) with 300 users estimated to be served. The less expensive option provides infrastructure to allow for future expansion. The cost estimate for the smaller project is approximately \$20.5 million.

Austin provided a summary of the small group progress meetings with the City of Jasper. The legal limits of the DCRSD and the City of Jasper's systems was shown. The City has received preliminary approval for a new discharge point along Mill Creek and is exploring plans to build a treatment plant in the Portersville Road and 500 N area to increase the capacity issues on the north side to accommodate any growth in the area.

Andre Riley, Baker Tilley Municipal Advisors, will attend the next Council meeting, as well as the committee meeting on April 11, 2023, to discuss the preliminary financial analysis and bond issuance processes.

**RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Director Carla Streigel-Winner provided an update on Solid Waste Management District. The district will host a Medication Collection Day and a Patoka Lake Cleanup Day. She discussed revenue streams, disposal fees, and recycling fees used to operate the district. The district works in partnership with the Highway Department sanitation sites.

**RE: ELECTION STORAGE BOXES**

Clerk Amy Kippenbrock requested an additional appropriation of \$7,000 for election machine storage boxes to assist with storing and moving the election equipment. Consensus was to advertise for the additional appropriation from the Cum Cap fund.

**RE: DRUG COURT PART TIME CASE MANAGER SUPERVISOR**

Auditor Morton requested an additional appropriation of \$8,767 for a temporary part-time Drug Court Case Manager Supervisor to work 5 hours per week until the end of 2023. Comp time would also be included. Consensus was to advertise for the additional appropriation from the Drug Court User Fee fund.

**RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Other Services in the amount of \$23,000 for Worker's Comp Insurance. A motion was made by Ryan Craig to approve the request, was duly seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

**RE: CUM CAP – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$350,000 for an ambulance. A motion was made by Meredith Voegerl to approve the request, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$250,000 for sheriff vehicles. A motion was made by Daryl Schmitt to approve the request, was duly seconded by Ryan Craig and carried unanimously.

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**RE: LIT- ED – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Other Services in the amount of \$16,000 for computer maintenance. A motion was made by Ryan Craig to approve the request, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously.

**RE: LATCF – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) Capital Outlay in the amount of \$50,000 for Courthouse/Annex maintenance. A motion was made by Ryan Craig to approve the request, was duly seconded by Meredith Voegerl and carried unanimously.

**RE: AUDITOR INELIGIBLE DEDUCTIONS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Auditor Ineligible Deduction Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$6,000 for Equipment. A motion was made by Ryan Craig to approve the request, was duly seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

**RE: WAGE STUDY COMMITTEE**

President Kluesner provided information collected from other Counties on Sheriff Department wages. He recommended reviewing the information in depth with subcommittees of the Council.

**RE: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

911 Advisory Board - Council member Uebelhor reported on the 911 Advisory Board meeting.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Council member Hohl reported on the Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Council set the next meeting for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Future meetings are as follows: May 22, 2023; June 19, 2023; and July 31, 2023. All meetings will be held in the Commissioner/Council Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5:55 p.m.