

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

County Council & County Commissioners Joint Session

Jefferson Co. Courthouse, Room 103, 300 E. Main St. Madison, IN 47250

5-14-2019

START- 5:00 pm

ADJOURN-6:25 pm

**In attendance:** County Council Members Chris Shelton, Joe Craig, Judy Smith, Pam Crozier, Ray Black, Ray Denning, Auditor Sherry Eblen, and taking minutes Heather Huff.

Judy Smith called the meeting to order, and led all in attendance with The Pledge of Allegiance of The United States of America. Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes as submitted. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

**Commissioners-** David Bramer presented a purchase agreement for the previously discussed potential jail property. Once the purchase agreement is approved Jefferson County will have 90 days to complete soil testing to finalize the agreement. The soil testing cost estimate is \$3,400.00 and will start immediately. Ray Denning made a motion for the Jefferson County Council to approve the purchase agreement for the property located on JA Berry Ln. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed Council 6/0. Immediately following Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve and sign the purchase agreement approved by council. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. The purchase agreement was approved by both Council and Commissioners the 90 day testing window started effective 5-14-19.

Dave Bramer then updated the council on the Public Safety tax, currently the City of Madison is negotiating returning a portion of their part of the tax to the County for the jail project. This agreement will help pay the Jail project off sooner, and the county will be able to establish a lower safety tax. The new tax will need to be established by ordinance no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, if the County wants to choose the disbursement of the money generated. The increase LIT will need to be approved in a separate ordinance.

**Judge DJ Mote and Judge Michael Hensley-** The Judges along with Amber Finnegan, Director of Community Corrections requested the change of a current Jefferson County employees salary to now be paid from fund 2000 (Adult Probation User Fees) instead of a Community Correction fund. The employee helps monitor offenders that are eligible to be monitored verses being placed in the jail. This practice helps keep the jail population lower. The Adult Probation user fees collected locally will pay the salary. Pam Crozier made the motion to appropriate the Adult Probation Officers salary in the (2000) Adult Probation User Fees fund. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Judge Hensley then updated the Council on the Magistrate that will be starting 7-1-19. The Magistrate will be able to lower the current case load per judge, but there is a concern that with the current staffing of the Superior and Circuit Court there will not be enough support staff to effectively operate the third court room. The Judges are recommending the consideration of a full time staff member for the Magistrate. The proposed employee's salary will be partially refunded from the state IV-D program due to the IV-D related cases seen by the Magistrate. Joe Craig then asked the Judges about video conferencing used in the Court rooms. Judge Mote is researching with the Supreme Court on what kind of cases can be seen via video conferencing.

**EMA & 911-** EMA Director Troy Morgan along with 911 Director Susie Lawrence presented the Council with a purchase agreement for the previously discussed property that would house EMA, 911, and Archive storage. Troy discussed the details of the purchase agreement as well as the renovation plans and estimates. The County is required to have a permanent EMA office or the County would be at risk of denial of all Homeland Security Grants. The cost of the building will be \$300,000.00 paid at closing. The County also has a second option to pay \$100,000.00 plus 2% simple interest for 3 years, making the total cost \$306,000.00. The total renovation plan is estimated at \$208,000.00, with some expenses

being immediate and others near the completion. The current owner will be placing a new roof on the structure, and inspecting and repairing any HVAC problems. Discussion followed concerning what fund the land payment should be made from. Ray Black made a motion to have a representative from the Council sign the purchase agreement and approve the renovations pending inspection approval. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0. The Auditor is to process the additional in the amount of \$300,000.00 to fund 7303 Casino Revenue.

Innkeepers Tax Ordinance- Joe Craig read aloud the ordinance prepared by the Auditor's Office. Joe Craig made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-001. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

**Transfers and Additional**

**From:** 1000-017-0321.00 Postage \$200.00 **To:** 1000-017-0453.00 Cert. Ct Interpreter \$200.00

Joe Craig made motion to approve the Superior Court transfer. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

**From:** 1000-019-0119.00 Jail Pt Time \$10,000.00 **To:** 1000-019-0323.00 Use of Facilities \$10,000.00

**From:** 1000-005-0221.00 Gasoline \$5,000.00 **To:** 1000-005-0222.00 Tires \$5,000.00

**From:** 1000-005-0221.00 Gasoline \$5,000.00 **To:** 1000-005-0223.00 Garage and Motors \$5,000.00

Ray Black made motion to approve the Jail transfer. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

**From:** 1000-019-0222.00 Physician Contractual \$3,360.00 **To:** 1000-019-0323.00 Use of Facilities \$3,360.00

Joe Craig made a motion to approve the Jail transfer. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

**Additional:**

1159-001-0215.00 \$17,636.38 Immunization Grant \$17,636.38

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the additional. Motion passed 6/0.

1112-001-0354.00 Jail Project- Owner Rep. \$20,000.00

Ray Denning made a motion to approve the advertised additional. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

4902-001-0302.00 Special Projects (Wine Trail) \$18,000.00

Ray Denning made an additional to approve the advertised additional. Joe Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Judy Smith reminded we will be faced with an additional for the State mandated salary increase for Sheriff, Judges, and Prosecutor effective July 1, 2019.

Budget Workshops will be in July with new field representative Wayne Fields. Budget meetings will be held in August.

Ray Denning made a motion to adjourn. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.0

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