

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road Madison, IN 47250

DATE 06-20-2023 5 PM

In attendance: County Council Members: Ray Black, Gary Copeland, Dwayne May, Heather Foy, Chris Shelton, Ray Denning. Pam Crozier is absent. Auditor: Heather Huff and Deputy Kristen Jones taking minutes.

County Council Member, Ray Black called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Black made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for 5/9/2023, Joint session 5/18/2023. Chris Shelton Motioned and Ray Denning second the motion. Motion passed 6/6.

Recommendation to Commissioners to name EMA building Troy Morgan Memorial EMA Building Gary Copeland Motioned and Dwayne May second the motion. Motion passed 6/6.

Prosecutor – Chief Deputy Prosecutor Mark Wynn

Mark Wynn discussed Salary Ordinance and wanting to increase Prosecutor pay. After posting a position for several weeks with no responses, he and Prosecutor, David Sutter discussed options to make competitive salary options. Work is currently being completed by five (5) Attorneys and would like to take sixth Attorney salary and create staff position and take balance and give a raise to the legal assistants on criminal side. He spoke with Ripley County Investigator in regards to salaries across the State. Wants to change Salary Ordinance not ask for more money. Currently one of the lowest paid in the region.

Ray Black stressed that the training needs to be matched to the increase in pay. Heather Foy further discussed ideas. Ray Denning Motioned and Heather Foy second the motion. Proposal passed 6/6. Auditor, Heather Huff noted that it is in the Salary Ordinance once it is accepted.

Chief Public Defender Devon Sharpe

State Letter for Contract Payments

Devon Sharpe discussed State of Indiana Letter notifying us that we are 1 of 3 Counties set up to pay for contract pay. State informed us that we are no longer meeting requirements and he would like to update salary ordinance to submit claims. Ray Black asked if it motion needed to be made. Auditor, Heather Huff noted that it is in the Salary Ordinance once it is accepted.

Peters Franklin LTD Financial Advisors

Jeff Peters of Peters Franklin spoke on providing financial information and planning services and bond work for Indiana counties. Explained importance of good fiscal plan to be able to look at what DLGF funds looks at, three years of history etc. Services for fiscal plan and options listed in packet. Could produce a plan for us within a few months of providing service. Initial cost averages \$24,000 first year and annual renewal estimated at half that. Further discussion of plans and customers followed. Auditor Heather Huff discussed that for changing CUM or LIT rates it would be beneficial to have assistance to make sure things are done correctly.

Health Department Director Lindsay Wyne

Update to funding name. Government Health Commission is now Health First Commissioners have opted in. Copy of resolution given. After 2025 as long as core services are met, Jefferson County will not have to provide additional funds to meet State requirements. Receiving funding with Grants 2024 will be 60/40 split or 70/30 must be in range does not have to be exact. Cap at 10% on at will spending. Further discussion among those in attendance about expanding workload, where funding could go and what could be replaced, and partnering with agencies.

Lindsay asking to reinstate Assistant Administrator position. Fund 1159 balance \$369,000.00 Suggested to table until further investigation with budget.

Chris Shelton recommended funding it from the tax-based fund for balance of 2023, if needed in 2024 could be funded or partially funded from State fund.

Chris Shelton Motioned and Ray Denning second the motion. Proposal passed 6/6.

Board of Tourism – Dave Bramer

Explained how additional funds requested are on cycle. Spring cycle/Fall cycle.

Helping Regatta, Ribber Fest, Chautauqua and Madison Arts Alliance, Historical Society, Historic Madison have been funded.

Innkeepers Tax : \$225,000 .

\$290,000 remaining in budget. Asking for: Additional \$150,000. To be in community outreach:

Economic Development

David Bramer presented the idea to do a study of economic development at Kruger Lake. Landscape Architect lined up. Study not to exceed \$33,600.

Hanover College has received grant for trails. College would like the County to be involved in the Regional Plan at a cost of \$17,900.

AI Data – Geo Demographics contract \$5,000 for Jefferson County
Springdale Cemetery preservation of chapel \$25,000 requested
Heather Huff would have to advertise for July meeting.

EMA – Matt True

Presented HVAC quote accepted from Smedley HVAC for \$11,149
Take from Cum Courthouse Fund
Security System for Hanover building will be revisited with ETC
EMPG grant approved for 2022

Additional & Transfers

Health Dept Additional

1159-001-0114.00 Assistant Admin	\$21,500.00
1159-001-0171.00 FICA	\$1,615.00
1159-001-0172.00 Perf	\$2,995.00
1159-001-0173.00 Unemployment	\$141.00
1159-001-0174.00 Group Health	\$4,500.00

Total **\$30,751.00**

Motion – Chris Shelton 2nd – Ray Denning **Vote 6/6**

Convention & Tourism - Additional

7304-001-0302.00 Community Outreach \$150,000.00

Motion – Gary Copeland 2nd – Ray Denning **Vote 6/6**

Sheriff – Report of Collections - Additional

1101-001-0101.00 Accident Reports	\$419.00
1000-019-0222.00 Medical & Hospital	\$1,285.10
4102-001-0101.00 Sheriff Donation	\$300.00
1192-001-0101.00 Sex & Violent Offender	\$100.00

Motion – Heather Foy 2nd- Chris Shelton **Vote 6/6**

Resolution – 2023-09 Total: \$183,721.10

Motion – Chris Shelton 2nd – Ray Denning **Vote 6/6**

Salary Ordinance – Amendment

Motion – Ray Denning 2nd – Chris Shelton **Vote 6/6**

Chris Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Copeland 2nd the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm

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