

County Council Meeting

Jefferson County EMA, 620 Green Rd, Madison, IN 47250
 Meeting was held in person and via Zoom.
 July 20, 2021
 Start: 5:00pm
 End: 6:45pm

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

Pam Crozier called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. Judy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from June 8, 2021 meeting. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Susan Stahl – Susan with Girls Inc is requesting \$5,000 from Jefferson County to go towards their part time program staff for the 2022 budget. Intentional programming is a key focus with Girls Inc. It provides girls with a wide variety of opportunities and trusting relationships with the staff and volunteers. In 2021 this cost consumed 61% of their budget. Girls Inc has 2 programs in Jefferson County and had approximately 75 girls in attendance and approximately 183 enrolled.

Mary Mattingly – Mary with Safe Passage, Inc. is requesting \$2,500 from Jefferson County to go towards their 2022 budget. Safe Passage provides free intervention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. The \$2,500 would support client services and expanded rural outreach programming for Jefferson County. Safe Passage receives state and federal grants, as well as money from local organizations fundraisers and donations.

Troy Morgan – Troy Morgan is informing the Council on the mass notification system contract switch. The current system, Nixel failed and missed a tornado warning due to software failure. The EMA advisory board decided to research other companies for this service, and decided to go with a company called RAVE. It will be paid for out of 911 and is already appropriated. The RAVE contract will be implemented as soon as possible and the Nixel contract will end in November 2021. This will leave room for transferring from the old system to the new mass notification system.

Debbie Crawford – Debbie with the Boys and Girls Club is not requesting a specific amount for their 2022 budget; but anything that Jefferson County can give is greatly appreciated. The Boys and Girls Club have 112 members pass through each day, and have 224 members registered that utilize the club. Building costs and programming take up 80% of their budget. Membership fees during the summer months are \$10 a day and during winter months (school year) are \$5 a day. They receive money from grants and donations as well.

Sheriff Thomas – The Sheriff is requesting an increase in salary for the part time civil process server in the amount of \$15,000. This part time position consists of sorting through evidence, researching who it belongs to, and finding the owner. If the owner of the evidence cannot be located it will be sent to a government auction with the revenue going into County General. It is against state statute to fund this salary by the Jail Commissary fund because they are not directly working for the Jail Commissary. The Council asked the Sheriff to try to find funds from county general for this position first and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Jail population is approximately 190 with 53-56 in other facilities. The department started a new contract with PCP security / intercom system that helps control the intercom system and jail locks and unlocks. CHIRPS is an inmate communication program that has been newly implemented. This lets the inmates send text, make calls to outside numbers. The Sheriff's Department makes .02 a letter or number that is typed and will have a projected income of \$30,000 a month. This communication is monitored and can be a used in any investigation.

Sheriff –Transfer	\$318.75	1000-005-0115.00 / Flint March 2021
	\$433.33	1000-005-0114.00 / Spry March 2021

This transfer being requested to come from OPO revenue which comes from County General 1000-005-6800 Ray Denning made a motion to approve the transfer. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Jenny Slover – Jenny is requesting \$10,000.00 transfer from ROC for Part Time Kennel Tech to increase the hourly rate to \$11.00 an hour. The Dept of Corrections is not expected to return to the Animal Shelter for volunteer work due to COVID. The second transfer request is for \$7,500.00 for Building Maintenance to come from Donations Revenue. The AC unit was hit by lightning and had to be replaced.

