

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

August 8, 2022

The Dubois County Council conducted its review of the requested 2023 County Department Budgets on August 8, 2022, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex. Present at the meeting were Board members Michael W. Kluesner, Charmian R. Klem, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Auditor Sandra L. Morton and Deputy Auditor Brooke Greenwell. Doug M. Uebelhor attended telephonically and was unable to vote on any actions during the meeting. President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 25, 2022 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were approved as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

RE: 2023 WAGE INCREASE

A 3.0% wage increase for all employees, except for State mandated wages, was previously suggested by the Council. A motion was made by Mary E. Beckman to approve the 3.0% wage increase, was duly seconded by Alex Hohl and carried 6-0.

RE: 2023 COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEWS

Each department head appeared to present their requested budgets for 2023. The budgets will be adopted on October 24, 2022, during the regular meeting of the Council.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG

Director Ed Cole presented the proposed 2023 budget request of \$100,000 for both Dubois Strong and Grow Dubois County. He also provided an update on current programs.

RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Director Lisa Gehlhausen presented the proposed 2023 funding request for Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$24,437. The per capita rate is \$0.56 and is based on the 2020 census which increased from the 2010 census for Dubois County. She provided a list of the projects the Commission has been working on.

RE: LUNCH RECESS

The Council recessed for a lunch break at 12:00 p.m. and resumed at 1:08 p.m.

RE: AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Airport Manager Travis McQueen presented the proposed 2023 budget and provided an update on the current and future projects for the Airport. He also discussed the need to extend the deadline for the Loan Agreement signed November 16, 2020, which is set to expire in November 2022. No funds have been borrowed to date; however, the need may arise in the Fall of 2022 due to the timing of the Federal reimbursements.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY TOURISM

Tourism Director Whitney Lubbers presented the proposed 2023 budget request of \$575,000 for the innkeeper tax and provided program updates.

RE: 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council Treasurer Madison Giesler presented the proposed 2023 budget request of \$125,000 and provided program updates.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION

Park Board President Christine Prior presented the proposed 2023 budgets for the Park Operating and Non Reverting Funds. She also provided an update on the park improvement construction project.

RE: 2023 BUDGET – NON-BINDING REVIEW OF TAXING UNITS

Auditor Sandy Morton presented the Estimated Maximum Levy Limits and Property Tax Cap Impact Reports for all non-binding taxing units. Upon review of the 2023 reports for Bainbridge Township, Boone Township, Cass Township, Columbia Township, Ferdinand Township, Hall Township, Harbison Township, Jackson Township, Jefferson Township, Madison Township, Marion Township, Patoka Township, City of Jasper, City of Huntingburg, Town of Ferdinand, Town of Holland, Town of Birdseye, Greater Jasper School Corporation, Southeast Dubois School Corporation, Southwest Dubois School Corporation, Dubois County Contractual Library, Huntingburg Public Library, Jasper Public Library and the Upper Patoka River Conservancy District, the unanimous Council recommendation for each unit was no changes were to be made. A motion was made by Charmian R. Klem and seconded by Alex P. Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

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RE: WAGE INCREASE NARRATIVES

All employees and/or department heads requesting wage increases above 3.0% were required to submit wage increase narratives to Human Resources. The forms were reviewed by HR and the Council members. If approved, the wage increases were included in the department budgets.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the next meetings for August 29, 2022, September 26, 2022, October 24, 2022, November 21, 2022, and December 12, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. The 2023 Budget Public Hearing will be held on October 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The final meeting of the year will be held on December 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Commissioner/Council Room on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse Annex.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.