

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

August 9, 2021

The Dubois County Council conducted its review of the requested 2022 County Department Budgets on August 9, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex. Present at the meeting were Board members Michael W. Kluesner, Charmian R. Klem, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Doug M. Uebelhor, Auditor Sandra L. Morton and Deputy Auditor Mary Lueken. President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: 2022 WAGE INCREASE

A 3.0% wage increase for all employees, except for State mandated wages, was previously suggested by the Council. A motion was made by Doug Uebelhor to approve the 3.0% wage increase, was duly seconded by Charmian R. Klem and carried 6-1. Greulich was the dissenting vote.

RE: 2022 COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEWS

Each department head appeared to present their requested budgets for 2022.

RE: MERIT PAY WAGE INCREASES

A new program was implemented by Human Resources for Merit Pay Wage increases in 2022. Employees wishing to participate completed forms with their supervisor and HR. The forms were reviewed by the Council members. Merit increases were included in the department budgets when approved.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG

Director Ed Cole presented the proposed 2022 budget request of \$100,000 for both Dubois Strong and Grow Dubois County. He also provided an update on current programs.

RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Director Lisa Gehlhausen presented the proposed 2022 funding request for Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$23,458. The per capita rate is \$0.56 and is based on the 2010 census. Once completed, the 2020 census will be used for the funding in 2023. She also provided a list of the projects the Commission has been involved in.

RE: AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Airport Manager Travis McQueen presented the proposed 2022 budget and provided an update on the Runway Extension Project.

RE: DUBOIS COUNTY TOURISM

Director Whitney Lubbers presented the proposed 2022 budget request of \$491,630 and provided program updates.

RE: 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council Treasurer Jake Memmer and incoming Treasurer Madison Giesler presented the proposed 2022 budget request of \$125,000 and provided program updates.

RE: 2022 BUDGET – NON-BINDING REVIEW OF TAXING UNITS

Auditor Sandy Morton presented the Estimated Maximum Levy Limits and Property Tax Cap Impact Reports for all non-binding taxing units. Upon review of the 2022 reports for Bainbridge Township, Boone Township, Cass Township, Columbia Township, Ferdinand Township, Hall Township, Harbison Township, Jackson Township, Jefferson Township, Madison Township, Marion Township, Patoka Township, City of Jasper, City of Huntingburg, Town of Ferdinand, Town of Holland, Town of Birdseye, Greater Jasper School Corporation, Southeast Dubois School Corporation, Southwest Dubois School Corporation, Dubois County Contractual Library, Huntingburg Public Library, Jasper Public Library and the Upper Patoka River Conservancy District, the unanimous Council recommendation for each unit was no changes were to be made. A motion was made by Charmian R. Klem and seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: PARK & RECREATION – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Park & Recreation Fund Personal Services for Comp Time 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 7-0.

RE: GENERAL FUND – CORONER ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

August 9, 2021

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Personal Services for two Deputy Coroner salaries in the amount of \$4,800. A motion to approve the request was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Charmian R. Klem. The motion carried 7-0.

An Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for 2021 was presented for the General Fund for two Deputy Coroners to receive \$239.78 bi-weekly beginning August 10, 2021. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried 7-0.

RE: APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

Auditor Morton requested a Transfer of Appropriation in the Health Preparedness Fund from Personal Services Staff and Benefits in the amount of \$60.79 to Other Services Cell Phones. A motion was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Alex P. Hohl. The motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Morton requested a Transfer of Appropriation in the Health CARES Test Grant Personal Services COVID Comp Time in the amount of \$700 to Other Services Operating Expenses. A motion was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

RE: COURTHOUSE FOUNTAIN ENDOWMENT

Auditor Morton presented information from the Community Foundation on the Courthouse Fountain Endowment. Consensus was to have an Ordinance prepared to set up a county fund to receive annual funding for the purpose of maintaining the Courthouse Fountain. Auditor Morton will work with the County Attorney.

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: August 30, 2021; 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

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 7:59 p.m.