

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

August 30, 2021

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, August 30, 2021 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 August 9, 2021 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were approved as written.

RE: COVID-19 TEST SITE GRANT

Health Administrative Director Shawn Werner presented the new COVID-19 Test Site Grant in the amount of \$308,704 and requested Emergency Approval to begin spending the funds due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the need for a test site in the County. Charmian Klem made a motion to approve the request, was seconded by Doug Uebelhor and carried unanimously. Auditor Morton will advertise the appropriations for the next meeting.

RE: 2022 RAINY DAY BUDGET

Health Administrative Director Shawn Werner appeared to request adding to the 2022 budget in the Rainy Day Fund for COVID-19 Clinic expenses in the amount of \$139,315. A motion was made by Sonya Haas to approve the request pending Commissioner approval of the positions, was seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

RE: COVID-19 MEMORIAL

Committee Chairman Chris Waltz and Beth Waltz presented information on the COVID-19 Memorial to be placed on the Courthouse lawn and requested approval of a donation fund for such project. A discussion was held. Consensus was to have the Waltz's pursue other options to collect and hold the funds. They will provide an update at the next meeting.

RE: RESOLUTION 2021-30 – COURTHOUSE FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE FUND

Auditor Morton presented Resolution 2021-30 creating a fund for the Courthouse Fountain Maintenance. The Dubois County Community Foundation requested the establishment of the fund. A motion was made by Craig Greulich and seconded by Mary E. Beckman to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-30

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

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Council ("Council") desires to establish a Courthouse Fountain Maintenance Fund for the purpose of reserving and tracking funds associated with related maintenance and upkeep of the Courthouse Fountain located on the west lawn of the Courthouse, One Courthouse Square, Jasper, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The Dubois County Community Foundation ("Community Foundation") holds an Endowment for such purpose and will send a yearly grant to the County for the maintenance, upkeep and expenses associated with the Courthouse Fountain,

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 Fountain 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 Fountain Maintenance Fund (4103-137).

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 fountain maintenance and upkeep subject to appropriation by the Council.

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Courthouse Fountain is removed, the funds shall be 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 30th day of August, 2021.

RE: PATOKA LAKE WATERSHED SUPPORT

President Kluesner requested support for the Patoka Lake Watershed Committee's Section 319 Grant Application. A motion was made by Charmian Klem to support the Patoka Lake Watershed Committee in their attempt to reduce nonpoint source pollution in the Patoka Lake Watershed by providing education on water quality issues and promoting watershed protection through lake cleanup events, signage and other educational materials. The motion was seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

RE: 2022 BUDGET

Auditor Morton provided information on the 2022 County General budget. After discussion with the Department of Local Government Finance field representative, it was determined that the General Fund expenses would exceed the estimated revenues. The following line items would be moved from the General fund to the LIT-ED fund:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Line Item Name</u>
Commissioner	\$2,250,000	Health Insurance
	\$ 320,000	Building Insurance, Property and Liability
	\$ 95,000	Computer Maintenance
	\$ 115,000	State Institutions
	\$ 135,000	Computer Consultant
	\$ 247,000	Solid Waste Management District
Circuit Court	\$ 115,000	Pauper Counsel
	\$ 150,000	Pauper Appeals
Superior Court	\$ 111,346	Pauper Counsel
	\$ 60,000	Pauper Appeals
Sheriff	\$ 280,393	Sheriff Pension
Total	\$3,878,739	

RE: CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS

Auditor Morton and Treasurer Kitty Merkley discussed the Congressional School funds held in Trust at the County. Per Indiana Code 20-42-2-4.5, the County Council may adopt a resolution to elect to surrender the custody of the fund and transfer it to the Treasurer of State. A discussion was held and consensus was to continue holding the funds at the County.

RE: HOOSIERS ENDURING LEGACY PROGRAM (HELP)

President Kluesner opened discussion on the Hoosiers Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) sponsored by the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA). No action was taken at this time.

RE: JASPER DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

President Kluesner provided an update on the Jasper Downtown Revitalization project. He and Councilwoman Mary E. Beckman and County Engineer Brent Wendholt will continue to serve on the committee which will meet on September 14, 2021.

RE: SALARY MERIT PAY PROGRAM

President Kluesner, Vice-President Greulich and Councilwoman Klem will be meeting with Human Resources Generalist Markie Rhodes to discuss the Salary Merit Pay program used for the 2022 budgets. The members provided their input on the program.

RE: JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

President Kluesner provided an update on the construction site progress.

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: September 27, 2021; October 25, 2021; November 15, 2021 and December 13, 2021. The 2022 Budget Public Hearings will be held on October 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and the Budget Adoptions will be held on October 25, 2021. The final meeting for 2021 will be held on December 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

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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 6:47 p.m.