

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

May 13, 2024

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, May 13, 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, Meredith I. Voegerl, Daryl Schmitt, and Auditor Sandra L. Morton. Ryan Craig was absent.

RE: MINUTES

President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on April 22, 2024. On motion, made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Daryl Schmitt, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – HUNTINGBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

Donna Neuman and Lisa McWilliams, Huntingburg Public Library, provided an update on the construction project for the library and requested Additional Appropriations for the Huntingburg Library Capital Outlay in the following funds for the amounts noted:

General Fund	\$705,000
LIRF	\$560,000
Rainy Day LIRF	\$350,000
General Fund – Trust Indiana	\$415,000
GIFT Fund	\$235,000
Rainy Day Operating Fund	\$530,000
LIRF – Trust Indiana	\$205,000

Alex Hohl made a motion to approve the additional appropriations as presented, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor, and carried 6-0.

RE: HUNTINGBURG LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS

On motion made by Daryl Schmitt, seconded by Sonya Haas, the following appointments for the Huntingburg Public Library were approved:

Melissa Boeglin	Term: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028
Mary Jeanne Schumaker	Term: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

RE: AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Airport Director Travis McQueen, Airport Board Members Jim Hunsicker, Mary E. “Becky” Beckman, Michael Cummins, Ken Schnaus, Rick Mann, and Airport Board Attorney Phil Schneider appeared to discuss funding for the construction of the Frosty Jones Aviation Terminal. A grant was received from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$3.3 million which requires a contribution of \$3.2 million from state and local sources. The Airport Authority is seeking funding opportunities from various sources including INDOT, READI 2.0, and Radius RIF. Phil Schneider discussed property tax revenues, debt service to issue general obligation bonds and loan contracts.

Pursuant to the BIL-ATP Program, the FAA has issued a deadline of June 20, 2024 to receive the final application with bids or a negotiated contract. To meet the funding gap needed, McQueen requested a \$1.5 million contribution from county funds for the project.

The Council took the request under advisement.

RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE

Heath Titzer and David Wichman, Clark Dietz Engineering, presented an update on the Regional Sewer District. The Dubois County Regional Sewer District was officially formed with IDEM in February 2024. Board members have been appointed.

A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was submitted on April 1, 2024. This is under review and will be available on July 1, 2024. The USDA and SRF collaborate to assist with financing for this type of project.

The project design is approximately 50% complete and is awaiting review from the SRF on the PER. This will provide guidance if changes are needed before completing the design process.

Clark Dietz has been working with the City of Jasper to collaborate on the treatment processes.

RE: DUBOIS AMBULANCE BARN

President Kluesner opened discussion on the HVAC issue at the Dubois Fire Station ambulance bay previously discussed at the April meeting. The cost to install an HVAC system would be \$5,500. Since the building is not County-owned, the County Attorney is creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Dubois Fire Department and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval on May 20, 2024.

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Funding will be given to the Dubois Fire Department to install the system. Meredith Voegerl made a motion to use ARPA funds, was duly seconded by Daryl Schmitt, and carried 6-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – HIGHWAY RESTRICTED

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Highway Restricted Fund Other Services for travel reimbursement in the amount of \$1,045. Doug Uebelhor made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried 6-0.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS – PARK

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the Park Fund from Personal Services in the amount of \$2,000 and Other Services in the amount of \$1,000-to Supplies for Sani-Restrooms in the amount of \$3,000. Sonya Haas made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried 6-0.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS – ARPA

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the ARPA Fund from Other Services to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$83,500 for a Hydro-Excavator for the Highway Department. Doug Uebelhor made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried 6-0.

RE: COUNTY NETWORK COMPUTER SERVERS - REQUEST

Auditor Morton discussed the need to upgrade the County Network computer network servers and storage. The current storage is at end-of-life for support and maintenance on October 31, 2024. Costs to upgrade the storage portion only would be approximately \$140,000. A proposal to upgrade the entire system, including a 5-year warranty, would cost approximately \$130,000. Consensus was to support the project using ARPA funds, pending approval by the Board of Commissioners.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST – GENERAL

Auditor Morton requested additional appropriations in the General Fund Circuit Court Other Services for Jury Pay in the amount of \$50,000 and Psychiatric Services, Medical, Interpreter in the amount of \$25,000. Consensus was to advertise the requested amount.

RE: 2025 BUDGET

President Kluesner opened discussions for the 2025 budget. Possible wage increases for the employees was discussed. Consensus was to direct department heads to budget for a 2% employee wage increase for 2025.

RE: JUSTICE CENTER

President Kluesner provided an update on the construction at the Justice Center. The punch list was completed by the Architect and is working to finalize the project. The Emergency Management Agency tower at the County Annex will be removed after moving to the new offices.

RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Meredith Voegerl provided information from the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission meeting.

RE: ADA CONCERNS

Alex Hohl commented on complaints he has received on the ADA accessibility of the Courthouse since closing the west side entrance.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on June 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Future regular meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m. as follows: July 29, 2024; August 14, 2024; September 23, 2024; October 28, 2024; November 18, 2024; and December 16, 2024. The final meeting of the year will be held on December 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The Budget Review meetings will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and may be continued on August 14, 2024 at the regular meeting. The Public Hearings for the 2025 Budgets will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the Budget Adoption on October 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the Dubois County Annex Commissioner/Council Room on the 2nd floor.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Alex Hohl. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.