

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

MARCH 28, 2022

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, March 28, 2022 in the Commissioners/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Craig M. Greulich, Charmian R. Klem, Mary E. Beckman, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Doug M. Uebelhor and Auditor Sandra L. Morton. A quorum was declared present and President Kluesner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

RE: MINUTES

President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the February 28, 2022 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - PURDUE EXTENSION

Extension Services Director Chelsea Brewer requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund Purdue Extension Other Services in the amount of \$230 for rent. A motion to approve the request was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: PURDUE EXTENSION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Chelsea Brewer distributed the 2021 Purdue Extension Impact Report. She provided an update on the various programs and projects provided by Purdue Extension Services and the 4-H program.

RE: RESOLUTION 2022-3 – SUPERIOR COURT II

Superior Court Judge Mark McConnell and Circuit Court Judge Nathan Verkamp presented the need for a Superior Court II Judicial Officer in Dubois County and are requesting support. They will be sending a packet of information to the Judicial Interim Study Committee for the request which will then be submitted to the Indiana Legislature next year. The Judges presented Joint Resolution 2022-3 which was approved by the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made to support Joint Resolution 2022-3 by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE
DUBOIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF JUDICIAL OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Dubois County Board of Commissioners and Dubois County Council recognize the pressing need for an additional judicial officer in Dubois County.

WHEREAS, by population, Dubois County is the largest county in the State of Indiana to be served by only two judges.

WHEREAS, Dubois County's population has shown a positive growth rate. Additionally, Dubois County is a regional economic hub and there has been large investments made in the community by local industry. This growth and robust economy is further confirmation of the need for a third court.

WHEREAS, the Boards recognize the Dubois County Courts work hard to ensure cases are heard in a timely manner. The people of Dubois County deserve due process. The added judicial resource will alleviate sometimes long wait times for our citizens to have their day in court.

WHEREAS, there is a plan in place that should a judicial officer be graciously afforded Dubois County, it will be done in a fiscally responsible way so as to not burden the finances of Dubois County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Dubois County Board of Commissioners and Dubois County Council do hereby support the Courts of Dubois County in their request for a third judicial officer.

Adopted by the Dubois County Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting on March 21, 2022, and by the Dubois County Council at its regular meeting on March 28, 2021.

RE: MID-STATES CORRIDOR

Bill Kaiser and Mark Schroeder, Regional Development Authority, provided an update on the Tier One Study and time-line for the Mid-States Corridor. There are five potential routes with ten alternatives. A preferred route announcement is expected in April 2022. Public hearings will be held for public comment over the

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following six months before a final determination is made in the fall. The next step will be a Tier Two Study which may require additional funding. Federal and State funding is expected.

Mark Nowotarski, representing the Coalition Against the Mid-States Corridor, read a prepared statement.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - CTP

Community Corrections Director Megan Durlauf requested an Additional Appropriation in the Community Transition Program (CTP) fund Supplies in the amount of \$10,000 for vehicle supplies. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, and carried unanimously. Durlauf also requested an Additional Appropriation in the CTP Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$45,000 for a new vehicle. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: APPROPRIATIONS – COSSAP GRANT

Community Corrections Director Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant Personal Services in the amount of \$66,552 for salary and benefits. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant Other Services in the amount of \$3,150 for grantee meetings. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant Other Services in the amount of \$40,000 for behavioral services. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant Other Services in the amount of \$49,000 for other costs. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SALARY AMENDMENT – COSSAP PROJECT MANAGER

Auditor Morton requested an amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the COSSAP Project Manager in the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program Fund in the amount of \$1,807.40 biweekly. The position will be 35 hours per week. A motion was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: APPROPRIATIONS – COMMUNITY COLLABORATION GRANT (JRAC)

Community Corrections Director Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Community Collaboration (JRAC) Grant Personal Services in the amount of \$81,157 for salary and benefits. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Corrections Director Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Community Collaboration (JRAC) Grant Other Services in the amount of \$14,843 for travel and training. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Corrections Director Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Community Collaboration (JRAC) Grant Other Services in the amount of \$8,000 for contracted services. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SALARY AMENDMENT – JRAC PROJECT MANAGER

Auditor Morton requested an amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the JRAC Project Manager in the Community Coordination Grant in the amount of \$1,930.00 biweekly. The position will be 35 hours per week and will terminate when the grant ends. A motion was made to approve the request by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: APPROPRIATIONS – PRETRIAL IOCS GRANT

Community Corrections Director Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Pretrial Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) Grant Personal Services in the amount of \$106,600 for salaries and benefits. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

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Community Corrections Director Durlauf requested Appropriation of the Pretrial Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) Grant Other Services in the amount of \$5,000 for Public Defender Contracted Services. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SALARY AMENDMENT – PRETRIAL IOCS OFFICERS

Auditor Morton requested an amendment to the Salary Ordinance for two Pretrial Officers in the Pretrial IOCS Grant in the amount of \$1,698.57 biweekly. The positions will be 35 hours per week. The remainder of the salaries will be paid from Project Income. A motion was made to approve the request by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION – COMMUNITY COORDINATION GRANT (JRAC)

Community Corrections Director Durlauf requested a transfer of appropriation in the Community Coordination Grant (JRAC) from Other Services Travel and Training to Supplies in the amount of \$1,500. A motion was made to approve the request by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: DRUG COURT CRRP GRANT

Judge Mark McConnell presented information on the closing of the Alcohol and Drug Court Program and the staffing of Drug Court program. Both the Director and Case Manager of the program left in 2021. Community Corrections Case Manager Supervisor Emily Meyer volunteered to assist with the Drug Court workload. The Community Corrections Advisory Board voted to pay a bonus of \$5,000 for her additional workload from November 2021 – April 2022 pending approval by the Council. Judge McConnell requested the bonus be approved. Following discussion, the issue died due to lack of a motion to approve.

