

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

December 13, 2021

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, December 13, 2021 in the Commissioner/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Charmian R. Klem, Doug Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl and Auditor Sandra L. Morton. A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order by President Michael Kluesner at 4:30 p.m.

RE: MINUTES

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

RE: STUDENTS

Forest Park Senior Government students Marcus Huff, Tony Schepers, Alan Cornejo, Angelina Huff, Amy Nelson, Evan May, Dustin Crecelius, Gabe Jones and Kim Deitz were in attendance.

RE: LIFESPRING HEALTH SYSTEMS

LifeSpring CEO Beth Kenney and Sr. Vice President Stacy Moore-Nolan provided an update on programming provided by LifeSpring Health Systems in Dubois County as well as plans to establish a residential inpatient facility in Jasper for adults for addiction treatment. The facility recently opened a primary care services program with an in-house pharmacy. Alan Smock, the Council appointed representative, was also in attendance.

RE: NE DUBOIS SCHOOL – RESOLUTION 2021-38

Due to an error found on the 2022 Budget for Northeast Dubois School Corporation, Superintendent William Hochgesang submitted Form 16L to the Department of Local Government Finance. The maximum estimated funds to be raised on the Budget Form 3 was inadvertently advertised with the 2021 numbers for the 0022 Referendum Fund – Exempt Operating – Post 2009 and 3300 Operations Fund.

Resolution 2021-38 to Rescind the Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Northeast Dubois County School Corporation was presented. A motion was made by Charmian Klem to approve the Resolution, was duly seconded by Mary E. Beckman, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021 - 38

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
RESCINDING ITS ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the Dubois County Council is the fiscal body in and for the County of Dubois, State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2021, the Dubois County Council adopted an Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Northeast Dubois County School Corporation (Budget Form No. 4); and

WHEREAS, the Dubois County Council has determined that the previously adopted tax levy is inaccurate, and it is appropriate to rescind the previous October 25, 2021 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Northeast Dubois County School Corporation (Budget Form No. 4) and give consideration to a new Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Northeast Dubois County School Corporation (Budget Form No. 4).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Dubois County, State of Indiana, that the County Council Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Northeast Dubois County School Corporation previously adopted on October 25, 2021 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Dubois County, State of Indiana, that County Council shall consider for a passage an amended Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Northeast Dubois County School Corporation (Budget Form No. 4).

DULY ADOPTED AND PASSED on this 13th day of December 2021, by the County Council of Dubois County, Indiana.

RE: NE DUBOIS SCHOOL – 2022 BUDGET FORM 4

President Kluesner asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 Northeast Dubois County School Corporation budget in the amount of \$12,165,687 on Form 4 as follows:

0022 Referendum Fund – Exempt Operating – Post 2009	
Budget	\$665,000
Levy	\$602,098
Tax Rate	.1800
0061 Rainy Day Fund	

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Budget	\$136,000
Levy	\$0
Tax Rate	.0000
0180 Debt Service	
Budget	\$802,695
Levy	\$757,142
Tax Rate	.2629
0186 School Pension Debt Fund	
Budget	\$348,492
Levy	\$306,967
Tax Rate	.1066
3101 Education Fund	
Budget	\$6,643,000
Levy	\$0
Tax Rate	.0000
3300 Operations Fund	
Budget	\$3,570,500
Levy	\$2,283,296
Tax Rate	.6830

A motion was made by Craig Greulich to adopt the budget, was seconded by Doug Uebelhor, and carried unanimously.

RE: RESOLUTION 2021-39 – COURTHOUSE MONUMENT MAINTENANCE FUND

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2021-39 to create a Courthouse Monument Maintenance Fund.

A motion was made by Alex P. Hohl to approve the Resolution, was seconded by Sonya Haas, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021- 39

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA ESTABLISHING
COURTHOUSE MONUMENT MAINTENANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Council (“Council”) desires to establish a Courthouse Monument Maintenance Fund for the purpose of reserving and tracking funds associated with related maintenance and upkeep of the Courthouse Veteran’s Soldier and Sailor Monument located on the east side of the Dubois County Courthouse, One Courthouse Square, Jasper, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Community Foundation (“Community Foundation”) holds the William Rudolph, Jr. Endowment for such purpose and will send a yearly grant to the County for the maintenance, upkeep and expenses associated with the Courthouse Monument; and

WHEREAS, The Council has determined that a need exists for the establishment of the Fund for the deposit and disbursement of monies received from the Community Foundation to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and expenses associated with the Courthouse Monument and/or future needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is hereby created in the office of Auditor of Dubois County a separate donation fund to be known as the Courthouse Monument Maintenance Fund (4104-143).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED monies may be deposited into such fund from the Dubois County Community Foundation, donations, and from other sources determined by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED monies may be expended from such fund only for the expenses related to monument maintenance and upkeep subject to appropriation by the Council and/or transferred to the Veteran’s Service Office Support Fund as approved by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that interest on such fund shall be deposited to the Dubois County General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Courthouse Veteran’s Soldier and Sailor Monument is removed, the funds shall be transferred to the Veteran’s Service Office Support Fund, returned to the Community Foundation Endowment, if available, or to the Dubois County General Fund.

