

## DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

September 27, 2021

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, September 27, 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 30, 2021 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich, the minutes were approved as written.

### **RE: STUDENTS**

Forest Park Senior Government students Grace Wendholt and Maya Jones were in attendance.

### **RE: HIGHWAY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

County Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Highway Fund Supplies in the amount of \$5,000 for Tires. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously

County Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Highway Fund Other Services in the amount of \$25,000 for Equipment Repairs. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Alex P. Hohl. The motion carried unanimously

### **RE: CUM BRIDGE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

County Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Bridge Fund Other Services in the amount of \$5,000 for Repair and Maintenance. A motion to approve the request was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously

County Engineer Brent Wendholt requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Bridge Fund Supplies in the amount of \$60,000 for Aluminum Forms. A motion to approve the request was made by Sonya Haas, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously

### **RE: DUBOIS PARK FUNDING – ARPA FUNDING**

Dubois County Park President Christine Prior provided an update on the Park Land and Water Grant Project. The County Commissioners approved \$350,000 from the American Rescue Plan funds to assist with the project. The architect has modified the project which will be rebid in the fall.

President Prior encouraged everyone to complete the Park Survey which is open until October 15, 2021. The survey can be found online at [Dubois County Park Plan Survey](#).

### **RE: 911 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

911 Director Stuart Wilson requested permission to advertise an Additional Appropriation in the Statewide 911 Fund in Other Services for an INdigital terminal update at the City of Jasper PSAP site at a cost of \$15,400. The consensus of the Council was to advertise the request.

### **RE: AMBULANCE - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Auditor Morton requested permission to advertise an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Other Services in the Ambulance budget for needed Ambulance Repairs in the amount of \$20,000. The consensus of the Council was to advertise the request.

### **RE: DUBOIS RURAL ELECTRIC BROADBAND MAKE READY**

Joe Henson, Dubois Rural Electric Cooperative Manager, presented information on a Broadband Make Ready opportunity for Dubois County using the American Rescue Act funding in the amount of \$4,350,000. Make Ready would be making the pole heights and borings under roads ready for high speed fiber deployment in 24 months to approximately 5,000 households. Matt Deaton, Orange County REMC General Manager, was also in attendance to discuss Orange County Fiber deployment on the Make Ready poles.

### **RE: RESOLUTION 2021-32 - HOOSIERS ENDURING LEGACY PROGRAM**

Director Lisa Gehlhausen, Indiana 15 Regional Planning District, provided an overview of the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP). The grant application is due October 1, 2021, which will be a joint application between Dubois County and the City of Jasper. Resolution 2021-32 was presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion

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carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND AUTHORIZING LOCAL  
MATCH COMMITMENT**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE HOOSIER ENDURING LEGACY PROGRAM (HELP) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND APPROVING THE FUNDING ASSOCIATED THEREWITH AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dubois County, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits: and

WHEREAS, The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the economic, housing and community development needs; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana passed Resolution 2021-31 authorizing the submittal of the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) Grant application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and related matters on September 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dubois County, Indiana supports and affirms the Board of Commissioners of Dubois County, Indiana's resolution 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 commits the requisite local funds in the amount of no less than \$20,000 towards the hiring of a Community Coordinator for said program, such commitment is contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

2. The County Council of Dubois County, Indiana also commits 30% of their Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$2,490,290 towards the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program HELP program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Council of Dubois County at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on this, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

**RE: COVID-19 TEST SITE GRANT - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the COVID-19 Test Site Grant Fund Other Services in the amount of \$280,000 for Blue Ridge Services. A motion to approve the request was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the COVID-19 Test Site Grant Fund Other Services in the amount of \$20,304 for Test Site Other Operating. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the COVID-19 Test Site Grant Fund Other Services in the amount of \$8,400 for Test Site Rent. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Craig Greulich. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: GENERAL FUND – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$300,000 for Commissioner Employee Health Insurance. A motion to approve the request was made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Charmian Klem. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$200 for Sanitation Drug Screen and Physicals. A motion to approve the request was made by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Other Services in the amount of \$1,500 for Human Resources Drug Screening. A motion to approve the request was made by Craig Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: ST. CHARLES STREET ANNEX – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the St. Charles Street Annex Fund Other Services in the amount of \$5,000 for Repairs and Maintenance. A motion to approve the request was made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Mary E. Beckman. The motion carried unanimously.

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**RE: SALARY ADJUSTMENT PROCESS**

President Kluesner presented information on the HR committee meeting held to discuss the Dubois County Employee Salary Adjustment Request form for 2022. Both strong and weak points of the program were discussed as well as how the program can be improved. Discussions will continue.

**RE: BUDGET BOOK**

Craig Greulich and Sonya Haas will be working on changes to improve the Budget Book used for the Council during budget preparations and review.

**RE: DOWNTOWN JASPER REVITALIZATION**

The City of Jasper is working on plans to revitalize the Downtown Courthouse Square. Commissioner Elmer Brames is the County Point of Contact.

**RE: JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

President Kluesner provided an update on the construction at the Security Center.

**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: 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 7:13 p.m.