Emily Meyer was recognized for her assistance to the program.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – GENERAL FUND

Judge Mark McConnell requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Human Resources Personal Services in the amount of \$23,800 for a Translator/Administrative Specialist. A discussion was held on the possibility of using grant funding for this position. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge McConnell also requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Other Services in the amount of \$4,487 for the benefits. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: SALARY AMENDMENT – TRANSLATOR/ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

Auditor Morton requested an amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Translator/Administrative Specialist in the amount of \$1,400 biweekly. This position will work 35 hours per week, earning comp time if necessary. The position will begin after April 24, 2022. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: RESOLUTION 2022-2 – ARPA PLAN

Auditor Morton presented Ordinance 2022-2 to establish a plan for the use of ARPA monies. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-2 by Mary E. Beckman, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING A PLAN FOR USE OF MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA SUPPORTING THE PLAN FOR USE OF MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana adopted Ordinance 2021-19 on May 17, 2021 creating the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the "Fund") allowing the County to receive American Rescue Plan Funds; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2021-19 provided that the uses of the Fund are specified in §603(c) of the ARPA and shall be used in accordance with U.S. Treasury Guidance, as amended; and provided that the County should collaborate with the public in order to create the plan, conditions, and rules (together, the "Plan"), upon which the monies are to be requested and used; and

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WHEREAS, Ordinance 2021-19 provided a preliminary Plan and allowed for it to be amended; and

WHEREAS, the US Treasury has adopted final rules which allow up to \$10,000,000.00 of the ARP Funds awarded to be designated as a Standard Allowance of Revenue Loss without proof of actual revenue loss due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana adopted Ordinance 2022-01 on March 7, 2022, establishing a plan for use of monies from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dubois County, Indiana supports and affirms the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana's Ordinance in this regard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Dubois County, Indiana that:

1. The County Council of Dubois County, Indiana, hereby supports and affirms the plan for use of monies from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 as set forth in the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana Ordinance 2022-01 adopted on March 7, 2022.

DULY ADOPTED by the Council of Dubois County at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on this, the 28th day of March, 2022.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - GENERAL FUND

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Other Services in the amount of \$30,000 for Operating. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Other Services in the amount of \$7,000 for Worker's Compensation Insurance. A motion was made to approve the request by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Other Services in the amount of \$69,250 for the Regional Sewer Phase II. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Other Services in the amount of \$25,000 for ARPA Audits. A motion was made to approve the request by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Capital Outlay in the amount of \$83,200 for the Treasurer/Auditor Window construction and remodeling project. A motion was made to approve the request by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Capital Outlay in the amount of \$350,000 for Dubois County Park project. A motion was made to approve the request by Craig Greulich, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Commissioners' Capital Outlay in the amount of \$300,000 for NE Dubois Fire/Ambulance project. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Auditor Supplies in the amount of \$4,075 for Plat Books. A motion was made to approve the request by Craig Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – CUM CAP

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$350,000 for an ambulance. A motion was made to approve the request by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$25,000 for a Sheriff Vehicle. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem, seconded by Michael Kluesner. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – HIGHWAY

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Highway Fund Supplies in the amount of \$15,000 for Repair & Maintenance. A motion was made to approve the request by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

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RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – CUM BRIDGE

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Bridge Fund Other Services in the amount of \$17,000 for paint. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION – CLERK PERPETUATION FUND

Auditor Morton requested a Transfer of Appropriation in the Clerk Perpetuation Fund from Supplies in the amount of \$1,076 to Capital Outlay Equipment. A motion was made to approve the request by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: EMPLOYEE SALARY ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

A discussion on the Employee Salary Adjustment Program for the 2023 Budget was held. The unanimous consensus was to eliminate the Council reviewing the requests and for the employee to work with their department head and Human Resources.

RE: TOGETHER WE WILL GRANT

President Kluesner provided information on the Together We Will Grant program which is available through Indiana State Board of Health. A discussion was held on possible ideas.

RE: JUSTICE BUILDING PROJECT

President Kluesner provided an update on the Justice Building project. A change was made to the Community Corrections office space.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY LOAN

To date, the Dubois County Airport Authority has not taken a draw against the loan provided.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Tedrow made a statement against the decision on the employee bonus.

RE: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council set the next meetings for April 25, 2022; May 23, 2022; June 27, 2022; July 25, 2022, and August 29, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. 2023 Budget Review for Departments will be held on August 8, 2022, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Meetings will be held in the Commissioner/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 Alex Hohl. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Doug M. Uebelhor

Alex P. Hohl

Sonya Haas

Michael W. Kluesner

Craig M. Greulich

Mary E. Beckman

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Charmian R. Klem

Attest: _____
Sandra L. Morton, Auditor