

DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

April 23, 2018

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, April 23, 2018 in the Commissioners' 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, Doug Uebelhor, Craig M. Greulich, Mary E. Beckman, Michael Kluesner, Sonya Haas and Auditor Kathleen Hopf.

RE: MINUTES

President Hunefeld asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

RE: FOREST PARK STUDENTS

President Hunefeld recognized Forest Park High School seniors Austin Lawrence, Nolan Gentry, and Jacob Gogel who were in attendance at the meeting.

RE: CHERYL SERMERSHEIM – DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD

Cheryl Sermersheim, Council appointment to the Dubois County Museum Board, appeared to present an update on the Museum.

RE: DUBOIS STRONG

Ed Cole appeared to update the Council on Dubois Strong projects.

RE: MID-STATES CORRIDOR

Bill Kaiser appeared to give an update on the Mid-States Corridor. The Regional Development Authority Board has been formed. Kaiser explained the three levels of participation of the RDA and the summary of the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding. He also distributed a project timeline. Once the Memorandum of Understanding is signed, steps can be finalized to assign a project number

RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt appeared to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$35,500 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the renovation at the Highway Department. On motion made by Mary E. Beckman, seconded by Charmian R. Klem, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Engineer Wendholt requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$37,500 from the Highway Fund for Building & Grounds repairs. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Engineer Wendholt requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the renovation to the Commissioners' Room and the Prosecutor's office. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Sonya Haas, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

Engineer Wendholt requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$31,000 from the Cum Bridge Fund for the purchase of equipment. On motion made by Craig M. Greulich, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: INTERN

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Auditor Hopf informed the Council that Prosecuting Attorney Quinn would like to hire an intern for 28 hours per week at \$12.00 per hour for 15 weeks, beginning May 22, 2018, at a total cost of \$5,426. It was the consensus of the Council to advertise the appropriation out of the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Auditor Hopf requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,250 from the Cum Cap Development Fund for the installation of wireless internet in the Courtrooms and Prosecutor's office. On motion made by Michael Kluesner, seconded by Mary E. Beckman, the additional appropriation was unanimously approved.

RE: WAGE STUDY

Council member Klem opened discussion about the wages of employees that were found to be below the salary of comparable positions. Charmian R. Klem made a motion to include wages in the 2019 budget to reflect increases for those positions. Following a second by Craig M. Greulich, the motion was unanimously approved. Department heads will be contacted with the information.

RE: MEETINGS

The Council will meet on Monday, May 21, 2018 and June 25, 2018 at 4:30 in the Council Chambers in the Courthouse Annex. Budget hearings will be held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., and the Budget Adoption will take place on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.