

Jefferson County Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 5:00pm
Held in person at the Jefferson County Public Safety Center
620 Green Road, Madison, IN 47250

In attendance: Council President Ray Black, Vice President Heather Foy, Gary Copeland, Dewayne May, Pam Crozier, Chris Shelton, and Ray Denning. Auditor, Heather Huff and Kristen Jones taking minutes.

Chris Shelton made a motion for the minutes from previous meeting on June 20, 2023 to be approved. Heather Foy seconded the motion. Approved 7/0.

Girls Inc. – Jane Williams discussed increasing numbers in attendance since 2022; and how the organization is able to attend schools now since pandemic. Their request from the County for this year is \$8,000.

Jefferson County Kindness Group – Laurel Whale spoke of this non-profit organization’s mission to provide for people in need. One project the group is working on is to make public events more sensory friendly. Would like to acquire a sensory vehicle for people who have anxiety issues or disabilities to access as a safe place to decompress during anxiety attacks. Joey Snell presented more info about the group acquiring a grant from Google to use towards online training for members. This grant will also help with the Ivy Tech partnership for members to take the classes needed for training in marketing and mental health. The plan is to have no fees to families in need. This organization is only requesting support from Jefferson County and potential funding in the future.

Safe Passage – Carrie Tutman told about the mission of the program helping victims of domestic violence. They have received VOCA Grant funding. In Jefferson County alone this year they have taken 141 help line calls that have led to 889 bed nights. Safe Passage is requesting the continuing support from Jefferson County.

CIT Training – Deana Andrew discussed the need for Crisis Intervention Teams in Jefferson County. She is requesting support from Jefferson County for help with the cost of the training needed to provide this service. Jason Craney, with Community Corrections informed Deana that the CIT Training is already being implemented and both law enforcement agencies Sheriff’s Dept and City Police are on board to help.

JDAI Grant – Jason Craney is asking for approval of the JDAI grant submission “Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative”. This grant will help get a plan started for kids to attend a class and complete community service during their out of school suspension time, instead of staying at home. For 3 years the grant will provide \$49,000 toward a salary for a teacher, \$10,000 to establish meetings and training. After 3 years the program will be self sustaining. Southwestern and Madison Schools agreed to pay half of the salary. Pam Crozier made a motion to approve JDAI Grant. Chris Shelton seconded. Approved 7/0.

Peters Franklin Proposal – Auditor Heather Huff received a proposal for budgeting services discussed in the previous meeting, not exceed \$24,000. Heather had the county attorney look over the contract and the only suggestion was to include a cancellation policy. Peters Franklin can start immediately. Heather will present the contract to the Commissioners for approval; and is requesting Council’s approval this evening as well. Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the contract. Pam Crozier seconded. Approved 7/0.

Transfers and Additional

Sheriff Retirement \$180,000.00 1112-001-0130.00

*2022 Retirement was not paid until January 2023. One American confirmed this amount will be due this year.

Pam Crozier motioned. Gary Copeland seconded. Approved 7/0.

Animal Shelter Donations \$4,800.00 4103-001-0211.00

Chris Shelton motioned. Ray Denning seconded. Approved 7/0.

Sheriff ROC line item appropriations

Accident Reports 1101-001-0101.00 \$145.00

Sex & Violent Offender 1192-001-0101.00 \$20.00

Medical and Hospital 1000-019-0222.00 \$388.73

K-9 Expenses 4102-001-0102.00 \$15,000.00

Ray Denning motioned. Christ Shelton seconded. Approved 7/0.

Economic Development ARPA

Campground Study 9112-001-0101.00 \$33,600.00

Pam Crozier motioned. Gary Copeland seconded. Approved 7/0.

Regional Trail Study 9112-001-0101.00 \$17,900.00

Ray Denning motioned. Heather Foy seconded. Approved 6/1.

Geo Fencing 9112-001-0101.00 \$5,000.00

Table due to uncertainty of purpose

Historic Springhill Cemetery 4903-001-0301.00 \$25,000.00

Gary Copeland motioned. Pam Crozier seconded. Approved 7/0.

Resolution 2023-10 for \$276,853.73

Pam Crozier motioned. Ray Denning seconded. Approved 7/0.

Salary Ordinance – Heather Huff amended the salary ordinance for the Health Dept Admin Assistant position. Heather Foy motioned. Chris Shelton seconded. Approved 7/0.

Sheriff – Chief Deputy Laura Pickel and Commissioner Bobby Little gave update on what has been completed at the new jail; but do not have a definite completion date. Estimated completion is for end of August 2023 and move in Fall of 2023. Further discussion continued regarding types of inmates we could potentially receive in a more secure facility and tentative public tour dates.

EMA – Matt True informed the council that the salary reimbursement of \$30,000 was received. The Duke Grant was submitted. The demolition of the wall between the EMA conference rooms will start soon. Estimated cost of \$2,200 from Johnson Contracting and no additional quotes are required.

Ray Denning motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Approved 7/0.

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AUDITOR ATTEST:
