

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

October 25, 2021

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, October 25, 2021 in the Commissioner/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Michael Kluesner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Charmian R. Klem, Doug Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Alex P. Hohl, Sonya Haas and Auditor Sandra L. Morton.

RE: STUDENTS

Forest Park Senior Government students Kennedy Weyer and Claire Eckert were in attendance.

RE: MINUTES

President Kluesner asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the October 15, 2021 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: ADOPTION – COUNTY BUDGET

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 County budget in the amount of \$30,028,626. The Community Corrections Grant and Project Income yearly budgets are included; however, final approval has not been received from the Indiana Department of Corrections. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$341,844. On motion made by Sonya Haas, seconded by Charmian Klem, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 Northeast Dubois County School Corporation budget in the amount of \$12,165,687. On motion made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – NORTHEAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 Northeast Dubois Fire Protection District budget in the amount of \$118,100. On motion made by Alex Hohl, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADOPTION – DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 Dubois County Airport budget in the amount of \$1,510,239. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Alex Hohl, the budget was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – STATEWIDE 911

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Statewide 911 Fund Other Services in the amount of \$15,400 for Database System Maintenance. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – GENERAL FUND

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Ambulance Other Services in the amount of \$20,000 for Ambulance Repairs. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: TITLE IV-D EMPLOYEE CHANGE REQUEST

Bill Shaneyfelt, Title IV-D Deputy Prosecutor, requested a change in status for a vacant part-time position in the Title IV-D office. The 2022 budget was prepared for a part-time position. Since that time, the employee has left the County. The Commissioners have approved the change of status pending County Council funding. Consensus was to advertise for an Additional Appropriation in January 2022. Shaneyfelt will begin the hiring search and work with Auditor Morton to secure the necessary funding.

RE: BYRNE GRANT – SHERIFF

Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter and Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf appeared to provide information on the Edward Byrne Grant Application. The Grant would provide funding to hire two Social Workers to be imbedded into Law Enforcement. The grant is a stepdown grant that provides funding over a 5-year period, reducing from 100% to 25%. Durlauf will check if the grant will supply equipment and office

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supplies. The Grant application is due on November 5, 2021. Consensus of the Council is to apply for the grant and return if it is awarded.

RE: PURDUE EXTENSION SERVICES OFFICE SPACE

CED Chelsea Brewer introduced Lauren Fenneman, a newly hired County Educator and to request funding to relocate the Extension Office to 201 W. Sixth Street in Jasper. A five-year lease would be required and the rent would be \$4,000 per month. The current office rent is \$1,505 per month. A discussion was held on space needs, fire codes, kitchen space, and rental use. Brewer feels the current space is not conducive for a learning center and lacks space. The possibility of remodeling the current site or a location at the Dubois 4-H Fairgrounds was discussed. Consensus was to oppose the lease unanimously and to continue to work on finding a solution.

RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL TODD ROKITA OUTREACH

Kim Harris, Southwest Indiana Outreach Representative introduced herself. She is available to answer any questions or assist with concerns.

RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the General Fund Coroner Supplies in the amount of \$1,800 from Office Supplies and \$50 from Postage to Other Services for Body Transportation. On motion made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the transfer was unanimously approved.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the amount of \$10,171.92 from the General Fund Communications Department Personal Services Communication Officers to Overtime/Comp Time. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Morton presented an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the General Fund – Communications Department to pay Overtime/Comp Time at the current rate of pay. A motion was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Sonya Haas, to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

President Kluesner provided an update on the construction progress.

RE: TREASURER-AUDITOR WINDOW REMODEL

President Kluesner provided an update on the Treasurer-Auditor service window remodeling project. The Commissioners will use American Rescue Program funds. Universal Designs will prepare design plans for \$16,800.

RE: FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Dubois County Annex Commissioner/Council Room on the following dates for the regular monthly meetings: November 15, 2021 and December 13, 2021. The final meeting for 2021 will be held on December 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Charmian R. Klem, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.