

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

February 24, 2020

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, February 24, 2020 in the Commissioners/Council Room in the Dubois County Annex. President Hunefeld called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.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. Auditor Sandy Morton was also in attendance. Doug M. Uebelhor entered the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

RE: MINUTES

President Hunefeld asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the last meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmain Klem, the minutes were unanimously approved.

RE: CONTRACTUAL LIBRARY – RESOLUTION 2020-02

Library Director Christine Golden presented a proposal to refinance the current outstanding bond to lower the current interest rate and make improvements to the Ferdinand Branch. The current tax rate will not be increased. Resolution 2020-02 A Resolution of the Dubois County Council Approving the Dubois County Contractual Public Library Issuance of Refunding and Improvement Bonds was presented. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Charmian R. Klem and carried unanimously.

See Exhibit A - Resolution 2020-02

Doug Uebelhor entered the meeting at this time.

RE: BRIDGE 264

County Engineer Brent Wendholt requested funding from the Cum Bridge Fund for Bridge 264 located in Jasper in the amount of \$120,000 to repair the pier. Consensus was to advertise for an Additional Appropriation for the next meeting.

RE: AMBULANCE – CUM CAP ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Ambulance Coordinator Suzan Henke requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay for an Ambulance (less insurance), Rental and Equipment due to an automobile accident in the amount of \$120,000. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held on the possibility of purchasing the rental unit.

RE: CASA COMFORT ZONE FUND

CASA Director Deena Hubler presented a unique idea to create a Comfort Zone area within the CASA offices for children in need of services when awaiting emergency placement. The program received donations for construction and furnishings of the area from the Community Foundation. Hubler requested the establishment of a donation fund. A motion was made by Doug Uebelhor to establish the CASA Comfort Zone Fund, seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously. The fund will be used to receive future donations to be used for the Comfort Zone area.

RE: BUS ARM CAMERAS

Northeast Dubois School Corporation Superintendent William Hochgesang, representing the four Dubois County School Corporations, appeared to request reimbursement funding for twelve Bus Stop Arm Cameras at a cost of \$22,000. Questions about the program were discussed. Mr. Hochgesang was directed to request funding from the Townships. The matter was taken under advisement.

RE: PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADES

Auditor Morton presented the need to upgrade the phone services into the Courthouse/Annex from a PRI to a SIP technology at a cost of \$6,693.58. The consensus was to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$7,000 from the Cum Cap Fund.

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Auditor Morton also presented the need to upgrade the phone system at the Highway Department at a cost of \$11,852.39. The Highway Department will be added to the current phone system at the Courthouse / Annex with this upgrade. The consensus was to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$12,000 from the Cum Cap Fund.

RE: JUSTICE PROJECT FUNDING

Commissioner Chad Blessinger provided information on the Justice Project. Preliminary schematic designs were presented and reviewed. Funding sources were discussed as follows:

Bond Proceeds	\$29,375,000		
LIT-C&R Tax	\$ 5,400,000	- Collected before first bond payment is due.	
Cash Reserves	\$ 7,000,000	- To be split as follows:	
		LIT-ED	\$4,000,000
		Rainy Day	\$1,000,000
		Future LIT-ED	\$2,000,000

The consensus was to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$4,000,000 from LIT-ED and \$1,000,000 from the Rainy Day Fund. One Million Dollars will be committed from the LIT-ED budgets for 2021 and 2022.

RE: CUM CAP - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay for the Weights & Measures pharmacy weights in the amount of \$1,850. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: LIT-ED - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Capital Outlay for the Mid-States Corridor environmental impact study in the amount of \$1,355,000. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: PLAT BOOK - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Plat Book Fund Other Services in the amount of \$4,000. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: EBOLA GRANT - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Ebola Grant Fund Other Services for Operating in the amount of \$9,872.90. A motion to approve the request was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY

Auditor Morton reported that Sheriff Kleinhelter decided not to pursue the Commissary Resolution presented at the previous meeting.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Dubois County Annex Commissioners/Council Room on the following dates: March 30, 2020; April 20, 2020 and May 18, 2020.

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 6:42 p.m.