DULY ADOPTED by the Dubois County Council at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on this, the 13th day of December, 2021.

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RE: RESOLUTION 2021-40 – VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICE SUPPORT FUND

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2021-40 to create the Veteran’s Service Office Support Fund. A motion was made by Mary E. Beckman to approve the Resolution, was duly seconded by Craig Greulich, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021- 40

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA ESTABLISHING
VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICE SUPPORT FUND**

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Council (“Council”) desires to establish a Veteran’s Service Office Support Fund for the purpose of reserving and tracking funds associated with related support of the Dubois County Veteran’s Service Office; and

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Community Foundation (“Community Foundation”) holds the William Rudolph, Jr. Endowment for such purpose and will send a yearly grant to the County for the expenses associated with supporting the Dubois County Veteran’s Service Office; and

WHEREAS, The Council has determined that a need exists for the establishment of the Fund for the deposit and disbursement of monies received from the Community Foundation to be used for the support expenses associated with the Dubois County Veteran’s Service Office and/or future needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is hereby created in the office of Auditor of Dubois County a separate donation fund to be known as the Veteran’s Service Office Support Fund (4105-144).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED monies may be deposited into such fund from the Dubois County Community Foundation, donations, and from other sources determined by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED monies may be expended from such fund only for the expenses related to the Veteran’s Services Office subject to appropriation by the Council and/or transferred to the Courthouse Monument Maintenance Fund as approved by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that interest on such fund shall be deposited to the Dubois County General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Veteran’s Service Office no longer exists, the funds shall be transferred to the Courthouse Veteran’s Monument Maintenance Fund, returned to the Community Foundation Endowment, if available, or to the Dubois County General Fund.

DULY ADOPTED by the Dubois County Council at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on this, the 13th day of December, 2021.

RE: 2022 APPOINTMENTS

On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the following 2022 appointments were unanimously approved:

9-1-1 Advisory Board	Craig M. Greulich
Alcohol Beverage Comm	Anthony J. Seng
Area Development Corporation (Dubois Strong)	Michael W. Kluesner
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission	Charmian R. Klem
Property Tax Board of Appeals	Gregory Abell
Solid Waste Management District	Sonya Haas
Tourism Committee	Rachel Steckler
Ferdinand Economic Development	Dan Collignon
Huntingburg Economic Development	John Mundy
Jasper Library	Ann Shappard

RE: COMMUNITY CROSSINGS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Community Crossings Grant Fund Capital Outlay for Road Preventative Maintenance in the amount of \$631,129.37. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Alex P. Hohl. The motion carried 7-0.

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RE: LIT-ED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Dubois Park Board President Christine Prior provided an update on the Park improvement project. Four bids were received with base bids ranging from \$855,000 to \$915,000. There were also eight alternates. A funding discussion was held. American Rescue Plan funds had previously been committed but legal counsel questioned the use of those funds.

Prior requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT- ED Fund Capital Outlay for Dubois County Park in the amount of \$350,000. A motion to approve the request was made by Alex P. Hohl, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried 7-0. Consensus was to be flexible in the use of LIT-ED funds if Congress should pass the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act to expand the uses of the American Rescue Plan funding.

RE: CCD ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the CCD Fund Capital Outlay for Probation Computer and Docking Stations in the amount of \$1,500. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

Auditor Morton requested a transfer in the General Fund Veteran Services Other Services Travel to Office Supplies in the amount of \$98.41. A motion was made to approve the appropriation transfer by Charmian Klem and seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer in the General Fund Commissioner Personal Services Solid Waste Management Part Time Assistant to Personal Services Solid Waste Management Route Driver in the amount of \$3,000. A motion was made to approve the transfer of appropriation by Doug Uebelhor and seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer in the Highway Fund Capital Outlay Office Equipment to Other Services Contracted Services in the amount of \$2,500. A motion was made to approve the appropriation transfer by Craig Greulich and seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Morton requested a transfer in the General Fund Community Corrections Personal Services Part Time Maintenance to Maintenance Supplies in the amount of \$5,000 and from Other Services Building Maintenance to Maintenance Supplies in the amount of \$2,000. A motion was made to approve the appropriation by Doug Uebelhor and seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: PSC NEXT LEVEL CONNECTIONS 3 BROADBAND GRANT - LETTER OF SUPPORT

Indiana's Next Level Connection 3 Broadband Grant Program has been announced and PSC is hoping to provide fiber-based Internet/Phone services to rural/unserved census block areas in Dubois County. PSC has invested significantly into deploying fiber optic-based infrastructure for thousands of subscribers both within and outside of its cooperative territory and believes that both State and Federal grant programs will now allow them to offer high quality, high-speed broadband services to many more unserved Dubois County residents who desperately need these services for work, school and quality of life. As part of the application process for Next Level 3 funding, the State has asked for letters of support from community leadership. A motion was made by Michael Kluesner to approve the letter of support, was duly seconded by Craig Greulich and carried unanimously. The letter of support was signed by the members.

RE: FUTURE MEETING DATES

The final meeting for 2021 will be held on December 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. 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: January 24, 2022 and February 28, 2022.

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 5:30 p.m.