

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

JULY 25, 2022

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, July 25, 2022, in the Commissioners/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Craig M. Greulich, Charmian R. Klem, Mary E. Beckman, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Doug M. Uebelhor and Deputy Auditor Brooke Greenwell. A quorum was declared present. President Kluesner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

RE: MINUTES

President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the June 27, 2022, meeting. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: CORONER 2023 BUDGET

Coroner Katie Schuck and Deputy Coroner Tony Matthews appeared to present the Coroner Budget for 2023. After discussion, consensus was to proceed with 2023 Budget as presented.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – CUM BRIDGE FUND

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Bridge Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$200,000 for the Cuzco Rd S Project. A motion to approve the request was made by Alex Hohl, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – HIGHWAY RESTRICTED FUND

Highway Engineer Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Highway Restricted Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$110,000 for the Third Ave Paving Project. A motion to approve the request was made by Alex Hohl, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: HIGHWAY - WAGE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST

Highway Engineer Wendholt requested an increase in the wage range for the LTC1 wage classification for part time help. Discussion was made to possibly change the Highway Part Time Employees to the wage classification LTC2. The change is pending discussion with HR Director and Commissioners.

RE: VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Former Veteran Service Officer Gary Love and Veteran Service Officer Susan Bramlet appeared to request funding for a second part time position in the Veteran Service Office starting in 2023. The Commissioners previously approved the Service Officer to become full time in 2023 pending Council approval. Following discussion, the consensus was to have two Part Time positions to work Monday – Thursday at 28 hours per week and for the Veteran Service Officer to put the changes in the budget for 2023. The Service Officer should make \$17.98 + 3% raise and the Assistant should make \$15.53 + 3% raise for the 2023 Budget pending the Commissioners creation of a second position.

RE: CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Concerned Resident Mark Nowotarski requested a representative from the County Council to attend the upcoming Climate Leadership Summit in Richmond, IN in September 8-9, 2022.

RE: CO AG HEALTH GRANT FUND

Health Administrative Director Shawn Werner requested a transfer of appropriation in the Co Ag Health Grant Fund from Other Services Operating to Personal Services Comp Time in the amount of \$10,000. A motion was made to approve the request by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried 7-0.

Health Administrative Director Shawn Werner requested an amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Co Ag Health Grant in the amount of \$10,000. Comp Time will be paid at the employee's current rate of pay. A motion was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: COUNTY SEX AND VIOLENT OFFENDER FUND REQUEST

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter appeared to request an additional appropriation in the County Sex and Violent Offender fund in the amount of \$2,500 to attend an annual conference. Consensus to advertise was given.

RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Kleinhelter presented information on proposed wage increases for his department in the 2023 budgets. Several positions were discussed.

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Kleinhelter reported the creation of a School Resource officer for the Southeast Dubois School Corp was approved by the Board of Commissioners pending the receipt of a grant award notification for the Corporation.

The budget discussions were tabled and will be held during the budget reviews at the next meeting.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – CUM CAP FUND

Deputy Auditor Greenwell requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$7,415 for Probation Copier. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – LIT - ED FUND

Deputy Auditor Greenwell requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT - ED Fund Other Services in the amount of \$15,500 for Building Insurance Liability. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – LIT - CR FUND

Deputy Auditor Greenwell requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT – CR Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$564,806 for Jail Construction. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Deputy Auditor Greenwell requested an Additional Appropriation in the Pretrial Diversion Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$8,736 for Victim Advocate, FICA and Perf. A motion to approve the request was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: 2023 BUDGET PREPARATIONS

A lengthy discussion was held on wage increase narratives provided by departments regarding 2023 salary increases above the 3% guideline given for the 2023 Budgets.

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 7:43 p.m.