

County Council Meeting

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

Meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

June 8, 2021

Start - 5:00pm

End – 6:45pm

In Attendance: County Council members Pam Crozier, Gary Copeland, Judy Smith, Heather Foy, Ray Denning, Ray Black, & Chris Shelton. Auditor Heather Huff, and Kristen Jones taking minutes.

Pam Crozier called the meeting to order, and led all with the Pledge of Allegiance of The United States of America. Pam made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Kelly Bridges – Kelly Bridges is representing the Child Advocacy Center. They are requesting \$15,000 for their 2022 budget to improve services in mental health for children of abuse. Their goal is to make Jefferson County their main office and provide training in mental health for the child advocates. Mental health services will start immediately when abuse is suspected. They will supplement funds by having fundraisers within the county. Their case load in Jefferson County was 122 in 2020 and is already at 96 cases as of 6/8/2021.

David Bramer – Mr. Bramer updated the council on the Jefferson County Board of Tourism becoming a county entity. The County Attorney, Joe Colussi, advised that the ordinance needs to be revised before moving forward. Council will revisit this matter at the July meeting as more information is available with the ordinance revision; and will discuss a budget from JCBT if they integrate into County Government.

Amber Finnegan – Amber discussed the House Enrolled Act No. 1068. July 1, 2021 it is mandatory for Indiana Counties to have a Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Board. This council will come together to discuss and gather information from the time of an offender's arrest to ending decisions. Chris Shelton will represent the County Council on this board. The first meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2021.

Judge Mote – The Judge is providing the breakdown of the salary of the FT position he is requesting for Circuit Court as previously discussed in the previous meeting.

Salary = \$30,000 per year

Benefits = \$14,627.32 per year

Since an estimated 20% of time spent will be for IV-D cases the Salary and Benefits can be reimbursed by the state at .66%.

Salary Reimbursement = \$3,960.00 and Benefit Reimbursement = \$1,930.00

Total Reimbursement = \$5,890.00

Ray Denning made a motion to accept the FT position. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Sheriff Thomas – Sheriff Thomas is asking the council to consider giving his employees a bonus out of the ARP Grant money. Council advised that there are many departments requesting this and that the Commissioners will have control of this money. Council suggested that this matter be discussed in separate meeting with the Commissioners present.

As discussed in the previous meeting, the Matron presented the Auditor's office with a total of \$12,000 will be needed for the rest of the year for the PT Commissary position. This money will come from the Jail Commissary account and will be deposited into County General. This employee will be under an independent contract agreement and will be paid by Accounts

Payable every 2 weeks. Judy Smith motioned to accept. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Sheriff Thomas also reported that Crawford County Sheriff's Dept will no longer be housing inmates for Jefferson County. There was a disagreement between their county council and the sheriff's dept on where the money that Jefferson Co was paying them was going.

The officer's bullet proof vests are expiring this year and new ones will be purchased out of the Jail Commissary Account. The cost will be approximately \$32,000.00.

Andrew Lanham – Andrew reported that the Bonds for the Jail Project were priced at an "A" rating and sold at a true interest cost of 2.20% which totaled \$43,177,000.00. With the \$2,000,000.00 that was approved by the council April 2021, this will fully fund the project. The closing of the bonds will take place on June 17, 2021 then will be transferred to a county trustee. The additional 2 million dollars will also be transferred to the trustee on that day. Construction should start soon after. Gary Copeland asked Commissioner Bramer where the county stands with the water supply between the City of Madison and Dupont. Mr. Bramer advised that they are still waiting on Dupont for information.

Karen Mannix – Karen is requesting someone from the council to be present for the Reassessment bid opening on June 17, 2021. Ray Denning volunteered to be there.

The following transfers and additional were submitted for approval.

Health

1159-001-0215.00 \$7821.60 Immunization Grant

Judy Smith made a motion to approve additional. Christ Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0

Resolution #6 Totaling \$298, 075

Ray Black made a motion to approve. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0



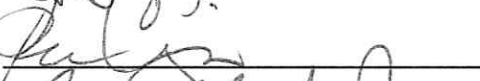

Heather Huff requested to set Budget meeting dates.

Budget Meeting: August 9th & 10th @ 5pm to be held at the EMA building.

Pam Crozier made a motion to adjourn. Ray Denning seconded. Motion approved 7/0.

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