

Jefferson County Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Jefferson County Public Safety Center
620 Green Road, Madison, IN 47250

Start: 5:00pm

End: 6:30pm

In attendance: Council members, Dwayne May, Chris Shelton, Pam Crozier, Heather Foy, Gary Copeland, Ray Denning, and Ray Black. Auditor, Heather Huff and Kristen Jones taking minutes. Ray Black called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 7/0.

Commissioners- Robert Little & Ron Lee- Commissioner's discussed assisting The City Of Madison on a preservation project for Crystal Beach. The Pool is used by many residents and is considered a landmark. Commissioners are proposing a one time donation of \$70,000.00 from ARP funds, and a yearly contribution of \$25,000.00 for 20 years from Historic Preservation. The Commissioners also are proposing ARP contributions for The Ohio Theater in the amount of 100,000, and The Heritage Trail in the amount of \$80,000.00. Commissioner Ron Lee shared how the Trail has been an impactful asset to the Community. After discussion Chris Shelton expressed concerns that the Historic Preservation Fund would not be able to support the additional \$25,000.00 for 20 years. Council tabled the discussion on the Historic Preservation contribution til next meeting. Council also recommended Auditor Huff to advertise the ARP Contributions for discussion in March.

Auditor- Heather Huff- Heather Huff presented information on Cum Voting fund that has not had a tax rate for several years. Election Voting machines will be required to be updated. The County will re- activate the Cum Voting rate to pay for the updates. The tax rate will go into effect in 2024. Council will take this under advisement for the Auditor to advertise the change for upcoming meetings. Auditor Huff also discussed a policy that will be presented at the next meeting. This policy will provide specific directions on how to reconcile irreconcilable bank discrepancies for child support in the Clerk's Office. The errors that are in need to be corrected date over 20 years old, and are necessary to update to a new software.

Sheriff- Ben Flint- Sheriff Flint presented the Commissary Ordinance for its 2nd reading. Dwayne May read the Ordinance in its entirety. After the reading Ray Denning made a motion to forego future readings of the Ordinance. Chris Shelton added the motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Pam Crozier seconded the motions. Motion carried unanimously 7/0. Sheriff Flint then updated the Council on the Department including contract changes for Food Service, Medical, and body cam and support. Sheriff Flint will provide contracts and the changes next month. Working on revamping the jail policy and procedure guide. The last update was 13 years ago, this update can cut back on future litigation, and will assist in training officers.

Additional-

HEALTH DEPT

1159-001-0210.00 Covid Prep.	\$50,000.00
8106-000-0300.00 Emergency Prep.	\$25,000.00
8107-000-0112.00 Nurse	\$9,006.00

8107-000-0171.00 FICA	\$690.00
8107-000-0172.00 Perf	\$6,400.00
8107-000-0174.00 Insurance	\$9,000.00
8107-000-0211.00 Supplies	\$18,068.00
8107-000-0323.00 Travel	\$2,200.00
8107-000-0320.00 Contracts	\$38,270.00
8107-000-0441.00 Equipment	\$4,000.00

Ray Denning made a motion to approve the additional requests. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

ANIMAL SHELTER

4103-001-0111.00 Spay & Neuter	\$4,000.00
4103-001-0112.00 Rabies & Gen Med	\$3,000.00

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the additional requests. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Resolution 2023-03

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the additional resolution 2023-03. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passes 7/0.

Council and Commissioners discussed the current state of the Animal Shelter including continued donations, and vet rotations. Gary Copeland asked for an update on the flood relief. Commissioners reported that Troy Morgan and the County Highway Department have been working together, and a decision has not yet been made by the State. Commissioners also updated the Jail construction as it is nearing completion. A Community open house will be planned. Ray Black thanked Commissioners and Department heads for appearing at the meeting.

Pam Crozier made a motion to adjourn. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

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Auditor Attest:
