

Jefferson County Council Meeting

Jefferson County EMA Building
620 Green Rd, Madison, IN 47250

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Start: 5:00pm

End: 6:40pm

The meeting was held in person with Council Members Judy Smith, Ray Black, Gary Copeland, Heather Foy, Pam Crozier, and Chris Shelton. Auditor, Heather Huff and Kristen Jones taking minutes. Council President, Ray Denning was absent. Judy Smith called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Black made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 8, 2022. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Health Department – Tammy Monroe introduced Lindsay Wyne to the Council. Lindsay will be taking Tammy's place as Administrator of the Health Dept. Tammy's last day is April 29th. Heather Huff has been made aware of a new procedure by SBOA that all of the Health Department's grants have to be received through separate funds. Moving forward we will change to this process and three new funds will be made to receive the grant money.

Assessor – Amanda Creech is asking for an additional \$10,000 to be appropriated for the part time position pay increase. Amanda stated that they have not had any luck with hiring anyone because of the salary of \$6,000 a year. This will bring the part time position to a total of \$16,000 a year/\$14 per hour. This request has been advertised.

Pam Crozier made a motion to approve the \$10,000 additional. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

PHI – Jill Spaulding with PHI Air Medical is presenting a membership program for their medical helicopter transportation. This company now has a base at the local airport. PHI is offering this county resident membership based on a county wide census of 12,833 for \$76,998 annually. If a Jefferson County resident is transported from Jefferson or any adjacent counties their bill will be covered through this membership program. If the resident has medical insurance, the insurance will be billed first and then PHI will pay the remaining balance. If the resident does not have medical insurance, PHI will cover all of the cost so the resident is not stuck with a bill that they are unable to pay. These bills usually range between \$60,000 - \$80,000 a flight depending on the medical emergency needs. Further discussions will follow between the Council Members and the Commissioners to decide on PHI's membership offer.

Sheriff – Chief Deputy, Josh Taylor discussed that the last Jail evaluation/study was done in 2013. The study done in 2021 concluded that the current jail employee to inmate ratio is not up to code. The Jail is currently 10 employees short according to the most recent evaluation. The inmate count is 180 total with 37 in outside facilities. The new jail construction is approximately 50% complete and on schedule for completion approximately this time next year.

Treasurer – First Deputy, Meghan Hoskins requested \$10,000 in the March meeting to put toward the part time position for training a new employee. This additional has been advertised. Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the additional. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0

Cumulative Rate Adjustment – Discussion / Resolution – Auditor, Heather Huff presented the Cum Rates as follows: Cum Bridge .06, Cum Courthouse 0.12, & Cum Jail .0153. Further explanation and discussion took place between the Auditor / Council and the public regarding the Cumulative Rates and taxes in general. The Council approved Cum Rates as follows:

Cum Bridge - .06/100 Ray Black made a motion to approve. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.
Cum Courthouse - .012/100 Chris Shelton made a motion to approve. Heather Foy seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.
Cum Jail – 0.153/100 Pam Crozier made a motion to approve. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

911 – The Council voted on the new 911 Inter-local Agreement. Chris Shelton made a motion to approve. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Additional

VMI Contract	7304-001-0301.00	\$120,000
VMI Marketing	7304-001-0312.00	\$54,000

Pam Crozier made a motion to approve. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion Approved 6/0.

Additional Resolution 2022-08

Total of all additional advertised for this meeting.

County General	1000	\$10,000
Rainy Day	1186	\$78,830
Sales Disclosure	7105	\$10,000
Innkeepers/JCBT	7304	\$174,000
Total		\$272,830

Ray Black made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

The Dickinson Juvenile Justice Center will be raising their per diem rate effective May 1, 2022. The rate of \$140 per day will raise to \$160 per day.

SBOA finished their state and federal audits for 2019 thru 2021. The Federal audit for 2020 cost the county \$9,895 @ \$800 per day. The cost of the State portion was approximately \$100 per day.

A joint session will be advertised for discussion between the Council, Commissioners, and the public regarding the ARPA Funds.

Ray Black made a motion to adjourn. Gary Copeland seconded. Motion approved 6/0 @ 6:40PM.

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Auditor Attest:
