

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

December 29, 2020

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, December 29, 2020 in the Commissioners/Council Room in the Dubois County Annex beginning at 10:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Jerry R. Hunefeld, Charmian R. Klem, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Michael W. Kluesner, Sonya Haas, Doug M. Uebelhor and Auditor Sandra L. Morton. A quorum was declared present and President Hunefeld called the meeting to order.

RE: MINUTES

President Hunefeld asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the Council meeting held on December 14, 2020. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

State Senator Mark Messmer presented the Circle of Corydon Award to Council President Jerry R. Hunefeld for his dedication and commitment to Dubois County while serving on the County Council for 46 years.

Auditor Sandra L. Morton presented a retirement award from Dubois County and a commemorative copy of the Council minutes from November 1974.

RE: TRANSFERS – GENERAL FUND

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the amount of \$195.00 from the Jail Other Services Travel to Capital Outlay Computer Support. On motion made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Craig M. Greulich, the transfer was unanimously approved.

RE: MVH HIGHWAY RESOLUTION 2020-14

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2020-14 A Resolution to Transfer Funds to MVH Highway Restricted in the amount of \$429,560.12. A motion was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Sonya Haas, to approve Resolution 2020-14. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #2020-14
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO MVH HIGHWAY RESTRICTED**

Whereas, the MVH Highway and MVH Highway Restricted shall constitute the total MVH Fund; and

Whereas, beginning on January 1, 2020, Dubois County was required to post at the time of receipt of the distribution from the State Motor Vehicle Highway Account fifty percent (50%) of the distribution into the MVH Highway Restricted;

Whereas, Dubois County, may elect to allocate more than fifty percent (50%) of the distribution to the MVH Highway Restricted; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Dubois County Council does hereby transfer \$429,560.12 from the MVH Highway Fund (Fund 002-1176) into the MVH Highway Restricted Fund (Fund 060-1173). Any amount allocated in excess of the required 50% of distributions which remain in MVH Highway Restricted at the end of the fiscal year must remain in MVH Highway Restricted until expended for construction, reconstruction, or preservation.

ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY TOURISM – ORDINANCE 2020-11

Dubois County Tourism Commission Director Whitney Lubbers former Director Kevin Manley appeared to contest the adoption of County Ordinance 2020-11 on November 16, 2020 and to formally request the ordinance be rescinded and revert back to the prior ordinance. Lubbers expressed concern and provided information to support her request to keep collection of the innkeeper tax at the local level and not have it collected by the State of Indiana. A lengthy discussion was held.

A motion to rescind Ordinance 2020-11 was made by Craig M. Greulich. Doug Uebelhor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Cathy L. Merkle was directed to notify the area innkeepers and the State of Indiana. With the rescission of Ordinance 2020-11, Ordinance No. 91-12A, as amended by County Council Ordinances 2000-01 and 2005-01 shall remain in effect. The Council would like the process of collection to be streamlined if possible.

RE: PATOKA LAKE REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT LOAN

Auditor Morton presented information on the County loan to the Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District. The original loan for \$1,200,000 was approved in April 2000, at 2% interest, due and payable in 30 years. In 2016, the District started paying toward the principal and now has paid the loan in full. The final payment was received on December 22, 2020.

RE: RETIREMENT

President Hunefeld provided stories from his tenure and was thankful to those who have worked with him as well as his family that was in attendance. Alex P. Hohl was caucused in to fill the remainder of Hunefeld's term.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

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The Council set the next meeting for January 25, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Commissioners/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 Doug Uebelhor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.