

JOINT SESSION
COUNCIL & COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana

DATE 05-18-2023

Commissioner Robert Little called the meeting to order. Those present: Commissioner David Bramer, Commissioner Ron Lee, Councilman Dwayne May, Councilman Gary Copeland, Councilman Chris Shelton, Councilwoman Pam Crozier, Councilman Ray Black and State Representative Randy Frye. The purpose of today's meeting is allow State Representative Randy Frye the opportunity to provide legislative updates.

Representative Frye provided an update on HEA1454. This is a Department of Local Government Finance bill, which allows Counties to enact a local income tax of .01%-.05% to assist in funding volunteer fire departments. Frye provided an example based on a \$50,000, .01% would equate to approximately \$36 per year and bring approximately \$830,000 in funding to Jefferson County departments. The income tax would then be distributed to fire departments using a DLGF formula based on the assessed value within the coverage district. Once the money is distributed, there would be no stipulations on the fire departments and they could utilize the money as they saw fit.

Jefferson County Council and Commissioners will take this under advisement at this time. Further discussion followed on Senate Bill 4 on the core public health services and House bill 1006.

Commissioners and Council thanked State Representative Frye for his time in providing an update on the local income tax. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor Robert Little, Commissioner President

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David Bramer, Commissioner Ron Lee, Commissioner

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Ray Black, Council President Dwayne May, Council

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Pam Crozier, Council Heather Foy, Council

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Chris Shelton, Council Gary Copeland, Council

Ray Denning, Council