

## DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

August 16, 2023

The Dubois County Council conducted its review of the requested 2024 County Department Budgets on August 16, 2023, 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, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Doug Uebelhor, Meredith Voegerl, Ryan Craig, Daryl Schmitt, Auditor Sandra L. Morton and Deputy Auditor Brooke Greenwell. President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes from July 31, 2023. On motion made by Daryl Schmitt, seconded by Ryan Craig, the minutes were approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RE: LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

President Kluesner provided information on the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 7, 2023. A tornado/storm passed through the northern border of the County in the Haysville, Harbison Township and Columbia Township area leaving a debris field over 12.5 miles. To assist with the storm debris clean-up, Kluesner approved emergency funding from the Rainy Day fund in the amount of \$100,000. The additional appropriation will be advertised and formally approved on August 28, 2023.

### **RE: 2024 WAGE INCREASES**

A 6.0% wage increase for all employees, except for State mandated wages, was previously suggested by the Council. Requested increases higher than the recommended amount were reviewed on a case by case basis during the review of the department.

### **RE: 2024 COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEWS**

Each department head appeared to present their requested budgets for 2024. The budgets will be adopted on October 30, 2023, during the regular meeting of the Council.

### **RE: LUNCH RECESS**

The Council recessed for a lunch break at 11:30 a.m. and resumed at 1:00 p.m.

### **RE: AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Airport Manager Travis McQueen presented the proposed 2024 budget and provided an update on the current and future projects for the Airport. He discussed the Loan Agreement dated November 16, 2020 and the Loan Extension Agreement dated October 24, 2022. To date, no funds have been borrowed so the loan will no longer be needed.

### **RE: 2024 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 2024 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 to approve the recommendation of the Non-Binding Review of the Taxing Units was made by Ryan Craig and seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Council set the next regular meeting for Monday, August 28, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. The Public Hearings for the 2024 budget will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. with the budget adoption on October 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Future regular meetings are as follows beginning at 4:30 p.m. - September 18, 2023; October 30, 2023; November 27, 2023; and December 11, 2023. The final meeting of the year will be held on December 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. All meetings will be held in the Commissioner/Council Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Courthouse Annex

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**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 8:56 p.m.